

IV. MAN AND SIN.

16. *What is man?*

Man is a rational and moral being, created and called to be the child of God.

17. *What value has God put upon man?*

God made man to have dominion over the works of His hand, and, as Christ died for every man, every one is of infinite value to God the Father.

18. *Is man morally free?*

Man, though weak, is free to choose the ends for which he shall live, to do or disobey the will of God, and is responsible for the same.

19. *What does Conscience do?*

Conscience shews the sense of right and wrong written in the heart, approves or condemns according as a man is true or false to the light within, the voice of God, or the standard of duty.

20. *What is the sum of God's law for man?*

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart—and thy neighbour as thyself." (Matt. xxii. 37-39.)

21. *What is sin, and wherein does it lie?*

Sin is doing wrong when we know what is right, is failure to do and to be what God requires of us, and in general is selfishness and lawlessness; and it lies in any desire, or thought, as well as in any word or deed, contrary to the good will of God.

22. *What are the effects of sin?*

Sin separates us from God, wounds His love, incurs His just displeasure, corrupts our nature, and injures our neighbours and our children after us.

23. *How are the effects of sin shewn?*

They are shewn in shame, misery, degradation and loss of inward power, and will be fully disclosed in the day of judgment.

24. *What purpose are the effects of sin meant to serve?*

They are meant to correct and teach us to do better, and to warn others against like wrong-doing.