

prophets of old: "thus saith the Lord, when the Lord had neither sent them, nor had spoken by them." *As I had not then heard of any false doctrines preached, nor false morals exhibited by them,* I considered it my duty, in accordance with the wishes of my friends, to embrace the leisure and other facilities, with which providence had at that time favoured me, for hearing, seeing, feeling for myself; and also that I might, to the best of my ability, bring a true, faithful and honest report for those around me, who could only hear and judge at second hand. I accordingly took convenient lodgings in London and attended Mr. Irving's Lectures, &c. especially at 6 every morning for about a week, when he closed his lectures on "the Unknown Tongues." His reasoning to prove that the unknown tongue spoken in the apostolic times as well as by themselves, was in many instances a language not spoken or understood by any people of the earth, and only to be comprehended by immediate revelation, was to my mind quite unsatisfactory and inconclusive: and his addresses on Baptism extremely confused and contradictory; his illustrations of typical scripture however then, as well as on former occasions, seemed to me correct and true as well as highly interesting. This was the report of my *understanding*; and the inward sense bore a similar testimony. *We believe* in the "communion of saints;" one part of which is, that when "we sit together in heavenly places," especially when convened in the sanctuary of the Most High, and the King of Glory in the midst of us by the Spirit of the Lord, "as a spirit of love and peace and of a sound mind," we *feel*, sometimes *very* sensibly, that we are members one of another in Christ our Head and source of spiritual influence and intelligence; we *feel* as well as know that the Lord is with us of a truth, and that He is breathing over us and around us an atmosphere very different from that which surrounds us at other times, and even when the divine life may run very low among us, we are still sensible of some spiritual pulse, indicating, however, that "the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint." — But attending Mr. I.'s I was surprised to feel an entire want of sympathy with the worshipping assembly, and the only moment in which I was enabled to realise communion even with "the Father of Spirits," was during a few minutes in which I besought Him to fulfil his promise of manifesting himself to his people as He does not unto the world, to myself individually and separately from the assembly; and on leaving the church it was some minutes again before I could *feel*, as I always wish and endeavour to do, that the living and life-giving Jehovah was with me, and