

imposing exterior which concealed the real corruption. Even the most vexatious of all their devices, the contumely of the uninformed youth eventually produced no other effect, than to keep me nearer the Lord, whom I found to be 'my refuge and fortress, and whose truth was my shield and buckler.' Yet there were hours of overwhelming dreariness. I was not formed for solitude, and the little of Christianity which I knew, often rendered the want of communion with a fellow pilgrim, a subject of almost undevout murmur. When I annually heard of you and Chretien; of your exemplary characters; of your steadfast adherence to your principles, and of your prayers on my behalf, I have frequently ejaculated—'O that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away and be at rest' with you. Then after a temporary reverie, I would awake to the consciousness of my confined cell, and feel an overpowering restless aching void, which was only assuaged by the application of the gospel; and with all solicitude to realize its force, I would utter—'I will say unto God, my rock, why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance and my God.' This calmed the tempest; and although I counted the interval to the New Year's day with impatience; yet when the transient interview with the lawyer had terminated, it generally agitated my heart for some days after; and it was the most difficult portion of all the evangelical schooling which