

morning lecture was begun at the Abbey between six and eight o'clock, when the most eminent members of the Assembly were the lecturers. At his mother's request, Dr. Busby allowed Philip Henry to attend these lectures. She also took him every Thursday to St. Martin's, where a lecture was delivered by Thomas Case, and on Sundays they had the ministrations of Stephen Marshal. To the preaching of Marshal, Henry always attributed his deepest religious impressions, and through life he admired the spirit of moderation which this preacher showed in those troubled times. He quotes as a saying of many wise men, that "if all the Presbyterians had been like Mr. Stephen Marshal, all the Independents like Mr. Jeremiah Burroughs, and all the Episcopal men like Archbishop Usher, the breaches of the Church would soon have been healed." At St. Margaret's there was a monthly fast, when the ablest of the ministers preached before the House of Commons, and the whole day was passed with great solemnity. At these fasts Philip Henry was always present. He used to sit on the pulpit stairs, and though but eleven years old, to take full notes of the sermons. Referring long after to this time, he made the following reflections: "If ever any child such as I then was, between the tenth and fifteenth year of my age, enjoyed 'line upon line and precept upon precept,' I did. And was it in vain? I trust not altogether in vain. My soul rejoiceth and is glad at the remembrance of it; 'the word distilled in dew, and dropt as the rain.' I loved it, and loved the messengers of it; their very feet were beautiful to me. And now, Lord, what a mercy was it, that at a time when the poor countries were laid waste; when the noise of drums and trumpets, and the clattering of arms was heard there, and the ways to Sion mourned, that then my lot should be where there was

peace and quietness, when 'the voice of the turtle was heard,' and there was great plenty of gospel opportunities! 'Bless the Lord, O my soul! As long as I live I will bless the Lord, I will praise my God while I have my being.' Had it been only the restraint that it laid upon me, whereby I was kept from the common sins of other children and youth, such as cursing, swearing, Sabbath breaking, and the like, I was bound to be very thankful. But that prevailed through grace to bring me to God. How much am I indebted? And 'what shall I render?'

Philip Henry also spoke with great thankfulness of the religious instruction given him by Dr. Busby. When he stood candidate for an election to the University, according to an ancient custom, he received the Lord's Supper at St. Margaret's, and Dr. Busby took great pains to instruct him as to the solemn character of that ordinance. Henry's reminiscences of Dr. Busby were all of the most exalted kind, and Busby always spoke of Henry as his own child. In his diary is the following entry concerning his first communion: "There had been treaties before between my soul and Jesus Christ, with some weak overtures toward Him, but then I think it was that the match was made, the knot tied, then I set myself in the strength of divine grace about His great work of self-examination in order to repentance; and then I repented, that is, solemnly and seriously, with some pure meltings of soul, I confessed my sins before God, original and actual, judging and condemning myself for them, and casting away from me all my transgressions, receiving Christ Jesus the Lord, the Lord my righteousness, and devoting and dedicating my whole self, absolutely and unreservedly, to His fear and service. After which coming to the ordinance, there, there I received Him indeed: and He