

of courts, magnificent dresses, jewels, and equipages of royalty and its attendants, than are given in these extracts from the letters of our beloved young friends of the assemblies of the just, the joys of devotion, and the "priceless pearls" of Heaven, that shine for another purpose here; resplendent ornaments of the Spouse of Christ, which, unlike those of this world, shall glow with ever-increasing lustre in those heavenly courts, of which the greatest pomp and glory of earthly palaces, can furnish but the most remote conception! Shall the "children of this world" be listened to with interest while they expatiate upon the things pertaining to "their generation," and the "children of light" be heard with listless indifference and fatigue while dwelling upon those pertaining to theirs? Heaven forbid! We know that the former class will deem the zeal of our beloved ones *misguided*. Their *devotion* will be called *fanaticism*; their faith *superstition*; their religion a *delusion*, and their attention to the great concerns of Eternity an *unnecessary* occupation of time. The Compiler of these Memoirs has many acquaintances