

Hahn, the excellent agent of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, and supplied with copies of the Scriptures, which they accepted with alacrity. Divine service, too, was performed on board one of the vessels, at which the men readily attended.

Surely every friend of humanity must applaud the attempts of the learned and excellent Grotius to blend maxims of humanity with military operations, and thus to mitigate the woes of the most cruel scourge that Providence employs for the chastisement of man! Instead of showing our love to our country by engaging eagerly in the strife of parties, let us choose to signalize it rather by benevolence, by piety, by an exemplary discharge of the duties of private life, under a persuasion that *that* man, in the final issue of things, will be seen to have been the best patriot, who is the best Christian." These are the words of that eloquent preacher, Robert Hall, in his sermon entitled, "Reflections on War," from which wise, beautiful, and pathetic address, we will give one more short passage as a conclusion to this paper.

To acknowledge the hand of God is a duty, indeed, at all times; but there are seasons when it is made so bare, that it is next to impossible, and, therefore, signally criminal, to overlook it. It is most unnecessary to add that the present is one of those seasons. Never we are expected to 'be still, and know that he is God,' it is on such an occasion as this, when we so evidently behold 'the works of the Lord, and the desolations which he maketh in the earth.' It is surely of the utmost consequence to see to it, that humiliation be deep, our repentance sincere, and the disposition cherish, as well as the resolutions we form, suitable to the nature of the crisis, and the solemnity of the occasion; such, in a word, as Omniscience will approve."

LETTERS FROM A MOTHER TO HER DAUGHTERS.

Written many years ago by the Wife of a Wesleyan Minister.

LETTER II.

ON THE CHOICE OF COMPANY.

DEAR CHILDREN,—

It is certain that books tend much to form the mind; but so-forms the character. So far as example is more powerful precept, will the influence of your associates supersede that of books you read. There is in example something so captivating