

greeably to the preceding reflections ; after premising this one observation—that the best defence of Christianity, and the most triumphant refutation of its adversaries, or of any that may oppose You—is, Your own unblemished conduct. If, whilst zealously engaged in promoting the salvation of Your Brethren, the native purity and benevolence of Christ's religion be exhibited in Your lives and conversation ; the mouth of gainsayers will be stopt—God himself will be on Your side ; and if he be for You, it is of little consequence who is against You.

3. PREACHING is a duty so necessary and beneficial, so universally expected from Clergymen, and may be made so conducive to the purposes of edification and godliness ; that a Clergyman cannot be too assiduous in qualifying himself for this part of his function.

WHILST employed in that office, he should consider himself as the Ambassador of Jesus Christ, to publish his will to mankind, to instruct them in their duty, and persuade them to the practice of it. His matter and manner should be suitable to the dignity of that character. His subject should be interesting and weighty ; his language perspicuous, plain, and intelligible ; his manner serious and animated ; and his pronunciation distinct, clear and proper. Any glaring defect in these, must have an unhappy effect, and defeat the end of his Preaching.

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