

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

LESSON I.

ON GOD AND THE THREE DIVINE PERSONS.

Question. Who made the world ?

Answer. 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.