

should be holy and without blemish. Ephes. 5, 27.

The wheels are also likened in Chapter 19, verse 2, to the *Chrysolite* stone ; which is of a gold, or flame colour, mixed with green ; the emblem of Faith, Hope and Charity ; of Faith, the beginning, or green spring of righteousness ; which begets the hope of reaping, when matured in the summer heat, or divine fire of charity the harvest of good works.

And when the living creatures went, the wheels also went together with them. And when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were also lifted up with them. Whithersoever the spirit went, thither, as the spirit went, the wheels also were lifted up withal, and followed it : for the spirit of life was in the wheels.

When those went, these went : and when those stood, these stood : and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels also were lifted up together, and followed them : for the spirit of life was in the wheels.

The going of the wheels shews the progress ; the lifting up of them, the taking away of the Gospel, or the faith ; from the unworthy ; all under the immediate influence and direction of the enlivening spirit of God, the Holy Ghost, who abides in them.

And over the heads of the living creatures was the likeness of the firmament, as the appearance of chrystal, terrible to behold : and stretched out over their heads above. And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one towards the other. Every one with two wings covered their body ; and the other was covered in like manner.

The firmament over their heads is heaven, the apt of their flight : pure, as the purest Crystal, for nothing unclean can enter there : terrible therefore to conscious guilt. Straight towards it are their wings stretched out, but still under it during their earthly career.

And I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters : as it were the voice of the most high God. When they walked it was like the noise of a multitude : like the noise of an army. And when they stood, their wings were let down.

The noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters ; is the sound of their preaching Baptism and the remission of sins. For in the many waters of Baptism, their sound is heard, proclaiming, on their far and wide extending flight, the cleansing from sin in the name of the most High God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. For, as the Psalmist sings : *their sound has gone forth unto all the earth : and their words to the ends thereof.* Ps. 18, 5.

As it were the voice of the most High God.

As such the Saviour commands all to hear their voice. *He, who hears you, says he, hears me : and he, who despises you, despises me : and he who despises me, despises him who sent me.* Luke 10, 16.

When they walked it was like the noise of a multitude.

It was indeed like the voice of all generations, professing the same faith for upwards of eighteen hundred years : such a multitude as no other church, but the Catholic can boast of.

Like the noise of an army.

A well disciplined one, trained to victory by sufferings and martyrdom : all marching under one head ; hearing and obeying the orders and directions of their several leaders ; and bidding defiance to all their enemies. Such Balaam was forced to proclaim her figure, the orderly lamp of Israel. Such is she, that Church, the spouse of Christ, described in the Cantic of Canticles. Ch. 6, v. 9.

Who is she, that cometh forth as the morning : rising fair as the moon ; bright as the sun : terrible as an army in battle array. Say, what force has ever prevailed against her supernatural might ? What heresy has ever kept its ground before her ?

The letting down of their wings denotes the fixed establishment of the faith in any place, where the voice of God commands it to tarry ; as indicated by the following verse : *For, when a voice came from above the firmament that was over their heads ; they stood and let down their wings.*

And above the firmament that was over their heads, was the likeness of a throne ; as the appearance of the sapphire stone : and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness of the appearance of a man upon it.

Over the whole appears the emblematic throne of the Redeemer ; who promised to be himself with his Church, her *High Priest* for ever, according to the order of Melchisedech. In her he is daily seen offered up upon her altars ; or resting on his mercy seat in her tabernacles, and attended by the living Cherubim ; prefigured by the Jewish Tabernacle and golden Cherubim ; which stretched out their wings over the *Holy of Holies* ; where the *shew bread*, and *Loaves of proposition* ; the *manna* and *wafers of fine flour*, styled, the *holiest of holy oblations*, were constantly kept. all a most striking type and resemblance of the real manna and true bread from Heaven, kept in the universal Tabernacle of the Messiah's universal Church ; in which all the legal figures are fulfilled, and finally terminate in the reality.

The Throne is most appropriately likened to the sapphire stone, the colour of which is a celestial blue.

The Amber and fire round about, and without and within, &c. indicate, as we observed above, the just on earth, dwelling in the sacred fire that incircles the mystic cloud.

And the appearance of the rainbow, when it is in a cloud on a rainy day : this was the appearance of the brightness round about.

The rainbow was the token of God's alliance with the just Noah, (the regenerating Father through water of the human race,) and of the offended Deity's reconciliation with man : appointed to remind us in rainy weather that God had solemnly promised never more to destroy our race by water. In the new covenant of mercy and grace, which God makes with the prefigured Noah, Jesus Christ ; (the Saviour also, and regenerator by water of our race ;) Baptism, the mystical rainbow, and showery sign of cleansing grace, is set up by the Deity as the token of his perfect reconciliation with us, on account of the supremely just one of

our kind ; the *Man-God* ; with whom, as man, the covenant was made in behalf of his spiritual progeny. The rainbow is the most appropriate emblem of Messiah's merciful dispensation ; and the fittest glory to encircle his throne on earth ; where all his followers, like the followers of Moses, still live and wander under the cloud.

ON CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION.

It is acknowledged by all that nothing happens but by the will, or permission of God ; whose omniscience foresees ; whose omnipotence controls ; and whose wisdom infinite directs every thing towards his own just and merciful purposes. And yet, how few, in their historical details and descriptions of public events ; even of such as affect the general state of mankind ; ever notice what is clearly manifested in the rational observer, the *finger of God*, and the designs of his all-knowing, superintending and disposing Providence.

Of the many wonderful events, which have taken place in these our days ; and which must render the present age a most remarkable one in history ; we shall single out but one ; an important one indeed ; which has claimed in a political ; but which claims still more in a religious sense, the attentive consideration of mankind : I mean CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION. On this subject we shall call the attention of our readers to some interesting particulars ; which, though strikingly obvious, seem to have escaped the general observation.

The Catholic religion has, as every one knows, been, for these three hundred years past, the object of persecution in the British dominions : the causes of which persecution, as impartial history shews, were, in England, her uncompromising nature with the criminal propensities of a proud, cruel and libidinous tyrant : the envied wealth of her establishment ; though wholly expended for the benefit of the public : the jealousy of a bratard Queen ; and the eager efforts of a hungry and time-serving crew of dogmatizing adventurers to get themselves substituted in the room of the ancient Clergy, the sole successors of the Apostles. In other countries the same effect was produced by rebellion, and the usurpation of Church property by the great ; and the general proneness of the ignorant multitude to throw off the yoke of faith and moral discipline ; and adopt the LIBERAL PRINCIPLES of their mock reformers ; preached up to them as the *liberty of the children of God*, the equal liberty granted to every one, of judging and acting according to his own caprice. It is of these seducers that Saint Peter prophesies thus : *promising them liberty, whereas they themselves are the slaves of corruption.*—2 Peter ii. 19.

Such were in sum the unhallowed causes of the cruel and long enduring persecution commenced in England and other countries against the Catholic Church. With what lying misrepresentation of her doctrine did they not unceasingly in their books and preachings endeavor to blind the public, and indispose them against the venerable religion of their ancestors ; in order to get their own whimsical systems established in its stead : till at last they