

an intercessor respecting whose knowledge of our wants, and whose intuition into the recesses of our heart, there can be no such difference of opinion. And this speculative enquiry may be answered by reference to another text book, (Rom. viii. 29.) This speculative enquiry is suggestive of a very natural reflection—viz.: that if the departed saints, whether literally or spiritually, have (*now*) the privilege of reigning with Christ, and apprehending the perfection of His alone intercession, they will behold such an amplitude of infinite merit and infinite satisfaction in that alone intercession, they will the rather veil their faces, and imitate the office of the seraphims, than that of the intercessor.

"And each one had six wings, and with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly; and one cried unto another and said: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory." (Is. vi.)

Again, referring to the pamphlet (page 90,) some notice is given as to the dates of the authorities cited, and the circumstance of their belonging to the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, is stated as supplemental to the importance already allotted them, and also as the Provost informs us, for the special purpose of silencing the "*miserable cant*" of those who have taken exception to his doctrine. This additament to his case will give little advantage to him, while it affords to me the opportunity of bringing into the field a writer of no mean degree, the author of the celebrated work the "*Clavis Apocalyptica*." Mr. Joseph Mede, Fellow of Cambridge University, died Oct. 1, 1638. Turning to the pages of this immortal work, I find "the profoundly learned and pious" author far antedates my sketch of the origin of intercession of saints, since he goes back to the first monarchs of Assyria and Phœnicia, and gives much valuable information respecting the Balaam gods so frequently mentioned in Scripture, who derived their origin from Baal, Belus, or Bel, the first king of Babel after Nimrod, and the