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# THE <br> <br> TROUBLES OF LIFE. 

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Being a familiar Defcription of the Troubles Of the Poor Laborer, Of the Little Shopkeeper.
Of the Great Tradefman.
of the Sick Man.
Of the Difappointed Lover.
Of the Unhappy Hufband.
Of the Widower who has lately loft his Wife.

> AND LASTLY,

Of the Child of Sorrow,
Who has met with Trouble upon Trouble, and is without Hope in this World.
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## TROUBLES of LIFE, $\mathcal{O}^{\circ} c$.

"MM ${ }^{A N}$ is born to trouble as the parks fly upward." It is not every one however that believes this melancholy truth. Young people efpecially are apt to imagine that the world is full of pleafure and enjoyment; their hearts beat high with expectation as they enter into it; they truft that all their fchemes will anfwer, and they feldom calculate on trials, laffes, and difappointments. I propofe here in the firs place to prefent to my young and

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fanguine Readers the picture of a few of the chief troubles of life which are often too much concealed from them. The view of thefe may ferve perhaps to cool a little the wonted ardor of youth; and to prepare the inexperienced mind for fcenes which it may by-and-by chance to fee realized.

But now in what way fhall I enter on the vaft field that is before me? for when I take up human Sorrows as my fubject, methinks I fee a thoufand forms of mifery prefent themfelves before me. I will begin with one of thofe forts of mifery which are the moft common. I mean thofe which great Poverty brings with it.
The POOR LABORER.


Reader, thou art one, as I will fuppofe, who heretofore by dint of hard work didft provide thyfelf with bread,

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and didft even lay up for a time fome trifling ftore; but now thy family has grown large; thy wife, dear woman! hath brought thee twins laft year: thine own health alfo has begun rather to decfine, fo that as thy charges increafe thy means of living grow fmaller and fmaller: thou art not yet reduced to actual want, but thou art in dread of it, for the flender ftock which thou hadft got together, is now wafting day by day: already Poverty begins to ftare thee in the face: already thou haft pawned a fpoon or a piece of lefs neceffary furniture, or perhaps a Sunday Coat, and in another week thou mult part with thy wife's cloak, and perhaps an upper blanket alfo: thou doft hope indeed to redeem the more needful articles, but it is very doubtful whether thou wilt ever do it; thou feemeft to be defcending gently by the fame way that many have trod before thee down into the workhoufe; or if fome friendly hand forbid not, perhaps into a dreadful Jail.

We will now draw a Picture of that diftrefs to obtain a living which is common in a little higher life.

# (6) <br> The LITTLE SHOPKEEPER. 



It may be thou art one, who having inarried a year or two ago, didft then fet out merrily in the world in fome little fhop fitted up on the occafion, and every pound, as thou didft then calculate, would produce by this time another pound by due diligence in thy calling. The little fubftance which thy deceafed father lefr thee, and thy wife brought thee, were put together for a capital, from which were to arife thefe ample profits of the fhop;-but, alas! the war has happened; trade is grown dull; thou has gone into it at a wrong time, or haft chofeń a wrong branch of commerce; thou didft turn dealer in Silks juft when the filk trade began declining, in Gauzes which went out of fa-

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fhion in the fame year, or in hair powder, and now the ufe of it is taxed : or thou haft hired perhaps a large toufe for the fake of having with it a better fhop, meaning to let a part in lodgings, and to live with thy little family in one fnug corner of it; birt thou haft failed in getting lodgers; thy cuftomers alfo pay but flowly, fo that thou art no longer punctual in fatisfying thy own engagements : thou waft obliged the other day to borrow a fmall fum of an old trufty friend: but under promife of fecrecy, left it fhould hurt thy credit; and yefterday thou didft apply to a fecond friend in like manner, but he was low in purfe, he was borrowing at that time himfelf, or he was engaged juf then; in tho $t$, ne did not care to truft thee-thou mult try a third friend to-day, and if he fails thee thou muft break perhaps to-morrow: thou hat been going on for months in the fame daily dread of bankruptcy, and yet thou are counted to live in comfort, for thou carriet about with thee a checrful look; in thy face fits fmiling plenty, and eafe, and comfort, and fatisfaction, and thy thop

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Thop fhines with it's ufual luftre; for it is thus thou Ariveft to uphold thy credit, fo that thou doft bear thy part with many others, in fpreading over the world an outward fhew of happinefs and profperity, but at the fame time there is grief, and pain, and gnawing care, and fear and confternation in thy heart,

Nor ought we to think that all thofe even are free from keen anxiety about the means of living who feem to be placed out of the reach of real poverty, and whofe bread at leaft, comparatively fpeak. ing, is very fure; for let it be remembered, that imaginary wants may be the caufe of Real Mifery.

## The GREAT TRADESMAN.:



Obierve that great and once thriving irader, he had faved awhile ago ten thoufand

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thoufand pounds; but in the laft year he has gone a little back in the world; fome new patent has been invented; fome cheap fhop has rifen up; fome unexpected rival has entered the town; he has been fo long ufed to a large income, and he has formed all his plans on fo certain an expectation of it's continuance, that he feels almoft as much at the dropping off of his trade as if he was fuffering with actual hunger. To be thrown, as he calls it, out of his former bread, to fee the downfal of his once reputable and thriving fhop, to part alfo with his pleafant Country Box, and to fell his nes Horfe and Whifky; at the fame time to reduce his whole fcale of living, and to change the plan of education alfo for his Children, and to retire in fhort with only eight or ten thoufand Pounds in hand inftead of the expected twenty, is one of the moft hard and trying cafes, as he gravely tells you, that ever was experienced.

But let us draw another picture of Human Mifery.

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The SICK MAN.


Thou art one perhaps on whom money flow's in apace, but thou art of a very fickly conftitution. Alas! all thy wealth cannot purchafe for thee a healthy body; it cannot foothe thy pain or ftop the courfe of thy diforder; Phyficians are called in but it is in vain: they do but fend thee from place to place in fearch of health -thy fchemes in life too are all now broken, for thy life itfelf is in danger. Once thou didft hope to fee many days, and to marry fome woman of thine acquaintance whofe image is ftill haunting thy imagination, and to be the joyful Parent of Children, but this fad diforder has dafhed all thy hopes to pieces: though rolling in wealth and in the prime of life, though bleft with friends who might

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might be very ferviceable, and though fecretly loved by her on whom thy own affections have been fixed, yet all thefe bleffings oniy ferve to give a fharper edge to thy difappointment, for in the moment of attaining every thing which thy fond heart could wifh, the cup of happinefs is fnatched from thy lips, and thou art driven away to an untimely grave.

But let us turn to another eafe of mifery.

The DISAPPOINTED LOVER.


Thou art one perhaps that is croffed in love; with warm, and eager, and impatient affections thou purfuef one who neglects, avoids, or even defpifes theeperhaps fhe loved or feemed to love thee once, but fhe has lately jilted thee; or perhaps

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perhaps fhe loves thee fill, but prudence forbids the match; friends have interfered ftrongly with their authority; and the obedient giri has kindly though relolutely entreated thee to take leave of her for ever. Thou art confident neverthelefs in thy own mind, that if fhe were partner of thy lot thou couldft bear any flate of life with pleafure; powerty would be no poverty, pain itfelf would lofe it's nature in her beloved fociety; but without her, life is infupportable, and that Death which others dread is become the very object of thy gloomy wifhes and expectations.

## The UNHAPPY HUSBAND.



But now to reverfe the picture, thou art one perhaps who in the fondnefs and eagemefs of youth haf married the very objeet of thy choice. O what a happy

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man! what an enviable lot is thine? But let us wait a year or two and obferve the iffue. In a little time the charm is broken: Beauty foon fades ! a horrible temper alfo, quite unperceived at firf, is broken out. She whom thou didit look up to as an angel is become a very fury: quarrels diftract thy family day by day; and the very partner of thy life is become thy grief, thy fhame, and thy torment; thou mult now pay the forfeit of thy imprudence by bearing this worft of burthens for all thy remaining days. Nay, thou muft alfo bear it in filence, left thy. fhame fhould be publifhed fo much the more, and left thy wife's ill temper fhould be worked up even to frenzy if thou fhouldft make the fimallef complaint.

But why will you defcribe human life fo gloomily? Perhaps fome Reader may reply: very great happinefs is indeed uncommon, but the bulk of mankind do not meet with any fuch miferies as thefe, for inftance, how comfortable am I! I am bleft with a very tolerable degree of health, my trade alfo on the whole fupports me decently, and I have many friends; I have at the fame time a B pleafing

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pleafing family growing up around me, and the partner of my lot inftead of being fuch a woman as you have painted is moft exemplary, and affectionate, and kind.

Is this then the ground on which all your happinefs is refted? We will now draw anether picture of human calamity.
The WIDOWER.


Obferve that wife, fo pleafing in her perfon, fo cheerful alfo in her temper, fo valuable as the induftrious and clever parent of her many children, and fo attentive and affectionate alfo to her hufband. Early love united them, unreferved intimacy has endeared them ftill further, and a long connection has rendered them now quite needful to each other; the huiband's life is bound up in that of
his wife in a degree of which he is hardly yet aware. See her begin to ficken and to grow a little pale. At firft the difeafe is trifling; fhe has walked out in the dewy night and caught al cold, but the cough has increafed, and it is now three months fince that unlucky day. The tender hufband begins to be alarmed. Love irdeed is apt to be anxious, and the herfelf begs him therefore not to be fo much afraid. Another month paffes off and the cough is not removed. Her pulfe grows quick, her fleep forfakes her, and many dreadful fymptoms enfue. What are now the feelings of this once happy hufband? He walks with a melancholy look and in a neglected drefs over the houfe, and he thinks his own life already too great a burthen to be borne. As the danger of her death begins to appear his fate of fufpenfe alfo is affecting beyond meafure. His hope rifes high with each little favourable change, and in a day or two after he is half frantic with fear. In the mean time his own health through long watching begins materially to fail. And now her end draws near. That face once fo beautiful begins to be deformed B 2
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by a ghaftly hue, the lips are turned pale and quivering, the tongue is parched, the very reafon fails her, fo that the knows not the voice of her hufband though he calls her by her name. At laft a cold fweat is obferved to be paffing over her limbs, her eye is fixed, the laft agony arrives, and fhe expires in his arms. O what a dreary ficene does the world now prefent to this hufband, who a few months before was boafting of his happinefs, and to this once enamoured lover:

And here let it be remarked that this fort of event is one that is by no means zucommon. It is one which every family has to witnefs. Let every loving hufband remember (we thall fpeak hereafter of the ufe to which the remembrance may be turned) that he has to fee the day when he fhall be thus feparated from his wife, or elfe that the wife has to endure a like feparation from her tufband. Let him reflect that it often happens alfo, that in proportion as the pledfure in each other's fociety has been great, and the love ardent, the parting pang is found to be fevere. Scenes of a like kind are to be expected allo again and
and again in life. At one time a beloved parent is in the courfe of nature removed; at another a much honoured uncle or patron, who had become a fecond father, is carried off in his turn. Now a brother or fifter, or a dear friend and companion is torn away, and now a blooming hopeful and perhaps an only ctild is hurried into an untimely grave. And fo quickly does death oftentimes xepeat lis froke, that perhaps the mourner has fcarcely wiped away his tears for one beloved relative or child, before fome other tender connection is alike torn from his embraces, and is buried in the fame tomb.

The CHILD of SORROW.


- But let us fpeak now of thofo wha feeno to unite in themfelves a valt variety of griefs, and who thercfore may be called
mofe emphatically the Children of Sorrow. There are fome perfons who feem to have every thing make againft them; they have had neither the fuccefs in buinefs, nor yet the health of other mien, and they have experienced alfo their full fhare of affecing deaihs in their family. Some there are alfo of thefe children of affliction who experience in the evening of their days fome additional and aggravated calamity, whereby their grey hairs are brought down in forrow to the grave. There are fome mothers alfo, of whom, befides all their other griefs, it may be remarked, that though they have many children, yet they never fucceed in rearing them. Imagine to yourfelf. a mother who is now poor and helplefs and a widow woman allo, who has brought forth a large family of children, and has fucceffively indulged the hope of rearing every one of them. By the time that the has reached old age fhe is bereft at length of them all ; broken down with age and adverfity, the lamp of life feebly burning, fhe may be likened to the fhattered trunk of an ancient tree, the root of which has fill a little life in it, though


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the lightening has deprived of all it's once flourifhing branches. But to put a fill more deplorable though not uncommon cafe. We fometimes hear alfo of the fingle furvivor of ten or fifteen children, and if we enquire we perhaps find that this extraordinary mortality is to be accounted for by there having been a taint in the blood of the family, of which taint this furviving child alfo has partaken, and has already fuffered much pain from it, though it's death is not yet arrived. How comfortlefs as to this world is the condition of fuch a perfon! 66 an untimely birth," methinks ${ }^{66}$ is ${ }^{66}$ better than he;" for if this life only be confidered, nothing methinks can be more forrowful as well as defperate than the lot of fuch a fickly, perhaps deformed. and though in fome fenfe pitied, yet at the fame time neglected being; it feems only to have lived to bear the anguilh of it's diforder, and to witnefs the mortality of it's family.

But it is time to break off from this melancholy fubject, and to fpeak of the relief which religion brings to the feveral calamities of life.

We have hitherto avoided introducieg any thing religious into the characters we have drawn, becaufe we wifhed to paint the mifery ftrongly, which we could not have done if the comforts of chriftianity had made a part of the picture. We will endeavour to explain ourfelves in the firft place by the following familiar ftory.
The GUINEA and the SHILLING.


It happened once that a perfon was travelling on foot a long way from home, with exactly a guinea and a fhilling in his pocket; as he walked by the fide of a hill, in taking out his purfe one of the pieces dropt out through an unlucky hole which there was in it; it proved, however, moff fortunately to be only the fhilling: He looked around him for the

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piece which was loft with fome care, but whether it had got hid in the long grafs on his right hand, or whether it had rolled off a long way down the hill to the left, or whether it had even tumbled into the river at the bottom, is what he never could difcover. He fpent about half an hour in looking round and round after it, 'till he began to think that he was lofing more time and trouble than the piece of money was worth, fo he proceeded on his day's journey, comforting himfelf as he went that he had his guinea ftill fafe in his pocket, and that he had loft nothing but the fhilling.

Let us apply the fory. Reader thou art one that haft met with fome of thofe loffes, troubles, or difappointments, which have been juft defcribed, but thou art neverthelefs one of thole happy perfons who, having embraced the Gofpel of Chrift with their whole heart, are made partakers of it's infinite and unfpeakable bleffings; thou haft loft, as I will fuppofe, thy wealth, thy health, or thy deareft earthly relatives : Nay, thou haft loft every thing that can be dear to thee in this life. Be comforted-thou haft only loft thy fhilling; it is merely thy temporal
temporal comforts that are gone from thee : the Bleffings of the Gofpel ftill remain, Heaven is thine, Eternity is thine, confolations which the world can neither give nor take away are fill in thy poffeffion, and thou art an heir of everlafting life. Thefe immenfe riches continue with thee, and are like the Guinea in hand, on which thou mayeft ftill caft an eye of complacency, when all earthly things have flipt from thee like the fhilling, and are no where to he found. I grant the lofs is not altogether to be made light of: it may become thee to ufe for awhile thy beft diligence to repair thy lofs, juft as the traveller fpent half an hour in fearching for his fhilling, but lofe not the whole day of life in looking for that which is utterly vanifhed, but zather purfue thy journey, comforting thyfelf that thou haft not loft thy Guinea.
But now to be more particular, let us fhew what a new character Religion gives to each of the cafes we were fpeaking of and firft let us again addrefs

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## The POOR LABORER.

Know then thou that art finking through poverty, that the greateft of all the evils that can befal thee is hardnefs of heart. Now it is certain, that although extreme Poverty may bring many trials, yet great Riches bring many more. It is Riches that harden the heare. How bardly, fays Chrift, Joall they that are rich enter into the kingdom of beaven. While on the other hand God often chufes the Poor of this world to be Rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom of heaven. How does this thought at once reverfe all the common notions on this fubject. The firft Chriftians took joyfutly the jpoiting of their Goods, knowing that they had in Heaven a better and more enduring fubftance. And the Chriftian of the prefent day, whether he be a Labourer, a Shopkeeper, or a more confiderable Trader, Having the fame treafure in Heaven, will, under all his Croffes, feel a meafure of the fame comfort. Having food and raiment, faid the apoftle, let us therewith be content. I bave learnt, faid he, every wobere and in all thiugs, both

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to be full and to be hungry, both to abannd and to fuffer need, 1 can do all things through Cbrift that Arengtheneth me.

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We fpoke of the cafe of a profperous but dying man, who, when he is beginning to tafte the cup of worldly pleafure, fees it dafhed from his lips and is hurried off to his Grave. What now is wanting to comfort the mind under this fort of mifery? undoubtedly the thing that is wanting to this man is the view of a nobler and better happinefs in the world to which he is departing; the view of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, referved in Heaven for him. St. Paul wifhed to depart and be with Chrift, which he judged to be far better than any bleffings here, and in every age there has been many a Chriftian of the fame famp with the apoftle, who has been willing, yea, glad to part with all his inviting profpeats in this world, in order to pafs into that Land where there is "fullnefs of joy," and where it is the chief defcription of

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it's pleafures, that they are "Pleafures which are at God's Right hand for ever more."

## The DISAPPOINTED LOVER.

The man whom we defcribed under this character was a worldy irreligious kind of man. Take away his irreligion and you evidently take away much of his mifery alfo. Teach him to view the hand of Providence in his difappointment, teach him to love God and to defire his favour above all things, and to be afraid of idolizing a fellow creature, teach himalfo that general moderation about all earthly things which the view of heavenly ones infpires, and which a recollection of the fhortnefs of this life alfo tends to produce, and the lover who before was mad with impatience and eager defires, will now have his affections regulated, and in a meafure at leaft fubdued. To fuch we add, "6 let your moderation be known unto all men; be careful for nothing; the Lord is at band -finally, my bretbren, the time is fhort, it remaineth that they that have wives

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were as though they had none, and tiay that buy as though they polfefled not, for the fafbion of this world paffeth away."

## The UNHAPPX HUSBAND.

We put the cafe of a perfon whom we fuppofed to be unhappily connetted for life, with a moft vexatious and unfuitable partner, and who had nobody to fympathize with him in his mifery : there is in the world a large clafs of griefs of this kind, of griefs I mean which are moft deeply felt, but which neverthelefs muft not be told; there are many which arife out of a variety of awkward circumftances not eafy to be defcribed, and there are many alfo which fall heavy on perfons of particular tempers or conflitutions, and the fecrecy often neceffary to be obferved in thefe inftances is apt to form a great aggravation of the pain. New in all fuch cafes how foothing and encouraging a thing is Religion; it comes in aid when human help fails; it teaches us in particular that all that chriftian patience which is exercifed in fecret, under awkward and try-

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ing and perhaps difcreditable circumftances is witneffed by the Eye of God, and that although no honor is connected with it in this world, yet it fhall in no wife lofe it's reward, for "our light affiction, which is but for a moment, work. eth out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weeight of Glory."

## The WIDOWER.

There is no cafe in which Religion appears to more advantage than in that of a Hulband lofing a tender and valuable Wife. I fay this on the fuppofition however that not only the furviving hufband is religious, but that he has reafon to hope that fo was the deceafed wife alfo: in fuch cafe "we forrow not as others which have no hape, for if we believe that Fefus died and rofe again, even fo them alfo which Reep in Fefus will God bring wittb bim." It is true the body mult decay, and mult be carried down to the tomb. "Earth to Earth, Afhes to Ahes, and Duft to Duft."

But Con "the trumpet foal found, and the Dead Shall be raifed incorrupt. table." Soon 66 this Corruptible i Shall put on incorruption, and tbisol Mortal Ball put on immortality. And then Ball be brought to pals the flying that is written, Death asp) furallocived up six Victory. $O$ Death where is thy Sting, O Grave where is thy Victory." That mortal part of our deceafed friend which we are lodging fo mournfully in the Grave, is compared in Scripture to

the Seed which is planted in the Earth, and of which the Mifbandman does not allow himfelf to regret the lofs for the joy of that future increafe which is to fpring from it, the feeming lofs of the Seed and it's burial under the Earth are neceffary in order to it's burfing out agdin. "Tbat which thou foweft, fays the apoftle, "is not quickened except it die, fo alfo is the refurrection of the body And how glorious is that change which it is to experience after Death, 6 it is fown in Corruplion, it is raied in incorruption, it is fown in difonor, it is raifed in Glory, it is fown in weaknefs it is raifed in power, it ass fown a natural body, it is raifed a 'गpiritual, body." Faith then believes this teftimony of Gad, expects the promired change, underftands the ufe and benefit of Death, and even glories in it. The Chmittian Hufband and his Wife thave many a time converfed together concerning this expected change, and it has been a chief bufinefs of their life to be prepaved for it, and however favorable their lot in this world may have been, Death they know will be their greateft gain: to die is in their cafe to be promoted $\mathrm{C}_{3}$

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to homor: it is as if having fared but moderately at home a man had got fome good place abroad, and the earlier death of the wife is but like the wife's fetting fail to the new country in an earlier fhip, knowing that the hufband is foon to follow; the parting in fuch cafe may be a little melancholy, but then the feparation will be fhort, and if the tears begin to rife, they are prefently reftrained again at the thought of the vaft improvement which is about to be experienced in their fortune.

## The CHILD of SORROW.

And now if Chriftianity is fo needfulc ia the cafe of all thefe individual troubles of life, how much more fo muft it be when affliction is added to affliction, and when a thoufand troubles meet together? Ye unbelieving men who put from you the hope of a future world, and the bleffed confolations of the Golpel, come now and contemplate, with we the cafe of that, perfon who is oppreffed with poverty, worn down at the fäme time with ficknefs, and

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and utterly defperate as to this world Behold that miferable object, that wretch deformed in perfon as well as deftitute of friends, that Lazarus who lies at the Gate full of Sores, and is begging a few crumbs of bread! Go now and comfort him with thofe confolations which Infidels have to offer to the afflicted. I fuppofe you will bid him hope for a little better health, and will re.. commend it to him to take the medicines proper for his diforder. But, alas! medicine cannot help him, for the Phyfician has told him fo. You will fill perhaps encourage him to cxpect, however, in one way or other, fome more happy turn in his fortune. But his cafe is defperate; the friendis who once took care of him, and whom he tenderly loved, are dead; his pain alfo is daily growing upon him, and his difeafe is mortal. Well then as it is a cale of neceffity you advife hian to be refigned; but refigned to what? Refigned to want and ficknefs, and to the lofs of all things? Refigned to mifery as long as he lives, and after this refigned to a ghomy and hopelefs death? yout give him no ground for Refigna-

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tion. Refignation on your plan is contrary to reafon! you boaft of your reafon, but you are of all men moft unreafonable if you pretend you can fupply the miferable with comfort. No, you muft own the cafe is beyond you, and like the Levite, you muft turn your face another way, and leave him in the ditch till fome Chriftian comes, like the good Samaritan, and pours into his wounds the oil and wine of the Gofpel. And you alfo, $O$ ye gay and thoughtlefs? who though you dare not deny the truth of the Gofpel yet neglect it, and even defpife the more ferious followers of it, own that at leaft the Gofpel has it's ufes here, and that there are fome perfons in the world to whom even the moft lively hope of immortality may, without offence, be declared to be a thing mof ardently to be defired: for what is a mere ordinary profeflion of Chriftianity to fuch perfons? it is only through a deep and heart-felt experience of the great Doctrines of the Gofpel, that any real relief under thefe heavy afflictions is to be in the leaft expected; if troubles then arife and increafe upon $u$, , it is

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by ftill more exalted views of Chriftianity that we muft feek comfort under them.

But let us now fhew how thefe heavy afflictions may not only be made tolerable, but how they may be made ûfeful, and turned even into bleffings. Ah! how many are ihere who at fetting out in life have been favoured with much worldly happinefs, yet during all this time no thanks have been excited to God who was the giver of it, no prayers or praifes have afcended to the great Father of Mercies, and none of the wealth or talents beftowed upon them has been laid out in his fervice: but by-and-by troubles have come, and as thefe troubles have increafed the heart has begun to be foftened; difappointed and defperate as to this world, they have now turned their thoughts to a better: Worn down with grief, overwhelmed with loffes, or tormented by keen anguifh in their bodies, they have caft a longing look towards that world where "there is no more ficknefs, nor forrow, nor pain, and where God fhall wipe away all tears from our cyes." "Behlod," fays the Prophet in the name of God to the Ifraclites, of I

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bave cbojen thee in the furnace of afliction;" he called thefe Ifraclites in the midf of the afflictions of Babylon, as he had their fathers in the afflictions of Egypt. St. Paul obferves to the Theffalonians, "6 and ye became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the woord in much affliction, and woith joy of the Holy Ghoft." Some there are who feem to have paffed through trouble only that they may be brought to a ftate of peace and joy in believing: they owe that cheerfulnefs which you now fee in them, to fome former gloom. Orice they were gay and thoughtlefs, as fome of our Readers may now be, and their joy was then as the crackling of thorns, which was foon over, but now there is a new foundation for their happinefs. Now they truft not in riches or health, in wife or children, for they have found all thefe to be but as a broken reed, on which if a man leans it fhall furely fail him. They have learnt to "truft therefore in the living God," and in the fure mercies of a Savigur: being weaned from the world, they now have learnt that holy art of ufing it fo as not to abufe it, knowing that ${ }^{6}$ the time is 66 thort,

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"fhort, and that the fafhion of this "world paffethaway," Come life, come death, Come ficknefs, poverty or difgrace, Come lofs of friends, Come trouble of whatever kind, they ftand ready. "None of thefe things now move them, fo that they may finips their courge with joy." They are now meafuring the value of every thing by it's tendency to promote their eternal good, and under whatever circumftances they may fall. They are therefore comforted by that allfufficient promire, that all things fhall work togetber for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpofe.

What a new view then does the Gofpel give us of the afflictions of life? It leffens fome of them, and it turns others even into joy, and it teaches us to confider every one of them as appointed by that wife and merciful Being, who knoweth our nature, and who while he feems to vifit us in judgment, is perhaps only fhowering down his beft bleffings upon us.

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