

ARTICLES OF CREED.—Creeds are unfriendly to the acquisition of Christian knowledge, because they take divine truth out its biblical connection, throw it into scholastic forms—substitute abstract propositions as disputable, as they are philosophical, for plain practical law, and interfere with the varied operations of different minds, by forcing, unity of sentiment at the expence of free enquiry.

CECIL.—Whatever descriptions men have given of Religion, I can find none so accurately descriptive of it as this, that it is such a belief of the Bible as maintains a living influence on the heart. Men may speculate, criticise, admire, dispute about, doubt or believe the Bible; but the RELIGIOUS MAN is such, because he so believes it as to carry habitually a practical sense of its truths on his mind.

SLEEPING IN JESUS.

Asleep in Jesus ! blessed sleep !
 From which none ever wakes to weep :
 A calm and undisturb'd repose,
 Unbroken by the last of foes.

Asleep in Jesus ! oh ! how sweet,
 To be for such a slumber meet :
 With holy confidence to sing,
 That death has lost his venom'd sting.

Asleep in Jesus ! peaceful rest,
 Whose waking is supremely blest !
 No fear, no woe—shall dim that hour,
 That manifests the Saviour's pow'r.

Asleep in Jesus ! oh for me,
 May such a blissful refuge be !
 Securely shall my ashes lie,
 Waiting the summons from on high !

Asleep in Jesus ! time nor space,
 Debars this precious " hiding place ;"
 On Indian plains, or Lapland snows,
 Believers find the same repose.

Asleep in Jesus ! far from thee,
 Thy kindred and their graves may be :
 But thine is still a blessed sleep,
 From which none ever wakes to weep !