

temper in it, to whom the yoke of the Gospel is a painful burden; You may be assured of meeting opposition and provocation. This was the case of our blessed Saviour—of his Apostles—of all holy men from their time to the present hour. You must not therefore expect to be exempted from these trials. They are part of that Cross which You are to take up daily; and Your business is, not to be overcome of evil; but to overcome evil with good.*

THESE reflections will naturally point out the conduct and exertions that are required in You; and also the temper and spirit with which You should perform Your ministerial duties.—I shall briefly touch upon the latter.

1. As Clergymen of the Church of England, You should strictly conform to her Liturgy, Rubrics and Canons, agreeably to Your subscriptions, and solemn promise. Deviating from them would be a violation of Your engagements, be destructive to order, and prejudicial to religion.

2. APPLICATION to study, particularly to Theology, is necessary to support Your own reputation; and to qualify You for the performance of Your duty with advantage to others.

ST. PAUL exhorts Timothy—"to give attention

* Rom, XII. 21.

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