

## Maxims for Servants.

I.

Remembering that God, as sovereign master, has the first claim to your service; never neglect the duties of your holy religion, however occupied or embarrassed with your various employments.

II.

Be ever obedient and docile to your masters; fulfil instantly their lawful commands with cheerfulness and good humour, never murmuring, whatever pain you feel in their execution.

III.

Never leave your work unfinished, in the hope that your fellow-servants will perform it for you, because you are only paid, and clothed, and fed by your masters to do their business.

IV.

Restrain your tongue; speak little, and inviolably keep the secrets of the family—it would be a great crime to betray them.

V.

Avoid lying and dissimulation; it is a detestable habit; no one is willing to trust a person addicted to it; always speak candidly and ingenuously.

VI.

Make a positive rule with yourself never to curse, swear, or use any sort of imprecation; this abominable custom sooner or later draws down on its votaries the vengeance of the Most High.

VII.

Strive "to please all in our Lord;" and when it is impossible for you to render them the service they require, let the sweetness and charity of your excuse, supply, in some sort, the defect.

VIII.

Patiently bear with the faults, vicious habits, and peevish humours of your

fellow-servants, knowing that you yourself are not without faults; never do or say any thing that may irritate or provoke them.

IX.

As with the good we become good, and with the wicked perverted; fly the company of the vicious and disorderly; never cultivate the friendship or acquaintance of any one who is not prudent and religious.

X.

Fly the society of libertines—avoid the conversation of persons of the sex; both are attended with great danger, and may be your eternal loss.

XI.

Complain not of your fellow-servants unless charity and religion require it; square all your actions by the golden rule, of doing as you would be done by. I have often remarked, that God permits us to be treated, as we treat others.

XII.

Acquit yourself with great fidelity of every pecuniary commission: if it be sinful to injure any person in his property, how much more so must it not be, to steal from one's master, to waste his goods, to expend his money carelessly, or, if a thing happens to cost less than he supposed, to keep the overplus in one's pocket?

XIII.

Never frequent taverns or public houses; they are the ruin of Christian souls; never mispend your time in idle games, such as dicing, playing at cards, &c.; these have brought many to destruction.

XIV.

In fine, my son, never forget that "it avails nothing to gain the whole world at the risk of your soul," that you were made for eternity, and that nothing is worth a sigh, but what is to last for ever.