

tice, and goodness, should elect on any other principles than such as are *consistent* with those attributes?

11. And does not absolute or indiscriminate election *annul* the distinctions of good and evil, of virtue and vice?

12. Is, therefore, such election possible on the part of a Being who is infinitely wise, just, and good?

CHAP. VII.—*Of Regeneration, or the New Birth.*

1. Is not our *new* birth distinguished from our *first*, or natural birth, by being a *spiritual* birth?

2. Are we not *spiritually* born when we enter into covenant with God?

3. Do we not enter into covenant with God, through Christ, at our *Baptism*?

4. When the outward sign is duly accompanied with the inward grace, are we not then born (in the words of our Saviour, John iii. 5.) “of water and the Spirit?”

5. Does not our baptismal service accordingly declare that we *are* regenerated at our baptism?

6. Does it make any exception or reservation on that head?

7. Is not our new or spiritual birth, as well as our first or natural birth, an event which happens only *once* in our lives?

8. If, then, we believe in the doctrine of our Church, that the new birth takes place at *baptism*, can we believe that they who have been baptized according to the rites of our Church will be regenerated at any *other* period?

CHAP. VIII.—*Of Renovation.*

1. Though at our baptism we became regenerate, and were made the children “of God by adoption and grace.” does not the infirmity of our nature still require that we should *daily be renewed* by the same Spirit?—See Collect for Christmas Day.

2. Does the assistance which we thus receive from the Holy Spirit display itself by sensible impulses, or do we discover this assistance only from the *effects* which it produces?

3. Does not St. Paul describe the fruits of the Holy Spirit? And do not those fruits consist in *goodness and righteousness and truth*?—Eph. v. 9.

4. If we wish, then, to know whether we are assisted by the Holy Spirit, must we not examine whether we have attained to *goodness and righteousness and truth*?

5. And if we have *not* these fruits of the Spirit, is it not