

**The Character of the Lord Jesus.**

THIS world never saw but one character in whom all the varieties of intellectual and moral greatness centered, blending in that divine and ravishing harmony which may be termed the music of the soul. There never was but one who reconciled the extremes of universal excellence ; in whom the vastest intellect and the most tender sensibility—the calmest judgment and the keenest feelings co-existed—without disturbing one another : in whom magnanimity was not tinctured with pride : in whom humility was never meanness : whose charity was never consumed by the fierce fire of zeal, nor an honest zeal damped by the excess of charity ; whose pity for the wretched never mitigated abhorrence of vice, nor the sternest regard for the majesty of truth deminished the most touching compassion for human frailty ; in a word in whom greatness and lowliness, courage and fortitude, zeal and patience, incorruptible truth, and more than human gentleness and a thousand opposite virtues more were divinely attempered ; uniting the various rays of moral excellence in one glorious emanation of wisdom and love. That Character was Jesus Christ, in whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead : and whose humanity was but a veil through which streamed in softened radiance, the otherwise insufferable effulgence of Deity. Any merely human character approximates towards perfection just as he approaches this great example ; and by it we may safely take the measurement and proportions of any given specimen of human excellence."

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**Factories Bill.**

IN the House of Commons, Sir James Graham made a statement, explanatory of the feelings which have induced the Government not to press the educational clauses of the Factories' Bill during the present session.—The powerful hostility of the Dissenters to the clauses, as they originally stood, had induced him to endeavour, by modification, to make them more acceptable, an attempt which had entirely failed. Seeing therefore, that the hostility of the Dissenters remained unabated, and that the Church, though it had acquiesced, did not give the measure its cordial support, and feeling that though the Bill could be carried, yet that without general concord and co-operation, it would be practically a defeat, and worse than inoperative, inasmuch as it would engender strife and animosity, the Government had come to the resolution of withdrawing the clauses relating to education.

Dissenters may well rejoice that they have defeated a measure calcula-