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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION.

· I.

GENERAL CONFESSION.

PSALM CXXXIX. I.

"O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me."

SUCH was the Psalmist's sudden cry when he found himself in the presence of the LORD. It is well that we know nothing of the circumstances in which this Psalm came to be written; for if we knew anything of them we might be tempted to look in them for an explanation of the awful sense of a besetting GOD, of which it is the expression. But unless we find this explanation in ourselves we shall not find it at all. The great events of our spiritual history are not, as a rule, very closely connected with the marked incidents of our outward life; and it is in the spirit within, when human voices are hushed, that man meets his GOD. Amid the multitude of the