

To each of these, it is decidedly the duty of every one, who professes to be a believer in Christ,—(more decidedly, I think, than seems to be generally considered,)—to give serious, and heedful attention.

Effectual obedience to the word of God, will in a good degree depend, upon a full and clear conviction of its truth, and a due comprehension of its object, and end.

He who does not distinctly understand, and justly appreciate, the discoveries, and doctrines of the Gospel, must be materially deficient in that knowledge, which, as a Christian, it is indispensable that he should attain : he who has not acquired a correct view of the character which that Gospel exhibits of Jesus Christ, must want the most affecting, and prevailing motive to such excellence of life, as may afford a reasonable hope of happiness hereafter.

These two subjects are intimately connected, and cannot be separated without disadvantage :—I shall therefore consider