

so, to suggest the means for its mitigation or removal.

No doubt part of the evil lies in the unchastened heart and affections of the worshipper ; and consequently, part of the remedy lies in himself, in the better preparation of his own heart ; and it may as well be observed once for all—That were we admitted to the choirs of the blessed angels themselves we must have chastened hearts and affections, or we should not enjoy the service or appreciate the privilege.

A portion, however, of the evil complained of *may* lie elsewhere ; that is, either *in the service itself*, which may be in its own nature unedifying and dull, or *in our mode of celebrating it*, which may be faulty and wearisome. Is there any thing in these or either of them calculated to chill rather than to foster the affections, to check rather than to promote the flow of religious emotions ? Is there any thing *needlessly* uninviting to those (unhappily too many) who are yet to be won over to take delight in the things of the Spirit ? It is not *the service itself* which is to blame ; even enemies allow that our *form* of worship is most edifying and beautiful, *entirely* calculated for *its* purpose. The fault