of peace and life. Another said, Oh that I had been
torn in pieces before I had, to save my life, lost my
soul! And another said, If I were to live again, how
would I deny myself rather than come to this place!
Then there was as if the very earth groaned and quaked
under the feet of this young woman for fear: so she
looked white, and came trembling away, saying, Blessed
be he and she that are delivered from this place!

Now when the shepherds had shewn them all these
things, then they had them back to the palace, and
entertained them with what the house would afford.
But Mercy, being a young and married woman, longed
for something that she saw there, but was ashamed to
ask. Her mother-in-law then asked her what she ailed,
for she looked as one not well. Then said Mercy, There
is a looking-glass hangs up in the dining-room, off which
I cannot take my mind; if, therefore, I have it not, I
think I shall miscarry. Then said her mother, I will
mention thy wants to the shepherds, and they will not
deny it thee. But she said, I am ashamed that these
men should know that I longed. Nay, my daughter,
said she, it is no shame, but a virtue, to long for such a
thing as that. So Mercy said, Then, mother, if you
please, ask the shepherds if they are willing to sell it.

Now the glass was one of a thousand. It would pre-
sent a man, one way, with his own features exactly;
and turn it but another way, and it would shew one
the very face and similitude of the Prince of pilgrims
himself. Yes, I have talked with them that can tell, and
they have said that they have seen the very crown of
thorns upon his head, by looking in that glass; they
have therein also seen the holes in his hands, his feet,
and his side. Yea, such an excellency is there in this
glass, that it will shew him to one where they have a
mind to see him; whether living or dead; whether
in earth or in heaven; whether in a state of humiliation
or in his exaltation; whether coming to suffer or com-
ing to reign, James i. 33; 1 Cor. xiii. 12; 2 Cor iii. 18.

Christiana therefore went to the shepherds apart