

Peruse this; too. And now a kind adieu,
And may you fearlessly the truth pursue."

Those only who, like JOHN, have grown to man's
Estate before their intellectual powers
Have been aroused, can easily conceive
How specious argument to such a mind,
Is Gospel truth. JOHN, therefore, drank in all
He heard or read, with an avidity
He ne'er had felt before, nor ever thought
To question or suspect the truth of what
He learned; nor could he bear that others should
Presume to think him more enthusiast
Than those whose conduct he denounced with such
A want of charity. He was not now
Unhappy, though his poverty increased;
For he had learned t' ascribe his sufferings
To causes not within his own control,
And to believe himself an injured man.
This soothed his vanity, and raised him
High in his own esteem; he never went,
As heretofore, to Church, believing now
That he more holy was than those who were
Appointed to expound the best of books.

CHARL saw with pleasure that his seed
Had fallen on good ground, and let it grow
And fructify, a simple looker on.