

JOHN VI., 53,

"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you."

THERE were many words spoken by our blessed Lord which were so novel in their character and so deeply spiritual in their meaning, that they were immediately rejected by the majority of those who heard them. The Jews were still living under the rule of the ceremonial law, and saw not how all the observances of the Old Testament dispensation pointed to and had their fulfilment, in the person of Christ. The nail was upon their hearts even as it is now. Not that this adherence to the religion of their forefathers and their consequent rejection of the arguments and entreaties made by Christ was a justification of their conduct. Their want of candour in examining the claims of the Messiah and their continued perversion of all that had been written in the Scriptures, left them without excuse, and they shall stand hereafter in the presence of their Judge, condemned by that very evidence which they once spurned and rejected. "The word which Jesus spoke unto them, the same shall judge them at the last day." Christ would have gathered them even as a hen doth her chickens under her wings but they would not.