Matthew's brother, to wife; after which time, they yet stayed about ten days at Gaius's house, spending their time and the seasons like as pilgrims used to do.

When they went to depart, Gaius made them a feast, and they did eat and drink, and they were merry. Now the hour was come that they must be gone; wherefore Mr Great-Heart called for a reckoning. But Gaius told him, that at his house it was not the custom of pilgrims to pay for their entertainment. He boarded them by the year, but looked for his pay from the good Samaritan, who had promised him, at his return, whatsoever charge he was at with them faithfully to repay him, Luke x. 34, 35. Then said Mr Great-Heart to him,

Great. Beloved, thou doest faithfully, whatsoever thou doest, to the brethren, and to strangers, who have borne witness of thy charity before the church, whom if thou yet bring forward on their journey, after a godly sort, thou shalt do well, 3 John 5, 6. Then Gaius took his leave of them all, and his children, and particularly of Mr Feeble-Mind. He also gave him something to drink by the way.

Now Mr Feeble-Mind, when they were going out of the door, made as if he intended to linger. The which, when Mr Great-Heart espied, he said, Come, Mr Feeble-Mind, pray do you go along with us; I will be your conductor, and you shall fare as the rest.

Feeble. Alas! I want a suitable companion. You are all lusty and strong, but I, as you see, am weak; I choose therefore rather to come behind, lest, by reason of my many infirmities, I should be both a burden to myself and to you. I am, as I said, a man of a weak and feeble mind, and shall be offended and made weak at that which others can bear. I shall like no laughing; I shall like no gay attire; I shall like no unprofitable questions. Nay, I am so weak a man, as to be offended with that which others have a liberty to do. I do not know all the truth: I am a very ignorant Christian man. Sometimes, if I hear any rejoice in the Lord, it troubles me, because I cannot do so too. It is with me as it is