

### " A LITTLE CHILD."

It is important in a day of decline—for the day of apostacy advances (Jude 14, 15), and the saints are in danger of becoming infected with its premonitory symptoms, those of "lukewarmness" (Rev. iii. 15, 16)—it is of all importance to return to what is the desire of the great Head of the Church for us all. This, if cultivated and sought after, is calculated to preserve from this spirit, which is tinging almost the whole of religious profession. I refer the reader, in illustration of His desire, to the Lord's reply to the question asked in Matt. xviii. 1: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" In the preceding chapter there had been given them a glimpse of the "Son of man coming in his kingdom"—a little toreshadowing of His glories, which, as Son of man, are yet to come. Would one who gazed thereon seek to place any on an equality with Him? No sooner is the proposal on the speaker's lip than the voice of the Father is heard interrupting the vain desire, "This is MY BELOVED SON, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye HIM." From the excellent glory He is thus declared beyond compare glorious and beloved, the centre of all, greatest and highest. Thus Peter's voice was hushed; and though there with Him, and the eyewitness of His majesty, as he afterwards declares, yet *He* is God's Centre, the only one who in Himself has title to be there. In the day of the mani-