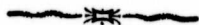


whatever may happen, that the evil as well as the good may work for it,

I am, dear —, as ever

Your very sincerely affectionate,

T. A. P.



CHRISTIAN CHARACTER. —The courage, patience, firmness and zeal of a Christian are a perfectly distinct order of character from the courage, firmness, patience and zeal of a natural man—self-confidence, self-glory, self-preservation, self-exaltation, are the essential principles of one ; confidence in God, self-renunciation, subjection to God, glory to God, abasement of self, being essential principles of the other. So that the essential principles that formed the character of Paul as a natural man were destroyed through the cross, in order that his soul should imbibe the life of Christ, which was the principle that formed his character as a Christian, “I am crucified with Christ ; nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” Though Christ was a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered. In any instance that we give up our own will, without sacrificing conscience, we are gainers. If but my dog exercises my patience, and makes me yield my will, he is a blessing to me. Christ never willed anything but what was good and holy ; yet how often was His will thwarted, how often hindered in designs of good !