

THE CHILD'S BIBLE EXPOSITOR.

NUMBER XV.

Lesson from the thirteenth to the eighteenth verse of the fifth chapter of St. Matthew.

Mrs. Arnold.—To those persons who profess to follow him and to live according to his laws, our Saviour says, “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” In order to understand properly those impressive words, we must consider to what use salt is applied, and how very badly we should be off without it. You all know that salt is used to preserve and purify things that would perish in their own corruption if they were not salted; it is used to season a great deal of our food, which we should find very tasteless and insipid if we had no such seasoning for it. You have probably never thought of its value from never having been exposed to the discomfort of not having it within your reach; but there are very few of the articles in daily use which you would miss so much, if they were taken away from you. When I was a child, I lived in a part of Canada which was, at some seasons, quite inaccessible, from the badness of the roads, and as we depended upon distant places for our supplies of many