

but has established the liberty, or contingency of second causes." Without liberty, there could be no responsibility.

MISREPRESENTATION 4.

"Calvinists hold, that God from eternity, and without respect to moral character, doomed the greater portion of the human race to inevitable and eternal misery."

CORRECTION.

Calvinists believe and maintain, that not a single human being is foredoomed to misery, except for his sins; for which he is justly under condemnation, and will be punished, if he die in unbelief, according to his deserts.

MISREPRESENTATION 5.

"Calvinists hold, that if a man be not one of the elect—let him do what he will—let him repent, believe, pray, or be as good as he will—he will nevertheless perish."

CORRECTION.

On the contrary, Calvinists believe and maintain that there is no sin so great as to bring final condemnation on him who truly repents—that all who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, shall be saved—and that "whosoever confesseth and forsaketh his sins, shall find mercy."

MISREPRESENTATION 6.

"Calvinists hold, that if a man be one of the elect, let him do what he pleases, live as loosely, and be as wordly and as wicked as he may, he cannot fall short of salvation."

CORRECTION.

It is sufficient to say in opposition to this, that Calvinists sincerely believe and maintain, that "without holiness, no man shall see the Lord."

MISREPRESENTATION 7.

"Calvinists hold, that there are infants n hell not a span long."

CORRECTION.

Calvinists would not think this vulgar and gross imputation worthy of notice, were it not so perpetually repeated, that simple people give the slander credit. It may be sufficient to say that Calvinists believe they have scriptural grounds for maintaining, that, although implicated in the fall of the first Adam, yet not having transgressed after his similitude, infants

dying in infancy, are redeemed and saved through the atonement and merits of the second Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ.

MISREPRESENTATION 8.

"Calvinism represents God in the light of a tyrant, ruling his universe with a stern and arbitrary sceptre, an object of terror, not of love."

CORRECTION.

Calvinism, while it adores God as just and sovereign in all his dispensations, represents him as most wise and gracious, diffusing happiness among all his holy creatures, visiting with the richest grace and most unmerited mercy, the sinful race of man, saving many, and bearing with the guilty remainder, as long as he deems it consistent with his glory, purposes, and the general well being of his universal empire.

MISREPRESENTATION 9.

"Calvinism represents God as partial and therefore unjust."

CORRECTION.

If Calvinism represented God in favouring the undeserving and neglecting the meritorious; or as condemning the righteous and acquitting the guilty; then, truly, it would represent him as partial and unjust. But, on the contrary, Calvinism recognizes the scriptural and self-evident doctrine, that grace is in its own nature free. It teaches that God has a perfect right to bestow, or to withhold, *that* to which no creature, much less a sinful creature, has a title; that therefore, in bestowing or withholding grace, justice or injustice is out of the question, and partiality, without a meaning; that God is merciful to pardon, accept, and save all, who sincerely, and in the true and scriptural sense of the words, "believe in the Lord Jesus Christ;" and that he is just to punish all, who, neglecting the light of nature, or of revelation, persist through life in sin, and die impenitent.

MISREPRESENTATION 10.

Calvinism exhibits God as mocking the greater part of those to whom the gospel is sent, by offering salvation to multitudes, for whom no provision is made, even should they be willing to accept the offer."