

Miscellaneous.

WHY GOD PERMITTED SIN.

Some little time ago, after the conclusion of Mr. Brownlow North's addresses in Edinburgh, Scotland, a young man came into the room where he was receiving persons anxious for private conversation, and said to him:— "I have heard you preach three times, sir; and I neither care for you nor your preaching unless you can tell me why God permitted sin."

"I will do that with pleasure," was the immediate reply; "because He chose to." The young man, apparently taken by surprise, stood speechless; and Mr. North again repeated, "Because He chose to; and," added he, "if you continue to question and cavil at God's dealings, and vainly puff up by your carnal mind, strive to be wise above what is written, I will tell you something more that God will do—He will some day put you into hell-fire. It is vain for you to strive with your Maker—you cannot resist Him; and neither your opinions of His dealings, nor your blasphemous expressions of them, will in the least lessen the pain of your everlasting damnation, which I again tell you, will most certainly be your portion, if you go on in your present spirit. There were such questioners as you in St. Paul's time, and how did the Apostle answer them? 'Nay, but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?'"

The young man here interrupted Mr. North, and said: "Is there such a text as that in the Bible?" "Yes, there is," was the reply, "in the ninth chapter of Romans; and I recommend you to go home and read that chapter, and after you have read it, and see there how God claims for himself the right to do whatever He chooses, without permitting the thing formed to say to Him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? remember that besides permitting sin, there is another thing God has chosen to do—God chose to send Jesus! Of his own free and sovereign grace, God gave his only-begotten Son to die for sinners, in their stead, in their place; so that, though they are sinners, and have done things worthy of death, not one of them shall ever be cast into hell for his sins who will accept Jesus as his only Saviour, and believe in Him, and rest in His word. I have no time to say more to you now; others are waiting to see me. Go home; attend to what I have told you, and may God the Holy Spirit bless it, for Jesus Christ's sake."

This conversation took place on Sunday evening. On the following Friday, Mr. North was sitting in a friend's drawing room, (the Rev. Moodie Stuart's,) when the servant announced that a young man wanted to speak to him. On being shown up stairs he said:—"Do you remember me?" "No."

"Do you not remember the young man who on Sunday night, asked you to tell him, 'Why did God permit sin?'" "Yes, perfectly."

saints' days, or follow the solemn procession of the Christian year! This rage for forms and decorations, this sacred care for multiplied observances, utterly unknown in the New Testament, is not, as we have said, so rare among us as in the old world; but, unless we study the signs of the times amiss, quite a portion of the Episcopal Church in America has been moving of late in this direction with great rapidity. It is not difficult in some of the Episcopal papers, to discover this growing zeal for rituals. Its advocates and devotees are full of courage, and are already flushed with hopes of speedy and extensive conquests for what they call the true Church. And it is not to be denied that some of our own ministers grow timid, and are afraid, lest our style of Christian worship is too simple and severe.

For our own part, we have little sympathy with any such feeling. We regard all this as a mere episode in the development of a Church of Christ in a sinful world—something springing from human weakness—no better and no worse than a thousand follies that have preceded it. The New Testament is the hand-book of a spiritual Christianity, and this gorgeous display finds not a particle of support among the inspired evangelists and apostles, and this should be enough for us. Let us "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." Let us see to it "that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men." Planting ourselves upon the simple word of God, there let us stand, with confidence in its author, and with courage for the future, whatever untoward thing there may be in the present. Let us heed what Paul says to the "foolish Galatians," when he saw them departing from the simplicities of the Christian faith, and rushing back into the forms and usages of the ceremonial worship: "How turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements wherunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain."

No wonder, in this sinful world, that crowds are ever ready to run after these religious novelties. It is so much easier to be formal than to be holy; so much easier to be washed outwardly in the baptismal font than to undergo "the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost;" so much more convenient for men to commit the care of their souls to some great religious corporation, which will see to it that everything is properly attended to, than it is "to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God,"—that we need not be surprised when we see many rushing to these decorated altars for such relief as will leave them personally free to follow the pleasures and fashions of this world. The sight is sad and humiliating. But God has looked from heaven upon this and similar folly in all ages of his Church, and yet has promised "that the gates of hell shall not prevail against her."—Congregationalist.

BEING A TRUSTEE.

"Mr. Smith, I called to see if you would serve as a trustee of our institution," etc. "Trustee! my dear sir, I have already as much as I can do. You know how much has come upon me since the death of Mr. Blank, and I was just looking about for help, not to undertake anything more."

"O! we do not want your time or service; it need not give you any trouble. Only your name and an hour at the annual meeting." "Trustee! let me see," and I turned to the dictionary and read thus:—"TRUSTEE. A person to whom property is legally committed in trust, to be applied either for the benefit of specified individuals or for public uses. One who is intrusted with property for the benefit of others."

"TRUST. Assured resting of the mind on the integrity, veracity, justice, friendship or other sound principle of another person. Confidence. Reliance." "Now, my friend, you see that it is an institution of considerable importance. You have a large income, have you not?" "Well, yes, we have all the money that is needed."

"And you ask me to become one of those to whom property is committed in trust for public uses, with confidence that it will be properly applied, and you tell me that I shall have nothing to do. 'Only my name.' How am I to know that the money is properly applied?" "Well, you know Mr. Sharpe; he is really the acting manager. I suppose you can trust him."

ledge a practical exposition of this doctrine of trust. A friend came to me for my help in looking into the affairs of an institution with which he was nominally connected; "for," said he, "they used my name and put me in without my knowledge, and the first notice I had of the appointment was the seeing my name in print. It was too late then to decline, as it had gone forth in the reports; so I mean to make the best of it, and do my duty."

"Such duty! One man had gone forward and shouldered the whole thing, controlled the funds, managed the business, conducted the affairs, lived out of the concern, mismanaged as he choose; and whether he was very honest and simple, or very shrewd and deep, we never could determine. One thing was certain, it was all in a muddle, funds wasted, things generally in a bad state, and now came the time for the trustees. Instead of being the officers and crew of the ship, they were the wreckers. 'O, if things went wrong, you would soon find it out,' so said my friend Green, in his own persuasive manner. So when a ship is on a lee shore you will soon find it out; but if it had been your duty to keep it off the lee shore, what then?"

I gave the assistance he required to the man who had been made trustee in spite of himself, and we worked hard and saved the ship. She was a good deal damaged, lost sails and spars, and it cost both time and money to refit, still she was not a total wreck. But it taught me a lesson, and you never will find me elected trustee, except where I accept the trust, and do my share of the duty. I see plenty of institutions, monetary and charitable, religious and secular, where trustees give their names, and nothing else. And there are cases where names are used without the consent of their owners. We are too careless. A poor widow came to me in great distress, having no one whom she could trouble for advice; she put some of her money into an enterprise where she saw the names of men she had faith in, as trustees. The whole went to the dogs, and she lost her money, and when she went to one of these men, he told her he knew nothing of the management; they used his name and gave him some stock, and he supposed it was all right; he had never done anything. And this man was called honest, as times go. It is not long since a fragment came to light in one of our cities, where poor orphan children suffered neglect and abuse in a quasi asylum for the orphan. Very likely it is still going on. In this case, the names of individuals who were well-known had been used without their consent; and even after they had positively forbidden it, and in other cases, entirely without the knowledge of those who had the best right to the names. But this is not nearly as bad as consenting to the use of one's name, without the intention of assuming the duties.—N. Y. Observer.

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