

either of domestic ease, of social good understanding, of commercial interest, or of political expediency. In all these points the world will often be found at issue with the Gospel of God, and we must only say to them, *choose ye this day whom ye will serve*. And if we encounter odium in this discharge of our duty, we must call to mind the words of an Apostle, *marvel not my brethren if the world hate you*, and those of our blessed Lord himself, *ye know that it hated me before it hated you*.

We should warn our people also, when we are upon the subject of political differences and agitations, of the awful responsibility which they will incur, if they are forgetful of the scenes through which we have all recently passed. The right hand of God was so conspicuously stretched forth, and in so many different ways, in the protection of the cause of loyalty, when the insurrection broke out in these Provinces,* as to extort, even from the unthinking, a devout acknowledgment of Providential interposition. And we had public fasts, and proclaimed thanksgivings. All must not end there. We must, as a community, rejoice with trembling in our deliverance; and remember that fresh scourges are ready in the hand of God. We must be humbled under a sense of our sins,—thankful for the mercy which we have experienced, watchful against forgetfulness of Divine judgment, fruitful in those Christian works which are prompted by all these combined considerations. And it will be happy if the Clergy can be instrumental, not only in cherishing that spirit of loyalty which must characterize the true followers of the Church, but in convincing any unthinking part of the population of the great wickedness, as well as folly, of seditious agitations in a country where, if there has been a fault chargeable upon

* In the end of 1837 and commencement of 1838.