

SERMON.

HEBREWS VI.—12.

“Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

EVER since the fall of man, Divine Mercy has held forth to his view a train of blessed promises, as the high encouragement to obedience; and in every age, and under every successive dispensation, there have been some, who have steadfastly believed these promises, and “walked with God,” in the full expectation of realizing their fulfilment. These persons indeed have generally been few in number. Even under the glorious light of the Christian economy, they have hitherto borne but a small proportion to those who have preferred the pleasures and profits of the world to the favour of an invisible God; but whether few or many, wealthy or poor, learned or ignorant, honoured or despised, they have chosen the path of wisdom, done good in their generation, honoured God in the world, possessed a happiness which other men have never tasted, and have gone, at the termination of their earthly career, to share in heaven’s transcendent and interminable joys. Such examples are of great value to those who are desirous to pursue the path which they have travelled, and to aim at the possession of