

God are abroad in the earth ; vast numbers have been cut off by the sword ; thousands have been destroyed by earthquakes ; and a thick cloud is hanging over us. The womb of Providence is big with events ; Saints and Sinners ought to tremble and fall before the great I AM !

Surely, God's hand is lifted up—"Is there not a cause?" In this and the adjacent Province, we have been highly favoured, temporally and spiritually, with peace and with plenty, and still our blessings are continued. We have the Bible in our houses ; Ministers, and the Gospel, in our Churches ; and we are frequently visited by the Servants of God in our habitations : but we have greatly abused our mercies. We have not so carefully and prayerfully perused God's word as we ought to have done : consequently our knowledge of it is comparatively very small ; and the Christian warriors, through their neglect, frequently in the field and time of battle, appear to disadvantage : like soldiers, in time of great danger, who are destitute of courage, arms, and ammunition. Moreover, when we attend Divine Worship, too frequently consists more in bodily exercise than heart worship : let us remember, God requires the heart.—If we reflect how we have spent our Sabbaths, then, we shall see the propriety of crying out—Guilty ! Guilty ! Have we not often received and paid worldly visits on the LORD's Day ; and likewise spent much of it in carnal conversation. Upon self-examination, we shall find that we are too closely joined in affinity with the world. May the LORD give us a right understanding of the address, question, and declaration of *James* : "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God ?