

father, who having sedulously trained up his little charges in the pure principles of virtue and godliness; long beholds them bringing forth correspondent fruit, and exercising their talents in happy subserviency to God and religion: having, late in time, "passed before them on the journey of life," he will, in that day, when "many shall arise to everlasting contempt," be enabled with confidence to present himself before the throne of the Almighty Judge, and rapturously exclaim in the language of Jacob: Here lord I am, and the children which thou hast given me.

Let us strive then, my brethren, by a proper attention to our own and our families, spiritual interests, to secure for ourselves a like enviable and "abundant entrance into the kingdom of God." Let us, "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God;" endeavour so to husband the portions of his heritage, which may severally be committed to our keeping, that when our Lord shall demand an account of us, we may not be found unfaithful. Let us strive to "rule our houses and our children well," to store their young minds with the true wisdom the Gospel teaches; not doubting, but that our humble endeavours will be crowned with success, and the fruit which was formed upon earth, be, one day, gathered fully ripe into the garner of heaven. G. S.

ON THE CREED.

No. IV.

1 Cor. i 23.—*We preach Christ crucified.*

THE doctrine of the Incarnation was considered in our last; and we are now to shew that *Christ Jesus* having been made in the likeness of men—became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

The fact of our Saviour's sufferings and crucifixion need not be much insisted upon; for the Jews do not deny it—the heathen attest to it—and all contemporary Christians confirm it. The rulers of the Jews exulted, with a barbarous malignity, in the cruel death of him whom they frequently, though ineffectually, sought to kill;* the heathen adduced the ignominious death of the

* The Jews denominate our Saviour by a name which denotes the *hanged*. The testimony of *Josephus*, Antiq. xviii. 3. 3. well supported by Dr. Collyer and others, seems triumphantly vindicated as genuine in *Horne's Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures*, vol. ii 307.