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## RELIGION A SECURITY AGAINST NATIONAL CALAMITIES.

THE present age of the world is certainly one which is full of important events,—important, as respects the welfare of the state, and the prosperity of the Christian Church. Any person, who suffers his mind to run over the affairs of nations and calculates on the result of the commotions that distract their peace, must perceive, that calamities will unavoidably befall, not only individual Kingdoms, but whole Empires.

The expected rupture that is likely to take place between France in the old world, and the United States in the new, will involve other Nations contiguous to these in the same troubles which necessarily grow out of the evils of war, should those two powers actually commence open hostilities against each other.

The dissensions, the political disunions that are continually occurring in these Colonies are the forebodings of calamities which are to come upon us in some future day. He who does not believe this must be inattentive to what is happening every day among us, and ignorant of the history of the World. Party dissensions and political discords have ever been in all ages the forerunners of civil wars and bloodshed. There is only one way that professors of Christianity can provide a remedy whereby these evils which threaten us may be averted. The method which we would prescribe to our Countrymen, both old and young, is taken from the writings of an English Divine. He beautifully expresses himself thus—

“ Our only security against national calamities is a steady adherence to religion, not the religion of mere form and profession, *but that which has its seat in the heart* ; not as it is mutilated and debased by the refinements of a false philosophy, but as it exists in all its simplicity and extent in the sacred Scriptures ; consisting in sorrow for sin, in the love of God, and faith in a crucified Redeemer. If this religion revives and flourishes amongst us, we may surmount all our difficulties, and no weapon formed against us will prosper ; if we despise or neglect it, no human power can afford us protection.

“ Instead of showing our love to our country, therefore, by engaging eagerly in the strife of parties, let us choose to signalize it rather by beneficence, by piety,