

when the whole cost, in lives lost, in property destroyed, and in property expended, shall be brought forward as a charge against any valuable consideration which has been gained, and which may be passed to the credit of the United States. These, however, are calculations to be made by the politician : the accounts, probably, will not be all brought in, and settled, by the present generation. The things which are past, can neither be corrected, or prevented. But past experience may give the most useful instruction.

The new, and very unexpected state of things* in that quarter of the world, which, during the last twenty years, hath been convulsed with wars, and crimsoned with the blood of its inhabitants, and where we hoped peace and order were again established, may call our country to new trials. From past sufferings the American people will be warned against future evils. Should heaven see fit to diminish the population of the older, and more crowded parts of the world, we hope and pray, the desolating judgment may not be sent to this young country.

The advice given by a man of God to the people of Israel long ago, may with great propriety be given to the American people, when foreign nations are preparing for war. "Stand ye still :—stand ye still, "and see the salvation of the Lord !"[†]

* The return of Napoleon to France.

† 2 Chron. xx. 17.