

sequence of such compunction, he did not carry into effect the deigns he had in agitation. Again and again we find it said of him that he was angry, that he was jealous; could bear no rival in the service and devotion of his people.

But, if these things were true of God, to the extent which is here described, and to which we apprehend some persons understand them, what becomes of that pure, and infinitely perfect Being whom we worship, in whom there is "no variableness, no shadow of turning?" He says of himself, by the mouth of his prophet Malachi, "I am the Lord; I change not."—To suppose, therefore, that he is actuated by such impressions as we are influenced by, is to destroy the nature of the Godhead, by which he is essentially holy, essentially perfect, and, consequently, must be necessarily happy.

Whenever, therefore, we meet with such terms applied to the Deity in Scripture, we must consider the inspired writers as accommodating themselves to our finite understandings, and as conveying to our minds, through the medium of human feelings, an idea of the interest and wise discrimination with which the Deity surveys, through the eye of divine law, the good and bad actions of men.

To think otherwise of these passages will be to ascribe the passions to the Deity: and we must suppose that where the passions dwell their influence will, in a greater or less degree, be felt. But to imagine that God is actuated by pride to day, jealousy to-morrow, and anger the following day, and by no one of these long, is to reduce him at once to our own level, is to rob him of the attributes characteristic of the Eternal, and, in turn, to invest him with the infirmities peculiar to mortals.

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NEWS.

On Tuesday we were enabled to give, in a postscript, a short notice of the late disturbances in Brussels and other Cities of the Netherlands. But although the manifestations of discontent have been open and violent, they do not yet amount to a Revolution, nor as the King appears willing to accede to the demands of the Malcontents, is it expected that matters will be pushed to such extremity.

In France the new order of things works well, the government continues to gain strength; we read indeed of partial disturbances but they appear to arise from local causes, are easily put down without having recourse to any extraordinary measures, and are no means of a nature to lead to the apprehension of any counter revolutionary projects.

The Ex-Ministers it will be seen are awaiting the result of the deliberations as to the proceedings to be adopted against them. It is hoped that their lives will be spared, and as delay will give time for the angry ebullition of the people to subside, it will be for the manifest advantage of the prisoners that their trials should not be hurried.—*Quebec Mercury.*

On Wednesday morning early, His Majesty's Yatch, *Herald*, Commander Maxwell, arrived in the harbor, having on board His Excellency the Lord AYLMER, Captain General and Governor in Chief of these Provinces, with Lady AYLMER and Suite.—*Ibid.*

Consecration and Confirmation.—On Sunday, October 3d. His Lordship the Bishop of Quebec consecrated St. Paul's Church with the Burial Ground, at the village of Waterloo, Niagara District, and at the same time confirmed 48 persons. On the 7th he confirmed 47 persons in St. Mark's Church, Town of Niagara.

Archdeacon of York, U. Canada.—We were highly gratified on Sunday last, by an unexpected visit from the Venerable Dr. Strachan, Archdeacon of York, U. C. and we had the gratification also of hearing from him two discourses, in St. Peter's Church in this village, which were distinguished, not only for beauty and force of expression, but for soundness of argument, and depth of piety and tenderness. We feel every day an increase of interest in the affairs of the Church in our Canadian vicinity—Separated indeed by political arrangements, but one with them in doctrine and in worship, we cannot but wish them "good luck in the name of the Lord."—*Gospel Messenger.*

Dr. Benjamin T. ONDERDONK has been chosen, by the New-York Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as Bishop of that Diocese, vacant by the death of the late lamented Dr. J. H. Hobart.

CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT.

What is the first duty of Children? "Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." This is the first commandment with promise, saith St. Paul. The three first commandments had no direct promise of good to be returned for the keeping of them; but to this God added a promise of prosperity as the reward of obedience to it.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honour thy father and mother, (which is the first commandment with promise,) that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long upon the earth." Obey in the Lord: that is, in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose are all the commandments. And Paul says elsewhere: "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord:—knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

Thus God has given the parent authority over his children, and commanded them to obey him the same as if he spoke to them. And Children should always remember, that when they cheerfully obey their parents, and willingly do what they command them, that God is pleased with them for it, and intends, if they continue to do good, to make them for ever happy in heaven.

Hear also what the wise son of Sirach, a learned and pious Jew of old times, says on this subject.

"Hear me your father, O children, and do thereafter that ye may be safe. For the Lord hath given the father honour over the children, and hath confirmed the authority of the mother over the sons. Whoso honoureth his father maketh an atonement for his sins: and he that honoureth his mother is as one that layeth up treasure. Whoso honoureth his father shall have joy of his own children; and when he maketh his prayer, he shall be heard. He that honoureth his father shall have a long life; and he that is obedient unto the Lord shall be a comfort to his mother. He that feareth the Lord will honour his father, and will do service unto his parents as to his masters. Honour thy father and mother both in word and deed, that a blessing may come upon thee from them. For the blessing of the father establisheth the houses of children; but the curse of the mother rooteth out foundations. Glory not in the dishonor of thy father; for thy father's dishonor is no glory unto thee. For the glory of a man is from the honour of his father; and a mother in dishonour is a reproach to the children. My son, help thy father in his age, and grieve him not as long as he liveth. And if his understanding fail, have patience with him; and despise him not when thou art in full strength. For the relieving of thy father shall not be forgotten; and instead of sins, it shall be added to build thee up. In the day of thine affliction it shall be remembered; thy sins also shall melt away, as the ice in the fair warm weather. He that forsaketh his father is as a blasphemer; and he that angereth his mother is cursed of God."

Children should never forget the trouble and anxiety they cause their parents in taking care of and providing for them in their many years of helplessness; and especially for teaching them to serve God in his holy church.

METRICAL PARAPHRASE

ON THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; thro' Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

From Adam's fall how great the curse
Deriv'd on all mankind;
A heart deprav'd, a will perverse,
And reason often blind.

What power, O God! can rescue man
From this vile abject state?
Thine image in his breast revive,
His heart anew create.

Thy grace alone has sov'reign power
To work a change like this;
To raise our souls from sin and woe
To holiness and bliss.

O! let that grace our ways prepare,
On all our works attend;
And lead us up thro' Christ to thee
Our Father and our Friend.