

submission to the will of God, and charity and forgiveness to each other, amid the various competitions of worldly interest. In a word, on the competition between time and eternity, depends the chief exercise of human virtue; and the obscurity which at present hangs over eternal objects, preserves the competition.

'I acknowledge, said the inhabitant of Herschel, 'I adore the Supreme Wisdom in this admirable plan. I perceive also that the inequality between men is only seeming disorder; that it serves to increase their opportunities of exercising virtue, and to conduct them, by degrees, to a state of perfection and felicity.'—'The Divine Goodness,' resumed the angel, 'hath established a just balance between the necessities of his creatures, and the assistance he affordeth them. It is necessary to remind men often of their primitive equality and their glorious destination: a wise and excellent institution has accomplished this double end. Follow me: let us enter that spacious structure, whence sacred hymns ascend, and so many mortals are assembled. There, the children of dust repeat the songs of celestial spirits, which inspire the sublime idea that they are equal by nature, being all created for eternity. Here, all distinctions are annihilated. The sovereign and the subject, the powerful

and the weak, adopt the same language, aspire to the same good, and cherish the same hopes. To the sovereign, the preacher declares, that the King of Kings is his Judge; and to the oppressed, that the Omnipotent is his Protector. The great are reminded that they are mortal; and the unfortunate, that there is another life after death: Here, the rich perceive the poor, and recollect that all men are brethren. Here, the weeping widow addresses her prayers to the Father of Orphans, and her grief subsides. Observe that blind man; his heart is susceptible of joy: he hears that his present darkness is temporary, and that the light of Heaven will be his everlasting portion. Behold his companion, his guide to the temple: he is still more to be pitied: he laments the inconstancy of a friend; but he learns, that the God whom he adores, loves all his creatures. This idea fortifies his heart, dispels his sorrows, soothes every anxious thought, and his tears are no longer the tears of bitterness and grief.'

The bells of a neighbouring steeple interrupted my dream and my sleep: they awoke me to the duties of the day. I instantly rose, and prostrating myself before the Divine Majesty, uttered the effusions of a devout and grateful heart.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ANECDOTES.

THE memory of Queen Caroline is revered for the excellence of her domestic character. As a mother, she shone in a conspicuous manner, by the attention which she paid to cultivating the dispositions of her children. Of her Majesty's superior talent for that tender office, of her adroitness in seizing the happy moment to instil virtuous principles, the following anecdote records an instance, which ought never to be forgotten. The Princess Royal was accustomed, at going to rest, to employ one of the ladies of the Court in reading aloud to her, till she should drop asleep. It happened, one evening, that the lady who was appointed to perform this office, being indisposed, could not, without great inconvenience, endure the fatigue of standing; yet the Princess was inattentive to her situation, and suffered her to continue reading till she fell down in a swoon. The Queen was informed of this the next morning. Her Majesty said nothing upon the subject; but at night,

when she was in bed, sent for the Princess, and saying that she wished to be lulled to rest, commanded her Royal Highness to read aloud. After sometime, the Princess began to be tired of standing, and paused, in hope of receiving an order to seat herself. 'Proceed,' said her Majesty. In a short time a second stop seemed to plead for rest. 'Read on,' said the Queen. Again the Princess stopped; again she received an order to proceed; till at last, faint and breathless, she was forced to complain. Then did this excellent parent exhort her daughter to beware how she indulged herself in ease, while she suffered her attendants to endure unnecessary fatigue.

A GIRL of the town in Paris found a pocket book in the street, which on inspection she found to contain notes of the Caisse d'Escompte, to the amount of one hundred and eighty two thousand livres, payable to the bearer. Struck with the importance