

PREFATORY NOTE.

THE following discourse was preached on the morning of Sabbath, 16th April, the day after the sad news of the assassination of President Lincoln at Washington, reached Canada. It would never have occurred to myself to give to the world thoughts so hastily thrown together, but a very general desire having been expressed by those who heard it, to see the discourse published, I have consented, more with a view of giving expression to the feelings of abhorrence which have been excited in every part of Canada by this deed, than from any intrinsic merit in the Sermon itself.

In revising the notes for the press, some changes have been made in the phraseology, and a few sentences have been added ; but for the most part the discourse remains the same as when delivered.

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