

has been amusing himself with a dream, and that he must awake to vexation and disappointment.

Study to acquire a calm, contented disposition. I do not mean that you should become careless or indifferent, or that you should wish to be idle. I mean the direct contrary, that you should be well employed at all times; for to be well employed is the basis of human happiness.

Guard against envy, and the whole tribe of the mean and low passions. Be at all times the steady friends of peace and good order in society; and avoid as you would your bitterest enemy, all those who are continually complaining of what is taking place.

Recollect, that you have already been tried with alarms; and that you may again be tried in the same manner. Act as you have hitherto done, and these alarms will pass away.

Trust in the protection of a wise and good Providence; and be at all times disposed to attend carefully to those duties, which are required at your hands.

Remember, that the blessings of life can neither be acquired nor preserved, without diligence, watchfulness, and exertion. If you understand this doctrine aright, long shall you have reason to say—
 “Happy art thou O Israel! who is like unto thee;
 “O people, saved by the Lord; the shield of thy
 “help, and who is the sword of thy Excellency;
 “and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee,
 “and thou shalt tread upon their high places.”—Amen.