

*Corresponding Letter.*

DEAR BRETHREN,

**I**T is cause of lamentation, that through our own neglect, we too much of our time walk in darkness, and have no light, yet, we hope, that frequently, by Grace Divine, we are enabled to trust in the LORD, and stay upon our God.

The LORD, by way of judgment and reproof to all Nations, on account of their heinous and multiplied sins and misimproved blessings, has permitted Men to spread death ! and destruction through a great part of the world ; and JEHOVAH himself, by his own immediate hand, has recently sent very alarming judgments. Though we cannot see the ALMIGHTY's design in the whirlwinds ; and deeps of his providences—his way being in the sea, and his path in the great waters, and his footsteps are not known. Nevertheless, thereby, He is bringing about His eternal and unalterable decrees ; and it is our duty reverently to say, "It is the LORD, let him do what seemeth him good."

While many in the world have been labouring under much distress, and living in Nature's night, we have been living in the enjoyment of peace and plenty, and favoured with the precious Gospel of JESUS CHRIST ; and with privileges both sacred and civil. Thanks be to God for those mercies, and the blessings we still enjoy. It is not on account of our worthiness that we are so highly favoured ; no, we are too much like Israel, a rebellious and gainsaying peo-