

much to have the whole soul absorbed in the contemplation of this infinite and boundless subject—then offer it the toys of fallen nature for its diversion, nor let it stop to inquire, DOES GOD APPROVE THEM?

It is evident to me, that the assignable reasons for dispensing with the outward, and often deceptive, evidence of mourning, are *broader* and *deeper* than people are aware of.—*C. Watchman*, vol. 12. p. 197.

CHRISTIAN MORALITY:

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

THE believer is taught by the Scriptures to look to his Saviour in every circumstance of life : in doing this he is greatly assisted by Paul, who repeatedly points out how each relationship in society shadows forth, under some view or other, Christ the Head of all things visible. This fundamental idea, which so directly leads us to “grow up into him in all things,” gives to our various social ties a sacred, almost a sacramental character ; and to none more so than to the most intimate union between human creatures—that of HUSBAND and WIFE.

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord : for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church. Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.” Eph. v. 22—24. This subjection of the wife is not to be merely that of weakness to strength ; nor is it simply enjoined as an absolute command of God ; but it is meant to be a holy counterpart of the Church’s relationship and submission to the Lord Jesus himself. In this view, there is nothing in it degrading ; every self-denying act which is thereby entailed upon the woman, becomes an act of religion, well-pleasing to her supreme Head in the skies, who will in due time enrich her everlastingly with “the recompence of the reward.”

Whoever would ascertain the proper deportment of a wife, must meditate on that which the church owes to the Lord of all. This scriptural type of wedded union teaches the woman to rely upon her Lord for all needful supplies ; to administer to his family what she receives from him ; and to pour out into his sympathising ear the wants and sorrows both of herself and her children ; she is to yield him her strongest affection, to seek her highest enjoyment in his society, and to adopt his will (if not opposed to God’s,) in every thing.

Those whose hearts are thus knit unto their husbands, are bound to praise God for having poured that blessing into the cup of their wedded life ; but let each wife still remember, that as submission is enjoined, not as a pleasure, but a duty, the arch-tempter will as-