

And help him on the way when sorely faint."
And now the time for keeping holy day
Is near. Loving friends taking sweet counsel
As to the house of God they walk, are seen;
Here they that tend the flock on mountains side,
And they that till the ground, and artizan
That six days plies his toilsome craft. Here too
Are they that labor on the deep, seeking
Their harvest home amid the boisterous waves,
The aged and the young, the rich and poor,
The matrons prudent, and the youthful bride,
The great and small, the servant and his lord,
All moved by one consent, now flock to hear
From Rutherford far famed the word of truth.
The chiming bell has ceased, and all are met
Within the kirk, an ancient pile, round which
The men of many generations sleep,
Each in his narrow house, waiting the morn,
When the great family of Adam, all

Shall meet the Judge in air—(the remembrance
Sure of this great day might teach forbearance
To the froward, and enemies to love.)
The service has begun in sanctuary
Of Anwoth, and the wayfaring man that
Came last night, now turns the leaves of Bible
Laid before him. He marks one verse,
'Tis a small verse, but great with counsel fraught.
The *Eleventh* command, he had explained
Ere now, but meekness then forbade, and here
The season meet, his chosen text is still
"A new command I unto you do give
Each other love." The fields have whitened oft;
Since then, and the men who heard good Usher
Preach, are to their fathers gathered, and all
His words are now forgotten; but there were,
That said—"Sure gaberlunzie ne'er was he
So good discourse and wise to have set forth."

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But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.
—JOHN, 1, 12.

In every age of the church there has existed a great amount of false professorship. Notwithstanding all the vigilance of office-bearers, individuals ignorant of the gospel have intruded themselves into the Church of Christ, and have possessed themselves of all the privileges which belong to the true people of Christ only; and so common has this conduct become among men, that the external privileges of the gospel are now possessed by persons, of whom it is no breach of charity to say, that the great majority of them are living in opposition to the holy commandments which Christ enjoined as the rule of life for his followers. In such a state of things, the holy lives of christians, once so powerful in converting the heathen during the first three centuries, have, in a great measure, ceased to recommend the holy truths of the Gospel to humble enquirers, because the persons who represent the Church of Christ are, for the most part destitute of those graces, which are so fitted to impress the minds of some men with an earnest desire to be possessed of the same holy natures. But although holiness of life, in the scriptural sense, is, in few cases, represented by professing christians in the present state of the church, and cannot therefore be urged with

confidence as falling under the observation of all men indiscriminately, because all men may not have observed with attention the character of those persons who are truly the members of Christ's Spiritual Church, still we do believe that there is a numerous class of men in whose minds the holy lives of his people have excited very considerable interest. It is most true indeed, that the great proportion of men who partake of gospel privileges do not live according to the gospel morality, yet it is also true, that in this and in every age, there are and have been a great body of men who, having received Christ the Saviour as their saviour, "rejoice in him with a joy that is unspeakable and full of glory," and as the strongest testimonies of their gratitude and love, are careful to conform their lives to all his requirements.—should we then suppose a man who was not possessed of the power of the gospel, to observe with a careful and minute attention the character of such persons, he could not it would seem, fail to be deeply impressed by what he saw.—if he should follow the whole path of such men in common life, he would find that the law of God was the standard to which they were continually referring for direction. He would see that the pleasures of the world, perhaps, arose before them to seduce them from following the