

meet, for it is an affliction which fully justifies the most poignant sorrow.

This awful visitation was attended by circumstances deeply affecting, and bringing home to every seriously disposed bosom the sacred truth, that in the midst of life we are in death: for, anticipating his arrival in Montreal, his friends had collected to meet him with kind congratulations on his safe return. The gentlemen belonging to his Staff, and his amiable children, had likewise assembled to partake in the general joy. The whole city was full of bustle and preparations. Drawing rooms, Balls and Horse races were announced, and all the amusements and pleasures which gladness could devise, were in active arrangement. The inhabitants entered most cordially into the promised festivities, and looked forward with great satisfaction to their Governor's arrival. When every thing was ready, and some impatience began to be felt at his delay, a messenger arrived to announce his approach, but alas! not the Duke riding triumphant into the city, surrounded by his friends and children, but his inanimate and pale corpse. Behold God taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say, what doest thou? In a moment the voice of mirth and gladness was changed into mourning and lamentation.—The sad tidings operated like a voice from heaven, bidding us fly from the house of feasting and go to the house of mourning. For our days on earth are a shadow, and there is none abiding.

2d.—But we have the mind of Christ.

Gloomy would our prospects be in the hour of calamity, were we left to ourselves; for the ways of God are past finding out, and being utterly incapable of perceiving any possible advantage from many of our afflictions, we must sink into despair. But we are not so left; we have the mind of Christ, by which the darkness of Providence becomes light. In the public ministry of our blessed Redeemer, we behold the perfections of his heavenly Father portrayed in colours the most beautiful and impressive. It was the peculiar office of his Gospel to proclaim to man that God is love; that he is gracious and merciful to all his creatures, their Preserver and Benefactor.—That he loves them as children, and denies them nothing but what is hurtful. In having the mind of Christ, we know that every dispensation is of God; and though at present it may be grievous, yet.