

look onward,—to anticipate in some measure the events that may befall us, to apply the lessons of our past experience to the guidance of the future, and to seek unceasingly the grace, which may prepare us, day by day, for whatever the day may bring forth. Although, in wisdom and in love, the particular trials, through which each one of us may be called to pass, and the particular dispensations by which God's dealings with us may be marked, are hidden from our view, yet the leading feature of the events that are coming on may be anticipated, and the necessity felt and acted upon, of seeing the Lord's hand in everything that cometh, and aiming to profit by His dealings with our souls.

And such appear to be our duty and our privilege at the present season. Placed, as we are, in the good providence of God, at the commencement of another year, it is our wisdom to consider what it may have in store for us. Taught, by the experience of the past, the uncertainty and vanity of all earthly things, and assured, that in this respect the future will be like the past, who that is wise can set out upon another year, resolved to live as much as ever to the things of this passing scene? Knowing how wonderfully, in past times, the Lord has overruled all things for the good of those that put their trust in Him, and assured