

keep pace with courage, as cruelty marks out the footsteps of fear.

A solicitude for the preservation of fellow-creatures, naturally arises in the minds of a thoughtful intelligent people, upon every great occasion; whilst the celestial fire, which warms the breast of the true followers of *Christ*, cherishes the most judicious as well as tender regard to those social duties by which *man* is bound to *man*.

The sufferings of the inhabitants of *Montreal*, by fire, is the present object. Whether we consider them as fellow-subjects, or only as *men* under affliction, their cause must be referred to the tribunal of humanity and religion. Such a dreadful fire, involving so many families in the most acute distress, cannot be deemed an ordinary or uninteresting event. It is surely *right* to give these people some relief, such as they shall *feel* and *rejoice in*, though it cannot reach them till after their first sorrows are abated.