

15. Has not St. Paul also declared that God will render to every man according to his deeds?—Rom. ii. 6.

16. Does not St. James ask the question—Can faith save us? And does he not himself answer the question, by saying that “faith, if it hath not works, is dead?”—James ii. 14. 17.

CHAP. VI.—Of Predestination.

Does not the Seventeenth Article enumerate various qualities as belonging to those persons who are predestined to everlasting life?

2. Is it not one of those qualities, that “they walk religiously in good works?”

3. Is not, therefore, the walking religiously in good works, a *criterion* by which they who are predestined to eternal life may be distinguished from those who are *not* so predestined?

4. Does not our Saviour declare that we shall be known by our *works*, as a tree is known by its *fruit*?—Matt. vii. 16—21; xii. 33—35. Luke vi. 43. 45.

5. Does not St. Peter declare that we are elect according to the foreknowledge of God, unto *obedience*? 1. Pet. i. 2.

6. Is it not, therefore, a contradiction, both to Scripture and to the Seventeenth Article, to assert that the decrees of God are *absolute*? or that election on the part of *God* has no reference to foreseen good conduct on the part of *man*?

7. If we believe that, in respect to a future state, neither our good conduct can excite any reasonable hope, nor our bad conduct any reasonable fear, is there any thing beyond the dread of *temporal* punishment to deter us from the commission of crimes?

8. Is not the law of God (which, when rightly understood, affords us an *additional sanction* to the law of man) so perverted by such a belief, as to become the means of *counteracting* the law of man?

9. Is not such a belief *injurious* also to the *individual*, as well as to society, by exciting ungrounded hopes in the confident hypocrite, and driving modest virtue to despair.

10. Though the Creator is not accountable to the creature, and his will alone determines *who* shall be elected to eternal life, is it credible that a Being of infinite wisdom, jus-