

SERMON, &c.

*MATTH. V. 13.—16.—“Ye are the Salt of the Earth—
—but if the Salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall
it be salted?—it is thenceforth good for nothing, but
to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men.—
Ye are the light of the world. A City that is set on an
hill cannot be hid.—Neither do men light a candle and
put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giv-
eth the light unto all that are in the house.—Let your
light so shine before men that they may see your good
works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.*

THESE words are the words of Jesus Christ.—They were spoken by the Son of God upon earth.—They are recorded as his words, by inspired writers, that we may receive them with the same reverence, with the same feeling of obligation to hearken and obey, as if we heard them uttered by his holy lips.—They are capable of an application to all Christians—for all true Christians,—all who seriously propose to their own minds to be followers of Christ,—are to regard themselves as called out from an unthinking and disobedient world, and charged, within the range of their influence and example, to cure its corruption, and to remove its ignorance of God. They are, therefore, in a qualified sense, the Salt of the Earth, and the Light of the World.—They are destined to act upon the mass with a purifying and corrective influence, and, by their consciousness of a trust reposed in them, by their circumspection, by their concern for Religion, and, above all, by the good effects unavoidably and plainly resulting from Christian