

know that he could not and would not forsake it when most in need of his directing hand, and that he would manifest himself to the world.

Above all, in the establishment of the Church, we are furnished with strong proof of divine forethought and care for man: and in so divinely constituted a society, we may surely know, that we are ever in the presence of one who is about our path, and spiess out all our ways.

We seldom realize as we ought, the awful nature of that call to holiness which is given, when in our earliest days, Christ "takes us up in his arms, lays his hands upon us and blesses us:" it may be that most of us afterwards have to be aroused from a sleep nigh unto death, by the scourging rod of affliction, but however awakened, whether by the pleading and outpourings of the spirit, or kept