

will be the fate of England, if she forsakes His covenant; and such is from the beginning unto the end, the rule of His just government. Those that honour me, saith the Lord, I will honour. The nation or the city, which remembers the Lord her God, which remembers Him in her public acts, in her public acknowledgment of His providence, in her public encouragement of His worship, of her we may say with a good assurance, that she will be remembered, and will enjoy the favour of Him, who directeth and governeth all things, who "saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited, and to the cities of Judah, ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed cities thereof. The labour of Egypt, and the merchandize of Ethiopia and of the Sabceans shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine."

For this reason it must be no small satisfaction to every one who believes in the over-ruling providence of God, and who is at the same time a loyal subject of our much-beloved Sovereign, and fondly attached to the memory of that dear land, where are the graves of our fathers, that by the observance of this day we have made a public acknowledgment of a national faith in the truth for which I have been contending. It is no small comfort to know that the whole population of this portion of the British Empire, following the example given by the mother-country just four weeks since, do with one voice and with one heart humble themselves beneath the Almighty hand of God, acknowledging that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and confessing that the calamities which they have suffered are His most righteous judgment, and praying for succour and relief from Him, with whom only there is help.

But, my brethren, a nation, after all, consists but of a number of individuals; and a national repentance is but the repentance of the whole or a large part of the individuals who make up the nation. Let us then look to ourselves, and see in the calamities which have befallen us a merciful warning, designed to recall our wandering hearts to the love, the service, and the worship of God. The rulers of the State have done their part in recommending an outward humiliation and repentance; it is for us alone to give virtue and efficacy to it, by letting it be, by God's grace, an inward and real repentance.

Whatever uncertainty may exist with regard to the interpretation of