

To Theophilus Pollard.

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But little seems required from me, Theophilus, in addition to what my dear Companion has said, for I should but repeat the substance of his remarks, as they are exactly in accordance with my own ideas on the subject. O that thou mayst lay them closely to heart! It is little, in comparison, that thou hast brought a cloud of darkness over the minds of thy friends, as they are made sensible of thy wretched condition (a poor return indeed for the love & interest they have felt towards thee!) with what is of infinitely more import, the wrath of God, which, I feel assured, is revealed from heaven against thee; and under the sense of his wrath abiding on thee, so long as thou continuest to hold the truth in unrighteousness, thou must indeed be truly miserable.

In vain dost thou flatter thyself, with the hope of enjoyment in sin. Canst thou reverse the decrees of Him who is immutable, and who hath said; "There is no peace to the wicked?"

O then, repent, and do thy first works! Fly to the foot of the cross; and in the name of our availing Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, pray that thy sin may

be forgiven thee. At the same time renounce thy sin. Yea, forsake it, though it be like plucking out a right eye, and casting it from thee. It is better to do so than thyself to be cast into hell-fire. Until this is done, remember, there is no hope for thee. "The Lord is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity."

I feel much for thy innocent daughter. What an example hast thou set before her in a land that already too much abounds with iniquity. If a suitable situation can be obtained for her, do not continue to insist upon her remaining in thy house, lest should her mind, by becoming familiarized with evil, be contaminated, and induced to swerve from the paths of virtue (which may the Lord by his preserving power prevent) thou become chargeable in great measure with her ruin. I have better hopes of Ann than of many young persons of her age, but she is extremely young & inexperienced. We can hardly expect that her principles are properly matured. And the risk she incurs in having an evil example in a parent whom she has been accustomed to regard with love and deference, continually before her, is truly awful. The exposure to which females are of ten subjected during the course of a long voyage, such as that to England, is so great, that I am ready to shrink from this risk. But if an opportunity should occur wherein she could be placed under proper and judicious care with a person or persons in whom one might

70) consider, and thou wouldst promote such a measure, James Backhouse and myself would be willing to bear the reasonable expences provided we be consulted on the occasion.

If Ann would but have returned to Kelvedon, this alternative would have been unnecessary; but under present circumstances I am inclined to think this would be the next best step. This, however, is of course dependent on circumstances. It ought not to be attempted unless she can be placed under the care of some virtuous, respectable, and judicious female with whom she could feel herself comfortable, and to whose superior judgment she would submit, and who would undertake the responsible charge.

I still subscribe myself thy real well-wisher,
George Washington Walker.
