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Search the Scriptures. JOHN v. 39.

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith. 11 COR. xiii. 5.

Let every man prove his own work. GAL. iv. 4.

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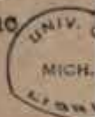
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WERE it not a truth, that God owns the feeble efforts of such as are despised by men of *parts* and *letters*, the public should never have seen the ensuing performance.

When I delivered the following discourse, I had no more thoughts of making it further public, than I had of making a *creed* for his holiness the *Pope* of Rome : nor do I believe, that any such thought would ever have entered my heart, had it not been for the importunity of some who heard it, and of others also who heard it not.

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The first part, according to the text, is upon that important subject, BELIEVING, and as various altercations have of late passed, relative to the nature of FAITH, it might be one cause why some were so desirous to see this in print : I'm sure it was one reason why I made an attempt to preach upon the subject ; for I resolved that my *elder brethren* should be fully acquainted with my sentiments on that head ; hoping, that if I were wrong, some one would be so friendly as to endeavour to reclaim a wanderer. I cannot affirm, that the following sheets contain *verbatim* what was said : *that* was next to an impossibility, as I did not write more than would fill the Eight part of a sheet of paper previous to my preaching : but,
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tho' some of the sentences, and perhaps many of the phrases are unavoidably altered, yet so far as was possible, the *sense* is retained. If what is offered should thwart the received opinion of any, I freely grant the objector what I claim as an unalienable privilege for myself, (viz.) the liberty of private Judgment. Nevertheless, with all the thinking I am capable of, I, like others, may err; for I have not yet set up for infallibility.—As I do not pretend to be *liberally educated*, I flatter myself that such as are so, will readily excuse any inaccuracies they may discern: It is inferable to beat a *blind horse* because he stumbles—I shall not trouble the reader with passing encomiums upon myself, respecting my deep sense of ignorance, unworthiness,

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worthiness, inability, want of age, learning, experience, &c. many have degraded themselves, who would have been highly offended, had any person else done it for them. Pompous professions are so common with *divinity* publishers, that they are little more regarded, than the *preamble* in the beginning of an old act of parliament.—If any good is done hereby—if the Judgment of any is informed, or if any are stirred up to evidence their FAITH by their WORKS, let the good, the everlasting JEHOVAH be praised,

HUDDERSFIELD,
Sept. 28, 1778.

W. MOORHOUSE.

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OU have been entertained this Day, with some account of one of the most glorious truths that the bible contains, (viz.) that there is redemption by the blood of the cross. On the truth or fallacy of this single article, depend things of no less importance than salvation or damnation. The atonement being found valid, salvation is sure to all the redeemed ; but on the contrary, should the doctrine of redemption by blood be found either false or insufficient, there remains no hope for any of *Adam's* fallen posterity. But it is our song, our boast, and consolation, *The LORD hath visited and redeemed his people.*

Considering

Considering what is gone before*, I could not think of any subject more likely for general usefulness, than a few remarks upon *faith* and *good works*. The portion of scripture I have fixed upon for this purpose, you read in

PAUL' s epistle to TITUS,
CHAP. III. VER. 8.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God be careful to maintain good works : these things are good and profitable unto men.

This epistle was written to *Titus*, during *St. Paul's* absence from him ; whilst that great apostle was labouring in *Greece*, and his son *Titus* in *Crete* : (now *Candia*) but though the one was on that Island, and the other on the European Continent ; yet, their God, their work, their ends and aims were all one. The bonds of christian affection, had so united their hearts, that *Paul*, as a tender parent to his own son in the common faith, sends this affectionate letter to supply, in some measure the lack of his personal presence ; well knowing, that the young minister of JESUS CHRIST would stand in need of godly counsel. How well is it, when the
servants

* The preceding sermon was upon *redemption*, preached by The Rev. Mr. Gill, from those most excellent words " It is finished".