

Isaiah,* we find that He, who, in Acts is termed the Holy Ghost, is in Isaiah termed the Lord; from which it is plain that the Holy Ghost is the Lord, and that, while Isaiah speaks simply of God, Paul particularises that person of the Godhead by whom the prophet was commissioned. But further, there is something very remarkable in these words of the Holy Spirit, as related by Isaiah—"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us," which, if they do not directly point out, yet distinctly recognize the plurality of persons in the Godhead. They seem indeed clearly to indicate that, while the Holy Spirit was the agent, he was acting for the Godhead.

I have been thus particular in endeavouring to demonstrate the Godhead of the Spirit, that we may have the most exalted idea of Him, who is our comforter, and of the privileges of the dispensation under which we live,—which is the ministration of the Spirit. This most glorious being possessed of all the power, as well as of all the goodness of God, though invisible to the eye of sense, is ever present in the church, over which he watches with the most assiduous care, which he protects by his power, directs by his counsel, and comforts with his felt presence, bestowing upon believers the tenderest tokens of his regard, enlarging their hearts with the love of God, conferring upon them a foretaste of the joys of heaven, even upon earth, and filling their souls sometimes with rapture at the prospect of the heavenly glory, when they shall see God's face, and be made like him, and no cloud of sin shall ever more interpose between their souls and him; when the light of his countenance shall ever shine upon them, and no care or grief shall ever intrude to interrupt or diminish the happiness that shall for ever reign throughout the numerous mansions of our Father's house.

THE UNSPEAKABLE ADVANTAGES OF THIS MINISTRATION
OF THE SPIRIT.

With such a comforter, glorious in majesty, infinite in wisdom, and goodness, and power, well might the

* Isaiah vi. 8. 9.