

"whom they admitted into their society, the sect came to be distin-
 "guished by the name of Anabaptist. To this peculiar notion they
 "added other principles of a most enthusiastic nature. By a mon-
 "strous and almost incredulous conjunction, voluptuousness was in-
 "grafted on religion, and dissolute riot accompanied the austerities
 "of fanatical devotion—Luther, who had testified against this fana-
 "tical spirit on its appearance, now deeply lamented its progress,
 "and exposed the delusion with great strength of argument, as well
 "as acrimony of style." See also Dr. Mather's account of the Swan-
 "zy Anabaptists, of whom he relates, "that they admitted into their
 "society, persons whom our churches had excommunicated for mo-
 "ral scandal, and employed them as administrators of the two sa-
 "craments;" the application is easy.

O ye who have hitherto by a gracious providence escaped the
 pernicious errors of these men, give God unfeigned thanksgiving and
 praise for this great mercy, and pray to him that you may still escape
 their awful delusions. Come not nigh unto them for their words
 eateth as doth a canker; and their ways are a deep pit! Pray also
 that you may see your sinful and fallen condition by nature and by
 practice, and consequently your great need of repentance towards
 that God against whom you have sinned, and faith in the Lord Jesus
 Christ, who alone can save from the guilt of sin here, and from the
 punishment of it hereafter. Remember, that without holiness no man
 shall see the Lord, and that it is the glorious privilege of Christians,
 to enjoy that perfect love which casteth out all tormenting fear, and
 also a well grounded hope of immortality. Stop not short of these
 attainments, for it is the will of God to impart every Gospel blessing
 to all those who seek his face and call upon him through his adorable
 son Jesus Christ; for he is no respecter of persons.

I cannot conclude without taking the liberty of addressing a word
 or two to those ministers of the Gospel into whose hands these im-
 perfect pages may happen to fall. I acknowledge that I cannot com-
 municate any information to your minds upon the doctrinal points
 glanced at in the preceding pages. With such topics you are much
 better acquainted than I am, as you also are with the whole Gospel
 of Christ. I should rejoice to lay at your feet and receive the truth
 from your lips and pens. Permit me however, to say that the pre-
 valence of erroneous opinion and irreligious practice calls upon you
 to be more than ever vigilant in the defence and promulgation of the
 truth as it is in Jesus. For fatalism and antinomianism, bare faced
 fatalism, and bare faced antinomianism, are at present fearlessly avow-
 ed, and have already done much mischief among us. It may be, you
 hold the propagators of error in contempt, which prevents your op-
 posing them. But you should consider, that what they owe to your
 forbearance, they are vain enough to ascribe to the goodness of their
 cause. You should also consider that they pursue their object with
 the most intemperate zeal, and that what they want in talents they
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