

bliss direct in a whirlwind of glory; and Peter we will find there, and Paul, who while on earth opposed and troubled both kings and priests.

These essays may have appeared lengthy to some readers, but we offer no apology. More concise we could not be. We have passed over many points, and only touched upon others. Some things advanced should here be repeated and impressed; but for brevity's sake this is omitted; the studious reader being requested to perform this part for himself. We are now measurably prepared to give a respectful attention to the hitherto neglected communication of our correspondent "No Idolator." But this, with some other matters, we shall leave for the eighth number. CONDUCTOR.

FAMILIAR CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN FATHER OMEGA AND HIS SON ALPHA.

No. 4.

CHARITY No. 2

OMEGA.—As I have now concluded my remarks upon your Mother's query, we are at liberty again to resume our former subject. It is a charitable subject, and therefore we must exercise charity enough to consider it thoroughly. Since the pulpits and the prayers of our day are so richly scented with the spiritual odors and perfumes of this exquisite quality, we are at no loss to find a reason why we should give it a very full share of our attention. An article of faith, or I had almost said an *article of opinion*, so universally amiable and practically excellent, that, in its sickliest state, converts the rankest effluvia into the purest breath of Eden, and heals all the wounds of languishing Christianity with its oderiferous balm, is not only a very proper and profitable subject of study, but in justice claims of us more than a usual tribute of respect. We shall therefore examine this plant of Paradise with some care.

ALPHA.—A number of thoughts have passed through my mind, father, since we last conversed. I have been reviewing the topics of Mr. Orthodox' discourse of which we have spoken, and in my attempt to view them connectedly I have been led into a discovery of matters somewhat novel. The unharmonious nature, inconsistency, and self-destroying tendency of the preacher's doctrines I never before so fully perceived. Essentials and non-essentials; in the first place, take away more than one half of the laws of the Lord, and greatly weaken the remainder. The essentials however are professedly enforced. To all the essential doctrines an unqualified obedience is enjoined. Then comes the doctrine of sincerity and divests these essentials of all their authority, and multiplies christians without any law but its own. And when the obligations of the essentials are thus taken away