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P R E F A C E.

HAVING used the Catechism, known by the name of New Testament Biography, for a number of years in the classes of young persons under my care in this parish, I was led to desire one on a similar plan, which might embrace a wider range of subjects. But having failed to discover any one which exactly met my view, I undertook the work which is now submitted to the Public. It was my intention at first not to publish it, but merely to have it printed for the use of my own classes: but having found reason to think that it might be of service to others in instructing the young, and might be useful also to persons engaged in searching the Scriptures for themselves, I have ventured on its publication, in the hope that, by God's blessing, it may prove a humble instrument of good.

It was sometimes difficult in selecting the verses for each question, to select from among many that were applicable those which seemed most appropriate: and in the selection regard has generally been had to the explanation of particular passages which might be afforded by bringing them together under the same question. The verses have generally been put in the order in which the Books of Scripture are arranged in the Bible; but sometimes, for obvious reasons, they have been arranged differently.

MANSE OF LAURENCEKIRK,

6th August, 1845.

CATECHISM

FOR

SCRIPTURE INSTRUCTION.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

1. Quote some of the passages in the Scriptures of the Old or New Testament which teach us that these Scriptures come from God.

2 Tim. iii. 16; 2 Pet. i. 21; John xiv. 10; xvi. 13; 1 Cor. ii. 13; 1 Thess. ii. 13; Heb. i. 1; ii. 4.

2. For what are the Scriptures profitable?

2 Tim. iii. 15, 16; Ps. xix. 7, 8; John v. 39; Rom. xv. 4; 1 Cor. x. 11.

3. What use should we make of them?

Deut. vi. 6; Ps. cxix. 11; John v. 39; Acts xviii. 11.

4. In order to our profiting by them, is it not necessary that we should rightly understand them?

Nehem. viii. 3, 7, 8; Matt. xiii. 19, 36, 51; xxiv. 15; Acts viii. 30.

5. When we understand what doctrines are taught in the Scriptures, ought we not to believe these?

John xx. 31; Rom. x. 17; Luke xvi. 29-31; Acts xxiv. 14; Deut. xviii. 15-22.

6. When we know what duties are taught in them, ought we not to perform them?

Luke vi. 47-49; John xiii. 17; xiv. 21; James i. 25; ii. 26; Heb. x. 26; 2 Pet. ii. 21.

7. What dispositions are necessary to the right understanding and application of the word?

Luke viii. 15; 2 Tim. i. 13; Heb. iv. 2; ii. 1; 1 Cor. xiii. 2; 1 Pet. ii. 1, 2.

8. What assistance is necessary in order that we may attain all these?

Ps. cxix. 18; John. vi. 45; Luke xxiv. 45; 1 Cor. ii. 10-12; Eph. i. 17.

II.—OF GOD.

9. Do the Scriptures teach us that the being of God may be known from his works of creation and providence?

Ps. xix. 1, 2; civ. 24; Jer. xiv. 22; Acts xiv. 17; Rom. i. 20.

10. What is said of those who do not acknowledge his being?

Ps. liii. 1; Rom. i. 20, 28.

11. Is he not the Creator of all things?

Gen. i.; Ps. xxxiii. 6; cxlvi. 6; Neh. ix. 6; Col. i. 16; Rev. iv. 11.

12. Is he not the Preserver of all?

Ps. xxxvi. 6; cxlv. 15, 16; Matt. x. 29-31; Heb. i. 3.

13. Is he not the Governor of all?

Ps. xxii. 28; lxxvii. 4; 1 Chron. xxix. 11, 12; 1 Tim. vi. 15.

14. What do the Scriptures teach us of the nature or manner of his being?

John iv. 24; Acts xvii. 24, 25; 1 Tim. vi. 16.

15. ——— of his knowledge?

Ps. cxxxix. 1-6; cxlvii. 4, 5; Jer. xvii. 10; Matt. x. 29; Acts xv. 18; Heb. iv. 13; 1 John iii. 20.

16. What do the Scriptures teach us of his wisdom ?
 Ps. civ. 24 ; Rom. xi. 33 ; xvi. 27 ; Eph. iil. 10.
17. ——— of his power ?
 1 Chron. xxix. 11, 12 ; Job xxvi, 14 ; Dan. iv. 35 ;
 Matt. xix. 26 ; Phil. ii. 13.
18. ——— of his holiness ?
 Ps. cxlv. 17 ; Hab. i. 13 ; 1 Pet. i. 15 ; Rev. iv. 8 ;
 xv. 4.
19. ——— of his justice ?
 Gen. xviii. 25 ; Ps. lxxxix. 14 ; Neb. ix. 33 ; Rom. ii. 6.
20. ——— of his goodness ?
 Exod. xxxiv. 6 ; Ps. xxxiii. 5 ; cxlv. 9 ; Matt. v. 45 ;
 Rom. viii. 32.
21. ——— of his truth ?
 Deut. xxxii. 4 ; Num. xxiii. 19 ; Ps. xxxiii. 4 ; cxlvi. 6.
22. ——— of his mercy ?
 Exod. xxxiv. 6, 7 ; Ps. lxxxvi. 5 ; Isaiah liv. 8 ; 2
 Cor. i. 3.
23. Is he not everlasting ?
 Ps. xc. 2 ; 1 Tim. i. 17.
24. Is he not everywhere present ?
 Jer. xxiii. 24 ; Ps. cxxxix. 1, &c.
25. Is he not unchangeable ?
 Matt. iii. 6 ; James i. 17.
26. Is there not one God only ?
 Deut. vi. 4 ; Isaiah xlv. 6 ; 1 Cor. viii. 4 ; Eph. iv. 6.
27. Do not the Scriptures speak of three persons in
 the Godhead ?
 Matt. xxviii. 19 ; 2 Cor. xiii. 14.
28. Is not the Son described in other passages too, as
 equal with the Father ?
 John i. 1 ; x. 30 ; Rom. ix. 5 ; Col. ii. 2, 9 ; Phil. ii.
 6.
29. And the Holy Spirit also ?
 Matt. iii. 16 ; Rom. xv. 19 ; 1 Cor. ii. 10-13 ; Tit.
 iii. 5.