## WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE WICKED?

day denied, there is a singular diversity of opinion: some hold that death is extinction of being, and therefore that the wicked will be anuihilated when they die; others maintain that they will be raised again at the last day, receive sentence at the final judgment, and then be annihilated. Others teach that annihilation will be preceded by punishment, varying in intensity and length according to the degree of crime. Others venture to assert that after sufficient purifying by pain they will be restored. These varieties, and the frequent change of sentiment emong those who maintain them, exhibit a striking contrast to the uniform doctrine of the Church in general."

If the Doctor is to this day ignorant of the fact that those who hold that the "Wages of sin is DEATH," and Universalists, who deny future punishment altogether, or admit a restoration from it, are distinct classes of Christians, we now inform him of that fact. If he is not ignorant, then we have to say to him that no man sitting at the feet of Jesus learns there to misrepresent his brethren. And as to the diversity of opinions existing among those who advocate the views referred to, the same may be said of all denominations of Christians on one point or another; and the Romish Priests have not failed to hold up this fact to their people as an evidence that the Protestant Churches are wrong, while their Church is right, on account of its uniformity of belief." No "change of sentiment" with them, Doctor. If you wish immobility there it is for you; and if this "uniformity of belief" is evidence that those holding it are nearest right, we must yield the palm to Mother Church! Would it not be better, Doctor, to drop this kind of argument, come direct to the point, and see what "God the Lord will speak ?" He adds :-

"All this is introductory. I will now adduce the statements of the Word of God. It is declared in that Word that the wicked shall be 'cast into hell,' (Mark ix. 45); into the 'damnation of hell,' (Matt. xxiii. 33); into 'everlasting fire,' (Matt. xxv. 41); that in that state there will be 'weeping and gnashing of teeth,' (Matt. xxii. 13); for 'the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched,' (Mark ix. 46); that there they shall 'perish,') Luke xiii. 5); that the 'wrath of God will abide on them,' (John iii. 36); that they shall endure 'indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish,' (Rom. ii. 9); 'everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord,' (2 Thes. i. 9); the 'blackness of darkness forever,' (Jude 13); and that they shall have 'their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death,' where they shall be 'tormented day and night forever and ever,' (Rev. xx. 10, 'xxi. b.). These life of diately they a pass av

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