

sage, sometimes to an exposition of a considerable portion of Scripture: the whole attended, as much as possible, with familiar illustration, and with pointed, practical, and frequently homely application to grown persons and to children, as the subject may suggest.*

This course has been adopted by the Author, as the nearest approach he could make to what appears to have been intended by the Church. He begun it as a simple matter of obedience; and apparently at first with but little acceptability and little success. His ability has, however, augmented with practice, and the exercise has become more attractive and interesting. It will be seen from the foregoing sketch, that it affords a variety which in a sermon is out of the question; and one advantage, at least, is, that persons seldom are drowsy at the catechising. In deed, persons in different ranks have expressed their great obligation to that simple exercise, in making them acquainted with the rudiments of Christian knowledge and details of Christian

* The Author's practice has been to catechise without notes, or at least with very brief ones; but this has arisen solely from pressure of engagement: otherwise, he would have written the greater part of what he had to say.