

bereaved parent, full of grief on account of having recently had to follow a beloved infant to the silent grave? Dry up your tears. Your little one is "taken from the evil to come." Prepare, O prepare, to meet its emancipated spirit before the throne of God. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" W. W.

THE SPIRITUAL MERCHANT.

Sketch, by Mr. Samuel Medley. Preached on Wednesday, Oct. 29th, 1777.

"For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold."—Prov. iii. 14.

From this we propose,

I. To consider the Christian under the character of a merchant, and show how he answers to that character.

1. A merchant is and must be a *living man*.

2. He must be a *diligent man*.

3. He must be a man of punctuality and dispatch.

4. He must be constant and regular in his correspondence.

5. He must know and be attentive to the state of his affairs.

6. He is a man of a truly honorable calling.

7. He is a man of a very useful calling.

8. He must prepare for and expect to meet losses.

II. To consider the articles of his trade.

1. He trades in gold; by which we may understand the love and grace of God.

2. He trades in jewels and pearls; or the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and all his gracious and glorious blessings and benefits.

3. He trades in wine and oil; or the sweet and gracious influences and comforts of the Holy Ghost.

4. He trades in pleasant fruits; or the sweet and soul-refreshing blessings of the Gospel of Christ.

5. He trades in fine linen and goodly apparel, which is the righteousness of the saints.

6. He trades in arms and ammunition, even the whole armor of God.

7. He trades in rich and pleasant spices; or the duties, walk, and practice of evangelical holiness.

III. The stock he trades with.

1. With the love of Christ, which is unchangeable.

2. With the power of Christ which is omnipotent and invincible.