

"you, accept any man's person; neither let me give flattering titles unto man; for I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away."

Also, to give the names of heathen deities, &c. to days and months, we apprehend is not only inconsistent with the "form of sound words," just mentioned; but is contrary to the spirit of the injunction given to the Israelites, as a preservative from contaminating themselves with idolatry. "In all things that I have said unto you, be circumspect; and make no mention of the name of other Gods; neither let it be heard out of thy mouth." When the reformation of the Jews was foretold by the prophets, these amongst other things were stated as a part: "I will take the names of Baalim out of her mouth: I will turn to the people a pure language; and I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land; and they shall no more be remembered."

From religious scriptures also, we cannot bow the body and take off the hat, in order to express our respect to man. The reason for this is, that it is a token of reverence enjoined and used in our solemn approaches to the Supreme Being, when exercising the religious duties of preaching or prayer. On this account, and not from any disrespect, we think it right not to confound this solemn act of reverence to the Almighty, with the marks of respect to our fellow creatures. True civility, and due respect, may be better shown by conduct than by compliment; and we are far from desiring to dismiss those social duties from our attention and regard in our salutations.

We therefore tenderly exhort all, seriously to consider the plainness and simplicity which the gospel enjoins, and to manifest it in their habit, speech and deportment. A declension herein, we fear, is attended with hurtful consequences, in opening the way of some of our youth more easily and unobservedly, to attend places of public resort, for the exercise of sports, plays, and other pernicious diversions, from which truth taught our ancients, and still teaches us, to refrain.

We also tenderly advise, that friends take heed, especially those who should be exemplary to others under their care, that they exercise plainness of speech, without respect of

persons, in all their converse among men; and not baulk their testimony by a cowardly complaisance, varying their language according to their company; a practice of very ill example, rendering those who use it contemptible, and to be looked upon as a kind of hypocrites, even by those with whom they so comply. This seems to be cautioned against by the apostle, when he advises Timothy "That the deacons be grave, and not double tongued; plainly importing, that it is inconsistent with the gravity of the gospel."

Poor.

As mercy, compassion, and charity, are eminently required by the gospel, it is the desire of the yearly meeting, that the cases of our members who are in indigent circumstances be duly inspected, in order that advice and relief may be seasonably extended, and assistance afforded them, in such business as they are capable of. To defray the expences which their support and the education of their children will necessarily occasion, it is recommended to each monthly or preparative meeting of men and women friends, to be open-hearted, and liberal in subscriptions for raising and continuing funds for these purposes. And in the exercise of this benevolent care, it is desired, that we may always guard against unnecessarily exposing the names or situations of our fellow members. Such also, who need pecuniary aid, ought to accept the deliberate advice of their friends, and manifest a becoming disposition to conform to their solid judgment, remembering, that it is said, "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." Prov. XI. 14.

Where there is an obstinate refusal to conform to such advice, committees are to be governed in the distribution of the intended liberality by a prudent discretion.

Priest's wages, or Hireling Ministry.

Let us keep in remembrance this fundamental principle of our profession, that "it is under the immediate teaching and influence of the holy spirit, that all acceptable worship"