

to them—to 'renounce' and give up what is wrong, as bidden by John Baptist (Matt. iii.), and after example of our Lord (Matt. iv.) ?

(b) Our second promise—to believe all the articles of the Christian Faith. (See p. 8.) God has laid down a certain path of definite religious Faith—are we resolved to walk in it ?

(c) Thirdly we promised to obey God's holy will and commandments. See the Ten Commandments (Exodus xx.), the Sermon on the Mount (S. Matt. v., vi., vii.) etc., etc. In the Bible and through the promptings of conscience we are pointed to a definite path of duty to God above and man below. Are we resolved to walk in this path ? Whether we accept it or no, it is our duty and high privilege. Only in obedience to God's Holy Will and Commandments can we live a true and beautiful life.

THE PRIVILEGES OF BAPTISM

In Baptism we were made (a) members of Christ (1 Cor. xii. 12, 27.) (b) Children of God (Gal. iii. 26, 27), (c) Inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven (Rom. viii. 17.) What does this mean ? That God, instead of letting us wander in darkness, placed us in the light—that instead of a bad start with all against us, He gave us a good one with much to help us : that He adopted us into His Family—the Church, and allowed us to grow up amid the blessed influences of the Divine Home. And although we may have not appreciated or used these privileges—although we may have gone into a 'far country,' we need not despair. We still belong to the Divine Family, and can say "I will arise and go to my Father."

It is one thing to have been granted an inheritance, and