

" people are gathered together, and the
 " kingdoms to serve the Lord." With
 what freedom and enlargedness of soul is
 it, that he here expatiates, not merely up-
 on the interests of a single countrie, his na-
 tive land, but even of the universal world.
 So that now, instead of looking upon him,
 as a man overwhelmed in private sorrows,
 one would almost conclude, that everie
 sentiment of the kind had been, long ere
 this, absorbed in the love of his countrie and
 of mankind. Yet it is not wholly so: for
 presently again he recurs to his own perplex-
 ed and melancholie situation. " He weak-
 " ened my strength in the way, he shorten-
 " ed my days. I said, O my God, take
 " me not away in the midst of my days :
 " thy years are throughout all generations."
 With this thought, the apprehension of
 God's eternitie and immutabilitie he con-
 soles himself under his own personal afflic-
 tions. " Of old," as in most sublime and
 elegant language he proceeds, " hast thou
 " laid the foundation of the earth : and
 " the heavens are the work of thine hands :
 " they shall perish, but thou shalt endure ;
 " yea, all of them shall wax old, like a
 " garment :