

PREFACE.

THE following Sermon lays no claim to publication on account of any intrinsic worth of its own, but only in the great merit of the occasion on which it was composed and delivered. Such an act of Charity in the Citizens of Boston, under such circumstances, demands of the Inhabitants of St. John's a decided testimonial of their gratitude, and more especially from this Congregation, the Members of which having been more deeply involved in the calamity, than any other Community.

Boston will accept this our humble tribute, in addition to the Memorial of the Town, to both which we can only add our prayers.

J. S.

PASTORAL HOUSE,

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