

From these its real grandeur springs. So long as these are continued, no fears need be entertained for the future; but let family worship be generally neglected, and then our noblest institutions must soon be overwhelmed by the inroads of immorality and irreligion, and on the shattered columns of our country's greatness the name "Ichabod" be inscribed, for the glory will have departed.

Urged by such considerations as these, we earnestly hope that every head of a family who peruses this paper, will adopt and act on the resolution of good old Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

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IN HEAVEN.

"God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."—Rev. xxi. 4.

That sentence is one of heart-touching beauty; and it is a remarkable instance of the fulness in meaning of the language of Scripture.

It will help to give us an insight into the greatness of its significance to think of the many words found necessary in human language to express pains and sorrows; there are those descriptions of well-known emotions and feelings, such as fear, doubt, perplexity, sadness, shame, anguish, remorse; those descriptive of calamities, such as sickness, poverty, injury, wrong, loss, and death. These do not by any means exhaust the vocabulary of ill-boding terms. While writing this, I opened Webster's dictionary at random, and traced the words column after column on the page, and page after page; I opened the volume at another place, and then at another with the same result; there was not a single column in the three columned pages that had not a word, or words signifying the act, or cause, or occasion, or consequence of sin and suffering—having in some way a relation to, or being expressive of human misery. In Heaven they will have no use for such words; a dictionary published there would not contain one of them. "For there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." What an immensity of blessedness is involved in that one fact, the cessation, the annihilation of sorrow.

"GUILTY BEFORE GOD," is true of us all. We all, like sheep, have gone astray. The deceived heart hath turned us aside. The righteous Father hath been unknown, and His forbearance and the richness of His goodness have been made light of.

When, in the mercy of God, we are apprehended by Christ, and a conviction of the truth in regard to our condition is reached; when one makes the discovery that he is a sinner, condemned already, and deserving of doom; when all past life is seen to be a rebellion, a daring though blind defiance of the Almighty, a wrong-doing by one on the brink of death against God, and against fellow-men also on the brink of death,—there is sorrow then; and when our bondage to corruption is felt the more we endeavour to escape, and the snares of death are met in the very path by which we try to flee from it; and when we come to know that our guilt is so great, and our helplessness as great, then comes the anguish of sorrow; and to weep, if we can, is a relief—a mercy from God.