

of actual sin. When they are so guilty, they must seek forgiveness through the same Divine mercy which met their case at the very commencement of their existence, "not imputing to them original sin unto eternal death, and blotting out their personal transgressions in the moment they believe with the heart unto righteousness."

PRACTICAL.

We now see the rational and Scriptural ground of comfort to those who mourn the death in infancy of their children. It has been estimated that taking together all the centuries of human history and all countries, half, or more than half of the entire human race have died before the period at which personal responsibility begins. These through the mercy of God in Christ are all safely treasured up in heaven. Satan is robbed at once of more than half his expected prey, and angels rejoice over these trophies of the Redeemer's victory. When death comes, as he often does into the garden of the family and cuts off the buds, just blooming into the consciousness of life and love, we may smile in the midst of our tears as we listen to his words,—

"My Lord has need of these flowerets gay,"

The Reaper said, and smiled;

"Dear tokens of His life are they,
When He was once a child."

"They all shall bloom in fields of light
Transplanted by my care;

And saints upon their garments white,
These sacred blossoms wear."