his neighbour, spreadeth a net for his feet,” Prov. xxix. 5.

Hope. They also gave us a note of directions about the way, for our more sure finding thereof; but there-in we have also forgotten to read, and not kept our-selves from the paths of the destroyer. Here David was wiser than we; for saith he, “Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer,” Psa. xvii. 4. Thus they lay be-wailing themselves in the net. At last they espied a Shining One coming towards them with a whip of small cords in his hand. When he was come to the place where they were, he asked them whence they came, and what they did there. They told him that they were poor pilgrims going to Zion, but were led out of their way by a black man clothed in white, who bid us, said they, follow him, for he was going thither too. Then said he with the whip, It is Flatterer, a false apostle, that hath transformed himself into an angel of light, Dan. xi. 32; 2 Cor. xi. 13–15. So he rent the net, and let the men out. Then said he to them, Follow me, that I may set you in your way again. So he led them back to the way which they had left to follow the Flatterer. Then he asked them, saying, Where did you lie the last night? They said, With the shepherds upon the Delectable Mountains. He asked them then if they had not a note of directions for the way. They answered, Yes. But did you not, said he, when you were at a stand, pluck out and read your note? They answered, No. He asked them, Why? They said they forgot. He asked them, moreover, if the shepherds did not bid them be-ware of the Flatterer. They answered, Yes; but we did not imagine, said they, that this fine-spoken man had been he, Rom. xvi. 17. 18.

Then saw I in my dream, that he commanded them to lie down; which when they did, he chastised them sore, to teach them the good way wherein they should walk, Deut. xxv. 2; 2 Chron. vi. 27; and as he chastised them, he said, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten;