

THE MOST REV. DR. JAMES BUTLER'S
SHORT CATECHISM.

LESSON I.

ON GOD AND THE THREE DIVINE PERSONS.

Q. Who made the world?

A. God.

Q. Who is God?

A. The Creator and sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, and of all things.

Q. How many Gods are there?

A. There is but one God, who will reward the good, and punish the wicked.

Q. How many persons are there in God?

A. Three divine persons, really distinct, and equal in all things.

Q. How do you call the three divine persons?

A. The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Q. Is the Father God?

A. Yes; the Father is God, and the first person of the blessed Trinity.

Q. Is the Son God?

A. Yes; the Son is God, and the second person of the blessed Trinity.

Q. Is the Holy Ghost God?

A. Yes; the Holy Ghost is God, and the third person of the blessed Trinity.

Q. What means the blessed Trinity?

A. One God in three divine persons.

Q. Are the three divine persons three Gods?

A. No; they are only one God, having but one and the same divine nature; and they are from eternity.