

earth and heaven—the church militant with her divine head, is transacting,—for a christian communicant to be disengaged, or engaged merely as a spectator;—it will on the other hand appear proper, and even indispensable, that we frame an employment with all that spirituality and sacredness which befits the occasion:—and with it our position as humble worshippers of the Most High. The author with this object in view, and in hope that it will be blest to others as it has sometime been to himself, that the tear of penitence will at times drop on its page,—that the conflict between conscious unworthiness, and gratitude to Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood; may be led to issue in his ardent and unequivocal aspiration of praise : that the lip of truth now touched with a live coal from the altar, may here utter its unbending purpose—its sacred vow, to be henceforth the Lord's; remembering that we are not our own but bought with a price,—even the inestimable blood of CHRIST, as of a lamb without spot or blemish:—And that on the solemn appointed times—the Sabbath, and the new moon, succeeding each other as time flies, and life transpires, acceptable devotion may ascend to the presence of the Holiest; and his blessings return on the heads of the righteous, growing together in meetness for their heavenly rest, and urging their way to the worship of the Church Triumphant, is his fervent desire and prayer:—and this ac-