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OUR FATHER.

"I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."—2 Cor. vi. 18.



DEAR Christian, thou art not an orphan !
Thou hast a Father. God, in all the
glory of his nature and perfections, is
thy Father. He has adopted thee for
his own. He has regenerated thee by
his Spirit. He has called thee out of the world,
and has promised to do a father's part by thee.
He says, "*I will be a Father unto you.*" Do
you want advice ? Consult your Father. Do
you need supplies ? Ask them of your Father.
Are you tormented with cares ? Cast them on
your Father. Are you alarmed at foes ? Cry
unto your Father. Do your difficulties appear
insurmountable ? Appeal to your Father. God
is not merely a Father in name ; he has a
Father's nature. He not only calls us his sons
and daughters, but wishes us to act towards
him as such. We should exercise confidence in
his love ; we should trust in his word ; we should

appeal to his paternal heart ; we should look for our supplies from his hand. In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving we should let our requests be made known unto God. He loves to see us confide in his care, rely on his word, expect his communications, and acquiesce in his will. Believer, whatever trials may befall thee, whatever troubles may come upon thee, whatever enemies may rise up against thee, whatever changes may take place in thy circumstances, one thing can never befall thee—thou canst never be fatherless ; therefore thou canst never be friendless. Thou art God's child, however poor thy circumstances or trying thy path. What an unspeakable mercy !

“ We are the children of God : and if children, then heirs ; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.”—
ROM. viii. 16, 17.

OUR ELDER BROTHER.

"Whoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven,
the same is my brother."—MATT. xii. 50.



EVERY relation in which Jesus stands to his people is precious. But there are some peculiarly so, especially under certain peculiar circumstances. He is not only our Saviour, but our brother. He is bone of our bones, and flesh of our flesh. Possessing our nature, being part of the same family, he watches over us with a brother's eye, and loves us with a brother's love. He is the "brother born for adversity." He takes the deepest interest in all our affairs, and watches over us to do us good. We may go to him in all our troubles, and open our hearts to him without the least reserve. We cannot go to one who loves us more, or one who is more able or willing to help us. He laid down his life for us, thereby proving the intensity of his love to us. He is gone into heaven, there to appear in the presence of God *for us*. My