

all the solemn engagements they are under to God and his Church. Necessity is laid upon them; yea, we be unto them, if they preach not the Gospel, and live up to its spirit and precepts.

WHEN You were admitted into the office of Priest in the Church of England, You were solemnly reminded that You were to be——“Messengers, Watchmen and Stewards of the Lord; to teach and to premonish, to feed and provide for, the Lord’s family; to seek for Christ’s Sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.”

You were admonished——“to consider with Yourselfes the end of Your ministry towards the children of God, towards the Spouse and Body of Christ; and to see that You never cease Your labour, Your care and diligence, until you have done all that lieth in You, according to Your bounden duty, to bring all such as are, or shall be, committed to Your charge, to a due faith and knowledge of God; to a ripeness and perfection in Christ; so that no place be left among You, either for error in religion, or viciousness in life.”

“AND forasmuch as Your Office is both of so great excellency, and of so great difficulty, You were farther reminded,—with what great care and study You ought to apply Yourselfes; as well that You might