

ly known to us except by their misery; I had been misinformed. They are British subjects, however with ourselves and came here in the late war with the U.S. The head of the family bravely stood forward in defence of the country, but was unhappily taken prisoner. In this situation of difficulty and distress he fully proved his loyalty by contriving and procuring at his peril the means of escape for two useful and respectable militia officers, one of whom is dead, and the other lives in this place. He did not, he could not escape himself. His young and numerous family joined him in the States and as soon as he could arrange his humble affairs, he returned to the country of his affection and came in hopes of bettering his circumstances by honest and laborious industry. But alas, such is the uncertainty of human life and everything connected with it, so thin the partition between happiness and misery, life and death, that in one short moment the whole scene can be changed and sadly reversed, to-day all joy and sunshine, to-morrow afflictions and clouds, and which of us can say even the most affluent that such reverse of fate is not impending over and ready to burst upon our head.

Is it in the power of man to avoid or avert the wise dispensations of Providence, I trust there is none so mad as to think so, tho' 'tis too evident that poor, blind unthinking creatures there are who act as if they did. May the Almighty illuminate their minds with His Heavenly knowledge, that they may turn from their evil ways and flee from the wrath to come. Believe me, the best way to avoid the just and deserved punishment of our sins both here and hereafter by the Almighty disposer of all events is to humble ourselves before Him, to implore in fervent prayer with minds abstracted from every earthly consideration, his pardon, grace and mercy, and to copy the example and precepts of His Blessed Son, our Lord and Redeemer, and although we cannot attain to His spotless, pure and holy life, yet our endeavors in the trial shall not lose their labour nor reward.

In my present discourse I will inquire how this great duty of charity is recommended to us in the Holy Scriptures. There was nothing our Saviour inculcated more strongly into the minds of His disciples for the