

instances, have been induced to forsake the fold, and to follow those wild and frantic men in the barren regions of human speculations, till sober truth and humble piety have been injured in the midst of strife, envy, and censoriousness.

The re-appearance and indefatigable zeal of those persons, in holding meetings, distributing books, and in compassing sea and land to make proselytes, led the author to do his utmost in taking care of the flock of Christ over which he was made overseer. These lectures were prepared and delivered to correct what is considered erroneous in the opinions of the "Adventists;" and to supply information to guard the people against those delusions which were so rampant. Having performed this labor, however imperfectly, the author supposed these lectures would only live in the recollection of those who heard them. But the desire of several friends, the request of the official members in their Quar-