of the petition, said to the messenger, Go tell them that I will send him.

When the family where Christiana was saw that they had a purpose to go forward, they called the whole house together, to give thanks to their King for sending of them such profitable guests as these. Which done, they said unto Christiana, And shall we not shew thee something, as our custom is to do to pilgrims, on which thou mayest meditate when thou art upon the way? So they took Christiana, her children, and Mercy, into the closet, and shewed them one of the apples that Eve ate of, and that which she also did give to her husband, and that for the eating of which they were both turned out of paradise, and asked her what she thought that was. Then Christiana said, It is food or poison, I know not which. So they opened the matter to her, and she held up her hands and wondered, Gen. iii. 6; Rom. vii. 24. They then had her to a place, and shewed her Jacob's ladder, Gen. xxviii. 12. Now at that time there were some angels ascending upon it. So Christiana looked and looked to see the angels go up; so did the rest of the company. Then they were going into another place, to shew them something else; but James said to his mother, Pray bid them stay here a little longer, for this is a curious sight. So they turned again, and stood feeding their eyes with this so pleasing a prospect, John i. 14.

After this they had them into a place where did hang up a golden anchor. So they bid Christiana take it down; for, said they, You shall have it with you, for it is of absolute necessity that you should lay hold of that within the veil, Heb. vi. 19, and stand steadfast in case you should meet with turbulent weather, Joel iii. 16. So they were glad thereof.

Then they took them, and had them to the mount upon which Abraham our father offered up Isaac his son, and shewed them the altar, the wood, the fire, and the knife, for they remain to be seen to this very day, Gen. xxii. 9. When they had seen it, they held up their