

lieved and extolled as the great power of God, and alas! many who professed to be friends and advocates for the doctrines of the Cross, are giving awful proofs that the secrets of the Lord were not revealed to them, neither have they seen his covenant. These calamities call loudly on every true child of God to be on the alert, and lift up their prayers to God for the remnant that is left; and first, let all who believe the truth be careful to maintain a constant and prayerful reading of the Lord's Word. Surely this is the safest and best means to establish the mind in the truth. Let every member in all our Churches feel themselves personally concerned. Let all gifted Brethren be careful to improve their gifts, and give encouragement to young men, members of the Churches, who have acceptable gifts, and are sound in the Faith.

We are aware that there is danger in looking too high, and despising the day of small things. Some think that none can profit the Churches but those who are tall in science, having attained to the arts of the learned. Others are, perhaps, too fond of remaining in ignorance, and not anxious to enjoy the means of information. These things ought not to be. Let the learned be encouraged, and their instructions be listened to with due attention, and their doctrine brought to the Law and the Testimony. And let not the unlearned, who are humble and pious, desiring to receive, as well as to give instruction, be overlooked, or treated with neglect, lest their hearts be grieved, and the Lord be displeased. Some of us can look back to the days, when a few unlettered men, unsupported by funds collected for religious purposes; unprotected by human power, travelled through winter's cold and summer's heat, through these Provinces, for the good of souls; the glory of God being their object. Their countenances bore a pale and solemn aspect: their business was to preach Jesus Christ and him crucified: their prayers were solemn appeals to Heaven for the justness of their cause, and the sincerity of their hearts: their sermons were solemn addresses to the consciences of perishing sinners, giving a Scriptural description of the character of fallen man, shewing the purity of the Divine Law, and how amply honoured and fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ: their ministry the Lord was pleased to own and bless abundantly, and not a few of the seals of their ministry yet remain to bless their memory, but many are fallen asleep in Jesus. We might name an Alline, a Chipman, a Manning, an Easterbrooks, an Ennis, and an Ainsley, who are all men to be wondered at; and though they are dead, they yet live in the grateful remembrance of many of the Lord's children. Under the ministry of these dear servants of God and others, our Churches were organized and established; our Articles of Faith framed, and our Associations annually held, to the great joy of our hearts. For a number of years we have walked together in love and union, and the Churches have been edified and built up in their most holy Faith. But as our blessed Lord hath informed us, "In the world ye shall have tribulation," so it hath come to pass. The enemy hath come in like a flood, and an out-

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