

"of sterling worth—men who love virtue—men who under an humble exterior cherish the noblest principles; and, who, instead of judging others by appearance, know how to discover and honour the solid virtue which is often found under that common garb which is the lot of so many. Good men are like that melon on the wedding table—full of gold within, though with an ordinary rind. Be you such—let the little trick which gave such amusement to the company, be a salutary instruction for yourselves. Return now to the company. I am an old man, and not able to sit long after dinner." So saying, and putting his pipe in his mouth, he rose and took a walk in his garden.

But he was soon interrupted by Mrs. Mayfield, who came up to him with the tear standing in her eyes. "Oh," said he, "I know what you are about—don't say one word. To what purpose have I hoarded up wealth—why has God blessed my industry—if I am not to bestow my favours on deserving objects? Beneficence is the purest happiness."

For a moment Mrs. Mayfield was silent. She was deeply affected.

"How wonderful," said she, "are the ways of Providence. What great good has come to us from that melon—the birth-day present of my dear Teresa. Not even the slightest good act passes without its fruits. But as there is on earth one good man who discovered and rewarded an humble good act—so is there above us, One whom nothing can escape, who is rich enough to reward the virtuous—who often treasures up for the children the merits of their parents, and whose richest crowns are reserved for eternity. May that universal Father reward your kindness! I can never sufficiently testify my gratitude."

"No more now," said Mr. True. "What I gave was but a slight remuneration for the services of your husband, and of the past and future services of your son-in-law. Even the filial love of Teresa, for an old man like me, richly deserved what she has got. But I am an uncourteous host to be rambling up and down here, while my guests are at table. Come, let us go in."

As they were going in, the young couple met them, and Mr. True, taking their hands, said, "Be always as virtuous as you have been—place your trust in God—love each other for ever, and you will always be happy; even though instead of the melon, you had but potatoes, and but cabbages, instead of the gold."

The whole company rose as Mr. True entered. He ordered his best Rhemish wine. "Come," said he, "we were forgetting to eat our melon. Fill your glasses. Fill up—and drink to the welfare of the good and modest Teresa, and of the man who

knew how to prize her worth." All filled and drank. Mr. True was then toasted; and the whole hall rung with the acclamation. "Hail to generosity and gratitude—to love and friendship, and to every noble and virtuous principle! God's best blessings on all good men, and on every generous soul on earth!"

A CHARITABLE APPEAL

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

In favour of the doctrines of

The Catholic Church.

"Return back to judgment."—DAN. xxxi. 49.

"To the law and to the testimony."—ISAIA viii. 20.

NOTE. The scriptural quotations by which this appeal is enforced, are taken from the Protestant Bible.

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Now, it is evident, that this promise, which our Saviour made to his apostles, to be with them at all times, and to assist their ministry from heaven till the world shall end, did not regard only the apostles, because they were not to live to the end of the world; but the promise also reaches to their successors, the pastors of the Church, who have succeeded the apostles in their function, jurisdiction, and office of teaching the faith and worship of Christ to all nations: For, to those who were sent to teach all nations, the promise is here evidently made: but these can be no other than the bishops and pastors of the Roman Catholic Church; because they are the only apostolical men, next to the apostles, that have effectually preached the gospel of Christ to all nations, and converted all the idolaters that have hitherto been converted: if, then, the apostles were infallible by virtue of this promise of Christ, it follows that the Church, in all ages since, has been infallible, by virtue of the same promise; and, moreover, that the Church of Rome is this infallible Church.

3. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth." John xiv. 16.

4. "Howbeit, when he the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth." John xvi. 13.

It is true, the Holy Ghost was given and sent, not only to the apostles, but to the faithful in general for their sanctification. But here we may remark, that this divine guest is peculiarly promised to the apostles, by the name of the Spirit of Truth; to signify, that they being appointed pastors of the Church, were to receive a peculiar gift of teaching all truth, as it is contrary to heresy and pernicious errors; and by this means, as is by all