

the properties of the works of God, that he can select the easiest way of securing what he wants. Simple a thing as it seems to light a fire, it is a wonderful thing, too. But here we must leave off for this time. Try and remember about this *caloric*, and its laws and properties ; and when I converse with you again, we will see how useful all this is to man. You must not only admire the wisdom, but praise and bless the benevolence of God. The fire that warms you, does so in consequence of some most wonderful arrangements of God ; and well may we say, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow !"

AMBITION AND CÆSAR.

St. Austin, with his mother, Monica, was led one day by a Roman Prætor to see the tomb of Cæsar. Himself thus describes the corpse : "It looked of a blue mould ; the bones of the nose laid bare, the flesh of the nether lip quite fallen off, his mouth full of worms, and in his eye-pit a hungry toad feasting upon the remnant portion of flesh and moisture ; and so he dwelt in his house of darkness."—*Bishop Taylor*.

SUBJECTS OF REFLECTION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT MANY BOOKS.

That Gospel mercy which proclaims so full an indemnity for the past, is flagrantly misunderstood by those who conceive of it as holding out a like full exemption from the toils of a future obedience ; instead of which, there cannot be imagined a more entire renunciation of an old habit, and an old will, than what takes place, and takes place invariably, in the economy under which we sit. And there is no dispensation from it. The covenant of works began with service, and ended with reward. The covenant of grace begins with mercy, and ends with service ; and, most certainly, a service not short of the former, either in the universality of its range over the whole domain of our moral nature, or, at length, with every single disciple in the school of Christianity, in the tale and measure of his performances.—*Dr. Chalmers*.

Truly it is not by a slight or easy process, by a listless seeking after life, that we shall make good our entry thereinto, or work out our own salvation ; but by dint of a hard and labourious striving ; so very hard, and far above the powers of nature, that it needs the working of that grace which worketh in us mightily.—*Ibid*.

The Christian's sacrifice may well be termed "holy," a term properly expressive of "separation." The policy of the Christian is, first, to see the temptation of alluring objects when he can ; and then to resist it to the uttermost when we cannot. He does the first when he can, and the second when he cannot. He does the first when he can ; he does the second when, where