

HOSEA VI. 1.

Come, and let us return unto the Lord; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

WHOEVER believes firmly in the existence of God; and that he is possessed of infinite wisdom, justice, holiness and power—whoever believes that this infinitely wise, just, holy and powerful Being presides over the world; that in particular, he regulates and governs the affairs of mankind, ordering them in the manner that is most suitable to the purposes of his wisdom, holiness, and justice:

WHOEVER is a firm believer in these undoubted truths; and under the impression of them, sees, with an awakened, trembling heart, the hand of God stretched out, inflicting heavy judgements—visiting some guilty land with calamities; where perhaps the bands of Society are rent asunder—where war, desolation, famine and blood shed direct their baneful course, giving sure indications of an incensed Providence; and whilst his own country partly feels those calamities, he views them marching with hasty strides, and ready to involve it in all their aggravated horrors, which can only be averted by deep humiliation, repentance and reformation:

Such a person, thus impressed with those truths, thus affected by these objects, will naturally adopt the language of my text—“Come,