

and hid not his face from shame and spitting." Are we then, it may be asked, to reject riches, to renounce the world and to court persecution? By no means. But what he despised it ill becomes us immoderately to desire; what he avoided, we need not seek, what he submitted to, we may patiently endure.

Let us then endeavour to pursue, though at a humble distance, the lowly steps of our great Master and Redeemer, ever keeping in view the vanity of all human distinctions and remembering that the great and the low, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned must go down together to the grave, must all stand upon a level in that day when many of the poor and the humble "shall be filled with good things" and many of the rich and the proud "shall be sent empty away."

ESSAY ON THE CATECHISM.*

If we examine the evidence of the scriptures, we shall find that the instruction of children by catechizing is enjoined in the most positive terms by God himself—"And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house." "Train up a child (or as it is in the marginal translation *catechise*) a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." And St. Paul says, in his Epistle to the Ephesians, "ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." That this custom was practised by pious men in all ages is equally evident. The Lord himself says of Abraham "for I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment"—"And thou Solomon my Son (says David) know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts; if thou seek him he will be found of thee, but if thou forsake him he will cast thee off for ever"—"I call to remembrance (says St. Paul to Tim.) the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." Josephus informs us that the Jews were particularly careful to have their children instructed in the law, and had a teacher in every village called an instructor

* Our Clerical Readers will readily perceive that this Essay is a compilation from the works of some of our most able Divines, in which a free use is made even of their language.