

missionary zeal, or domestic charity;—then indeed are we “wretched, and miserable, and poor, and “blind, and naked;”—then, “because we are “lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, will our Lord spew us out of his mouth;”—Then is our ruin nigh even at the doors, and we shall fall, lamentably yet justly fall, unpitied of man, and rejected of God!

The choice is yet before us. “Draw near “to God, and He will draw near to you.” “Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your “hearts, ye double-minded.” Let us reform the worldliness, the luxury, the selfishness of our habits, and refine our zeal from the dross of party spirit, and interested motives;—let the love of Christ rule in our hearts, and become the source of all our sentiments, the guide of all our actions; let it be for His sake, and for the sake of men’s souls, whom He died to redeem, that we love and maintain the Church of our Fathers, and defend the altars of the Protestant Faith. Let us defend them in a truly Christian spirit—a spirit of invincible courage without animosity, of unflinching firmness without obstinacy, of ardent zeal without rashness, of holy confidence without presumption. Let us “study to adorn the doctrine “of God our Saviour in all things;”—and “let all “bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, “be put away from us, with all malice.” “And