

Jan. 29/1831

Church, and was then in intimate friendship with the
clergymen of the Village where I resided. As I entered
the Chapel the congregation was singing again, and
the prospect was new to me and delightful. My
attention was arrested as out of a long slumber
during the solemnity of the service and particularly
when I was told so plainly and impressively what
was the only remedy for sin and misery. Before this
I had never seen Public Worship conducted throughout
in the Church of England with ^{so much} advantage. I had
indeed met with very few instances in which an
excellent Liturgy did not appear reduced to a
mere form. The Devout singing of Psalms was very
rare, and generally speaking no attention whatever
was paid to the catechetical instruction of children.
I had never heard a sermon preached in favor of the
heaven, nor of any other charitable institution in
my life. Those who but know the value of religion
would upon being told of the above merciful dispensation
of Divine Providence towards me think it a mercy
that I did not disregard it. It was a call upon
me to reflect! I had been brought by a way that I knew not