

the world; this accounts for the levity and brevity of many professors: their levity augurs their brevity, and their brevity finally discloses their depravity. Like glow-worms, they shine and glitter only in warm weather. Hence we often see young beginners, associating themselves with unsanctified professors; they soon imbibe their spirit, then begin to copy their fashions, afterwards to mix with the world, and ultimately to throw off all restraint in their intercourse therewith. To suit them, doctrines must be legalized, ordinances carnalized, churches scandalized and thrown into the bosom of the world. No doubt but there are good people among them, who are exempted from these remarks, and with those I presume, we do not object to associate. But it may be asked, do you want our company? If you do, why asperse us? and if you do not, why condemn us for our distance and taciturnity? Then with reference to attending your public meetings, you must allow that they are conducted in a manner which must grieve any judicious person. Witness the levity, carnality, froth, impertinence, and ludicrous anecdotes which compose their *brilliant* speeches. Witness the loud clappings to injudicious allusions, unmeaning similes, crude metaphors, and blunt sarcasms. And it is evident that general interest cannot be excited and kept up, without the aid of novelty and levity; hence the most humorous and distant *strangers* must be picked and fetched, no matter at what expence—the collections will pay for it. I dislike the spirit and methods of such meetings, and very much question the general utility of humorous, brilliant, splendid strangers, being engaged on such occasions; even supposing that their journeys and services were all gratuitous. But if such things prove nothing else, they certainly prove that it is rather a *nervous* excitement, than an *evangelical* one. And like nervous people who have access to stimulants, when its temporary influence has subsided, they sink into a greater langour than before. Just so it is with them; while excitation is going on, they are as light and as loose as feathers in the air; but when that is over, they fall, like feathers in an exhausted air tube. I envy not that man either his judg-