

of a letter from his father, with a clause which he could only understand in a sense that made his father say what he felt to be wholly unworthy of him, and what he knew to be utterly alien from his spirit and character, would unhesitatingly refuse to receive it as his father's word, assured that there must be some different and more satisfactory reading of it, though at present not obvious to him, and resolving to let the clause lie unexplained, until it might yield him, on future inspection, its true import, or until he could see the author of the communication, and ask him about it.

Now we know, without my staying to describe it, what the popular opinion is, concerning the Hell of which Christ speaks ; and I must need begin by repudiating it, under the constraint, the irresistible constraint of the conviction, that it is diametrically opposed to all that He has shown, and told us, of God ; that it contravenes entirely the revelation which He has brought to us of the Father. I do not, however, acknowledge that there is that powerful countenance of it in the text, which has been claimed for it, or that it would have been difficult to derive from thence anything besides. I believe, on the con-

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