20 Dr. DAYRELL'S Sermon

Jewish Breast was far too rugged a Soil for the tender Plant of Gratitude to thrive in, and in whatever Breaft that Virtue does not thrive, every rank Vice will deeply firike its Root, and fpread its baneful Influence. How injurious the Effects of it to human Society ! how deeply do we poor Mortals feel when we have beftowed a Favour or a Kindnefs, and find it unreturned, unthanked for, or forgotten! how fevere the Stroke of Neglect and Contempt, where Thanks and Acknowledgments should be paid! If fuch be our Senfations in the little Intercourfes and Concerns which we have with each other; and where too we are all upon a Level, how must the Almighty feel (who can only be faid to feel on our Accounts) from the daily Provocations of Ingratitude, which he receives from his And fuch are the Returns Creature Man. for the conftant and higheft Obligations which he