

direct passport to promotion. Those, who by an imprudent exercise of this privilege, lend their aid to elevate such men, do thereby contribute, by the most effectual mean in their power, to the defection of the times, which must ripen us more and more for the chastisements of heaven. *The God of Israel, said the Rock of Israel, spake unto me—He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.*

To conclude—Let us be real christians. Whatever may be the aspects of providence towards our nation, our time in the world will be but short. Let us therefore look beyond all the transitory things of time, to that solemn hour when we must all appear before the judgment seat of CHRIST. Neither our natural relations, or political connections, are any thing else than momentary, compared with futurity. But a vast eternity awaits us, and we must soon enter on that untried state. Let us therefore extend our views to eternal things, and in the event of severe trials, either national or individual, betake ourselves to those chambers of security, which GOD has prepared as a hiding place for all who put their trust in him, and to which he invites them, saying, *Come my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee ; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast—For behold the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquities : The earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.*