

ends, nor from securing good things we engage in, that have the appearance of religion, so long as that watching and praying which our Divine Master enjoined upon all as a preservative in the hour of temptation, and was recommended by the apostles unto their fellow-believers in the gospel of Jesus Christ, is neglected; for it is then only that this kingdom is in any danger. That suffer me to say, my dear friends, in thy conversation with these poor creatures, press upon them a strict exhortation of the thoughts of the heart, and the subtle workings of the sorperity, that he never temptations men to commit sins that are not within their reach, therefore his temptations will change <sup>agitate</sup> ~~agitate~~ to our situation, and whilst prisoners should be encouraged to read the bible and other good books, as helps in the good work

of reformation, that must not be a leaving upon them, as an evidence of their change of heart, without oughts they to be encouraged to tell their experience, for there is a possibility to express words beyond mere attainment, and this is calculated not only to deceive the visitor but make the visited think that their situation is better than it is; and finding that fair words will deceive the honest-hearted Christian when from a wish to help his fellow man he visits the cell of the transgressor, it leads such minds as are generally to be found in prisons, to doubt the reality of religion, and to conclude it is a profession, and not the possession of that which is good; a something that would not only give the victory over sin, but change the disposition of the heart for the gratification of our carnal desires