

al pleasures and sin ; yield yourself entirely and unreservedly to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as your Father and felicity your Saviour and your Sanctifier Nothing more is expected of you, in order to be interested in the blessings of the gospel than to consent to these reasonable terms, to continue that consent, and to perform what you consent unto ; and this by the help of those divine assistances, which will be afforded unto you Do this presently, resolutely, and sincerely, and heaven and salvation are all your own

When we glance at the catalogue of human suffering, we cannot but reflect, how happy that man is who, though afflicted, and appalled, by the destruction of earthly prospects has still the consolation of that innate principle which can enable him to say ' Our Father who art in heaven ' thy will be done, for thou dost know the wants of thy children and thy tender mercies are over all thy works

Under deep sense of our own frailty, we should submit to the chastenings of our heavenly Father, who orders all things for our good. From seeming evil, he often brings forth the greatest possible benefits ; and it is often the case, that what at first seemed dark and intricate is at last made apparent to us as the noon day sun as having been planned for our benefit.

That all-wise Being, who is the former of our bodies and the father of our spirits would never afflict us were it not for our good—He will not break the bruised reed—he will not lacerate the already bleeding heart—but he will in his own due time administer the oil and wine of consolation and say to the boisterous waves of adversity, ' Thus far shalt thou come, and no farther, and here shall thou be stayed.'

All consolation which the mind receives under afflictions, is from that benevolent source from which the chastisement proceeds. We should therefore con-