

DIARY OF MRS. SIMCOE

moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father, but confess them."

We see plainly these promises are to us, as much as they were to David. David was a man after God's own heart, and so should we be if we were to follow David's steps, and, like him, to give the Lord the honour due unto His name, all honour and glory and might and power. All this David gave to the Lord, and all the holy men of old did the same. And if we did so too, we should be like David and be people after God's own heart; and also like good old Joshua, who said "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." I hope there are now many who do so. It was General and Mrs. Simcoe's rule, and for that purpose the chapel at Wolford was built, and by so doing our children will arise up and call us blessed. In so doing we know what enemies we have to overcome—the world, the flesh and the devil, all to be conquered, and what do we require to do it? "Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and let the Lord do that which is good in his sight." But this is not all that we have to do. We are to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. In whatever our crosses or losses may consist, either in our substance or in the loss of friends or children—for we may expect these things to happen—let us remember that the Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away, and say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." Again, we must expect wars and commotions, but the Lord says, "My peace I give unto you."