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"Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

"For I know not to give flattering titles: in so doing my Maker would soon take me away."—JOB XXXII. 21 & 22.

" With God is terrible Majesty.

"Touching the Almighty, we cannot find Him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice."—JOB XXXVII. 22 & 23.

"And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh."—GENESIS XXII. 14.

"Two things make a good Christian; good actions and good aims: though a good aim doth not make a bad action, good; (as we see in Uzza), yet a bad aim makes a good action, bad; (as we see in Jehu)."—TRAF'S COMMENTARY ON MINOR PROPHETS. Malachi, 3 ch. and 3 verse. Page 162.
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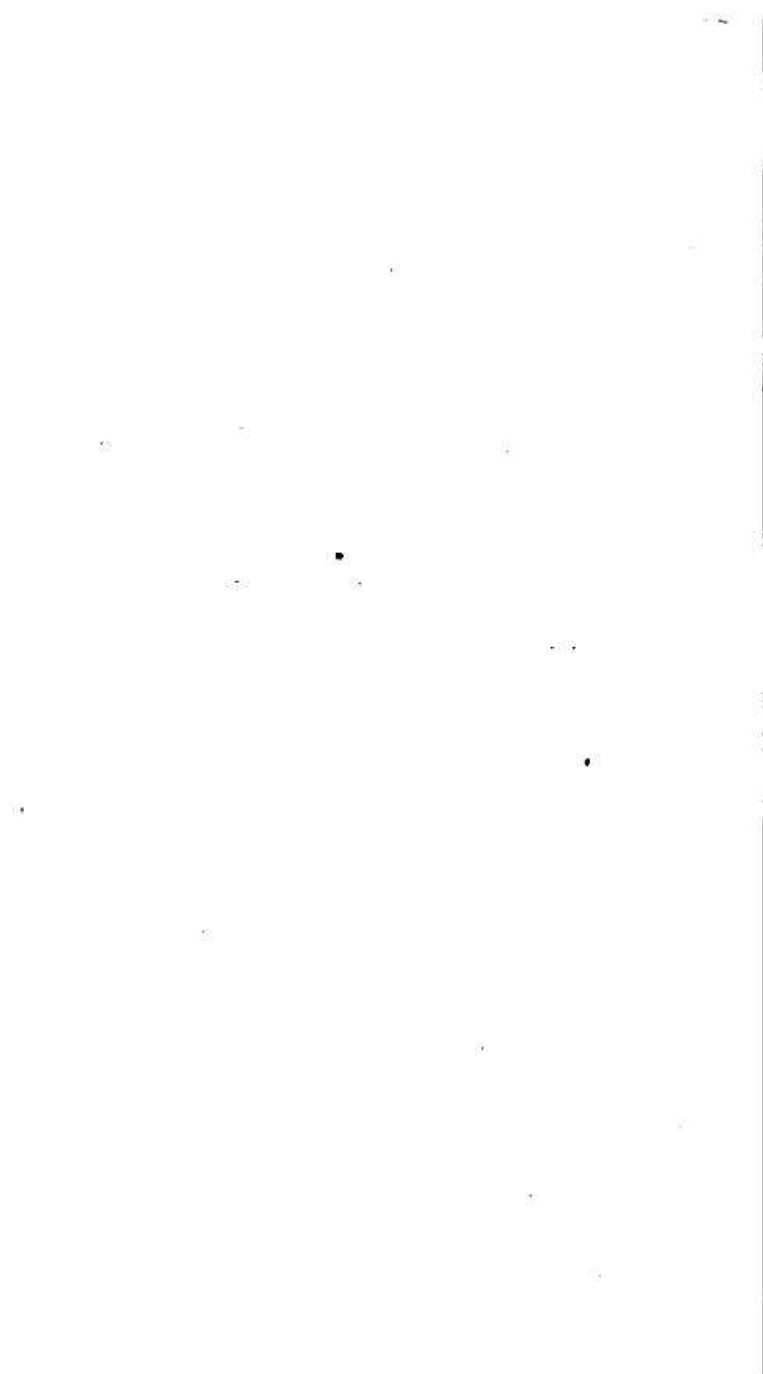
"Religion is a curious Clockwork; if but one wheel be distempered, all may go wrong."—TRAF'S COMMENTARY; *ibid.*

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TO THE MOST HONOURABLE:

THE MARCHIONESS OF BUTE.

SC., &c., &c.

Cardiff Castle, 19th April, 1848.

MADAM,

Allow me to offer to your Ladyship this small work, as a token of the gratitude and respect which I ever most sincerely felt, although from the infirmities of my disposition, I very imperfectly showed in my fidelity to your Consort. I have dedicated it to the memory of the late MARGARET OF BUTE, because, (as you know better than almost any other living individual,) the doctrines taught and the duties enjoined in these Sermons were, as far as frail human nature under Divine assistance permitted, LEON BUTE's own faith and his daily practice: moreover, when I had the privilege of preaching them to the family in his presence, he expressed to me himself his approbation, and said of them, that they were in accordance with his own belief, and that he could not comprehend, how doctrines so scriptural, as a special Providence and Justification by faith only, could be by any controverted: these Sermons will, therefore, exhibit to the Christian Church the motives of his good actions, and induce all those relatives, friends, and acquaintances, who admire the character of his life, and are mourning his loss, to unite in ascribing praise to Him to whom all praise is due.—"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name be the praise."

If only one individual should become by a perusal of this little work a penitent believer through God's inexhaustible love in Jesus Christ, your Ladyship's grief may be lessened; there will be more joy in heaven; and you will be blest with this comforting reflection, that

God has still vindicated his own power, brought good out of evil, and made the event, which overcast you with bitter sorrow, subservient to the salvation of an immortal soul; you will rejoice then, although you must lament now, and you will praise God for thus having glorified himself by a bereavement, to you the more afflictive because so sudden and unexpected, and by an instrument so weak and so unworthy as the Author; but "God's strength is made perfect in our weakness," and is so made perfect visibly to prove that every good work is his own; because His Glory he will not give to another: His praise we may not give to any Being less than God.

My earnest hope is, as my prayer always, while I live and can pray, shall be, that Grace, Mercy, and Peace may surround your soul and the tabernacle in which it dwells, that the little boy, whom God gave you, may be spared by his special Providence, not only to inherit the Titles and Estates of his Noble Father, but to use his influence and wealth as his Father did, in promoting the good of his fellow creatures to the glory of God; that thus he may live to give true comfort and joy to you in future years, and that you may have the heavenly satisfaction of meeting him hereafter, with all those who were once dear to you on Earth, amongst the spirits of the Just men made perfect, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, by the Sanctification of the Holy Spirit, around the Thrones of our Just and Holy and ever-merciful God; and with great respect, I have the honour to subscribe myself,

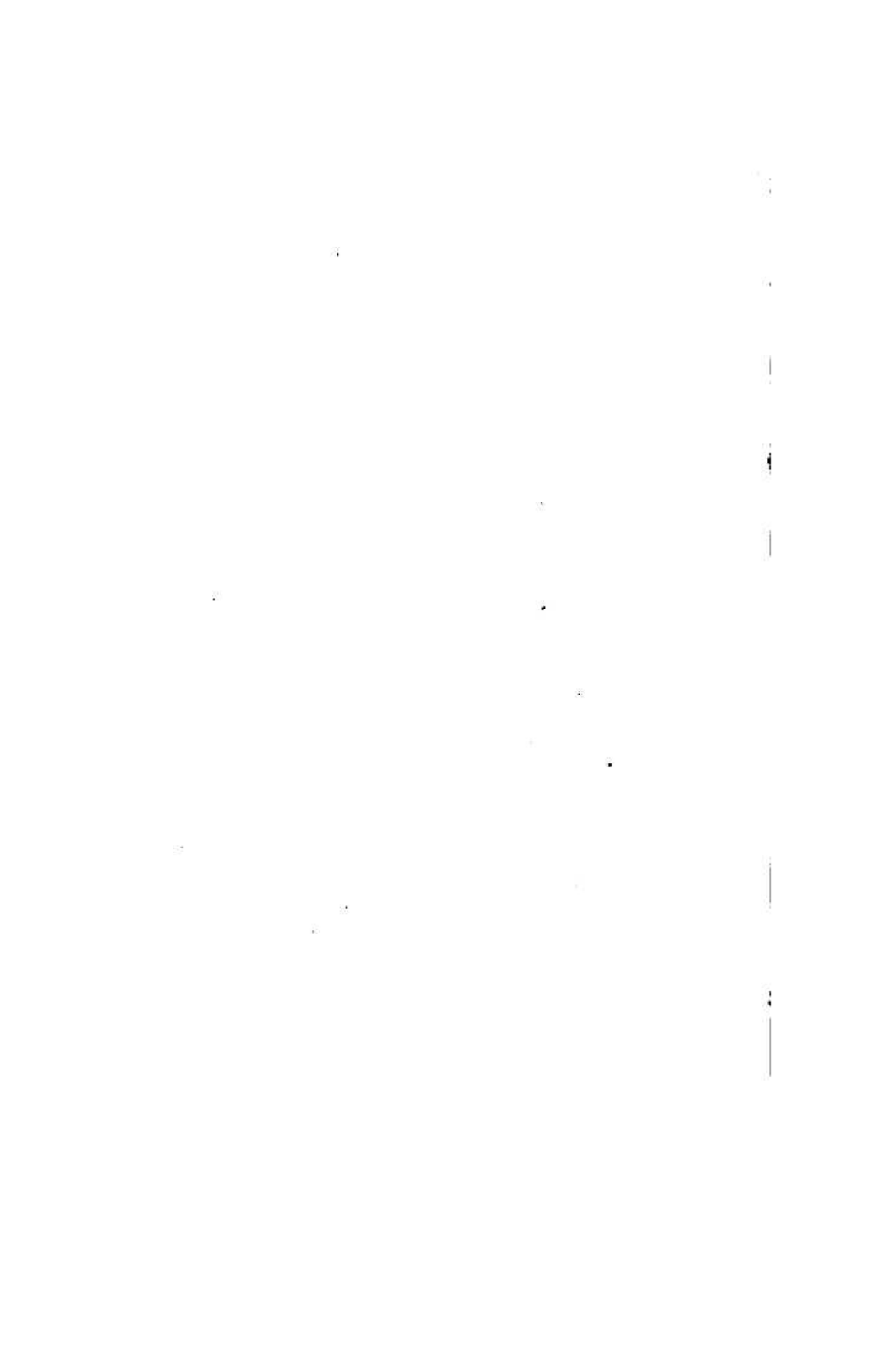
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Most obliged and faithful

Humble Servant,

MOSES MITCHELL.

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PREFATORY PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, without the blessing of whose Grace, even the Sanctification of thy Holy Spirit—no work is good, and our highest deeds but little profitable; no action holy, and nothing can prosper: We beseech thee to grant thy blessing upon this work, that it may bring some few to conversion and others to edification in the true faith, and so lead to the glorifying of thy name, in Heaven as well as upon Earth, by the Salvation of immortal Souls through the atoning merits of Jesus Christ thy only Son, our only Redeemer. AMEN.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.—PSALM 150, verse 6.