

conscience is bad, and communion by the Holy Ghost is interrupted. But our chapter leads us further into this.

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*(To be continued, D. V.)*

## THE EXERCISES AND END OF GRACE.

JOHN XX.

It is remarkable the instruments God uses to display His grace towards man, and the different exercises of heart persons go through, which prepare them for the service on which they are to be sent. There is a loneliness which may even be occasioned by a man's own folly, in which he finds himself without a single thing to get comfort in, that he may prove that to be in the Lord which he would not know in any other way.

God cannot associate Himself with evil. There must be death upon nature altogether. The corn of wheat would have remained alone without death. Christ was alone as to Himself; comforters He had none. "I looked for some to take pity, but found none." "They gave me gall for my meat, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." (Psa. lxix. 20 and 11.) These are expressions of this loneliness. He was walking in undeviating devotedness with His Father all the way through; but there was none to enter into it, though, speaking of His disciples, He graciously says, "Ye are they that have continued with me in my temptations."