

almost daily ; but continued to enjoy an increasing confidence in the divine mercy, and a more joyful hope of eternal life.

Few can think, without alarm, of that separation, at death, of all earthly ties : and when compelled to leave the dearest object of affection, who does not earnestly desire that which can not only ease the pain, but tell, so persuasively, of a father's love and care, and of a speedy re-union, as to change its very nature ? When the first announcement had been made to Mr CARTWRIGHT of the sentence of impending death, he had bitterly felt for his children, leaving them in helpless infancy. But he was enabled to overcome these distressing thoughts, and to leave them, with the calmness of a Christian's faith, in the hands of a God of covenant mercy. [See Jer. xlix. 11]. Several times he expressed the perfect peace he enjoyed in being enabled to *roll himself*, as it were, upon his God ; *casting himself into his arms*. Mr CARTWRIGHT continually dwelt with grateful emotion on the mercy of God in restoring him to his family and all the comforts so home, instead of cutting him off in a land of strangers ; in hearing and answering prayer, bringing him back from the verge of the grave, and adding *sixteen weeks* to life, so important to his family in the settlement of his affairs, as well as alleviating their sorrow ; in the grateful sense of the great mercy vouchsafed to them in thus prolonging it.

Viewing *the preciousness* of such a death [Ps. cxvi. 15], how deeply interested are we all in examining as to

Thirdly--THE CAUSE.

Professing Christianity, few, if any, would ascribe this blessedness [See Ps. lxxv. 4] to any other than God.

It is RELIGION, then ; *the adoption of that system of*