

mon, as well as more pernicious, than the former; namely, to squander riches in dissipation. Worldlings believe that they are the real owners of their property, whereas they are only stewards and administrators.—They imagine that all expenditure, no matter how lavish, is lawful on their part, because they are able to bear it; they even fancy that they may derange the state of their affairs without charging their conscience; but they are in error, for religion equally condemns all excessive expenditure as well as all excessive economy.

JUNE 29.

ON THE DISTINCTION OF NECESSARY AND SUPERFLUOUS.

I. *A Christian should consider this distinction as one of the most important objects of his attention and his scruples.*

1st, He is only the trustee and steward of the goods which he possesses; he will, therefore, be accountable at the judgment