

christian world; "and being warned of God in a dream that they should not return unto Herod, they departed into their own country by another way." The defeat of Herod's wicked designs upon the life of our Saviour, as well as the failure of all other human devices to overthrow the merciful intentions of God in sending a Redeemer into the world, is foretold in the second Psalm. Find it Elizabeth, and read the first four verses.

*Elizabeth.*—"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?"

"The Kings of the earth set themselves, and the Rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying

"Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in derision."

*Mrs. Arnold.*—It is scarcely possible for words to express more plainly the hopelessness and folly of all attempts that ever have been made or that ever can be made, to destroy the religion of Jesus Christ. Whole nations may deny its truth, and Kings and Rulers may join together to undermine it by treachery, or to injure and weaken it by violence—its friends may be discouraged by people in power, and its enemies may be received and cherished so that all its earthly strongholds may seem to fail, but "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in derision"; and this is not all that is threatened against the enemies of our Saviour in this Psalm; read, Catherine, the fifth and sixth verses.

*Catherine.*—"Then shall he speak to them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure.