

166 a refiner, a leader or a comforter, according as our various states and conditions require, still follows us in all our wanderings, in order to bring us back to the true fold of rest and peace - is the object of this memorial.

From some documents left in the hand writing of this our beloved friend, it appears that his mind was, at an early age, solemnly impressed with religious sensations, and that in this tender frame, he was often deeply affected in reading the journals and other writings of primitive friends, in which are

167 recorded their trials and sufferings for conscience sake, and that desires were then excited, that he might attain to a measure of that faith and patience, which they manifested under the most trying dispensations, thus furnishing additional evidence, that, at an early period in life, the human mind is susceptible of divine impressions, and that the touches of the heavenly father's love are coeval with the first dawn of reason and reflection. - But there is a countervailing influence which too often effaces these precious impressions. - Collision with a world