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hardness of heart and contempt of his word—
and like the dresser of the vineyard in the Gospel,
he should pray that the barren Fig-tree may be spar-
red, that he may renew his anxious endeavours to
make it fruitful.† For as the pious and primitive
Bishop Wilson observes—“He who bewails not
“ the sins of his people; and does not, by his
“ own tears, make, as it were, some amends for
“ their impenitency, is not worthy to be their in-
“ tercessor with God.*

To the want of prudence and temper, are owing many of the evils of human life. In no station are those qualities more necessary than in that of a Clergyman. Whatever allowances may be made to others for the want of them, none will be made to him. A contrary disposition will have the most malignant effect on all his ministrations, and defeat every purpose of his office. Like holiness of life, and purity of manners, no talents or acquirements can compensate for them. You cannot therefore be too careful in preserving an even, Christian temper; uniformly pursuing, without passion or violence, the end of your calling; and sacrificing resentment and every prejudice to that important object.

WHILST there is sin, corruption and bigotry in the world—whilst there are men of unreasonable tempers

† Luke XIII. 8. 9. * Bishop WILSON's *Works*, Vol. I.
p. 210. Edit. at Bath, 1781.