

Has never been denied me, I always appear before you with pleasure ; but never more so than now, when I see such a numerous body of men, formed under one head, connected by one interest, and engaged in one pursuit, the pursuit of harmony, truth and beneficence. And do thou, O Fountain of wisdom ! illuminate my mind, and warm my heart, that I may explain the mysteries of godliness with clearness and energy !

This spacious earth, in which the rich and poor meet together was raised by the Supreme Architect to be a standing monument of his inimitable skill. Indeed in every part of the creation, we can trace the footsteps of a deep design ; but in the formation of man, we can clearly discover the characters of a divine wisdom. Man therefore is called the chief of his works and the Lord of this lower world, bearing evident marks of his image and perfection ; and on earth there is none like him : For he can lift his heart and voice and eyes in devotion to heaven.