THE HERALD.

CONSCIENCE.

An Essay Written by H. B. Kinsolving, and Read at the Hartford Debating Society, July 6, 1878.

A sense of obligation existing in the mind. Of those judgments respecting what is right, with which the sense of obligation becomes from time to time connected. With respect to particular actions, opinion determines whether they be good or ill; and conscience approves or disapproves in consequence of that determination, whether it be in favor of truth or falsehood. By conscience all men are restrained from intentional ill, it infallibly directs us to avoid guilt, but is not intended to secure us from error. We see that the great Creator in His wise formation of man, saw fit to invest him in his fallen state with a true moral guide, which He intended to remind him, when upon the eve of transgressing His laws, that he would commit an error in so doing. Experience has taught each of us that this faculty, which is always on the alert, never errs in its promptings, and should we always follow its precepts, it is certain we should never err. But this internal instinct has never been invested by the Author of our being with any control over our moral acts, except so far as its influence extends, and man is thus left a free, moral agent, with this beacon light which radiates from the divine presence. It would seem that this divine light is a spark of man's primative purity, and is placed in him for the purpose of guiding him back to paradise. We see that it without Christianity is a true, moral guide, as history of nations of antiquity affords us convincing proofs We cite, for instance, the Roman Republic, the mightiest government that ever existed, the equity, clemency and wisdom of whose laws are almost unexampled and never surpassed, even at this advanced age of Christianity and civilization. The workings of this powerful faculty was the only attributable cause of the exalted virtue and disinterested patriotism of such men as Cincinnatus, Regulus, Fabricius, Curius, the Scipios and many others. Yet these virtues, however praiseworthy had no other foundation than human and natural motives, and were even often found by the side of harshness, vanity or some other vice, that they could not deserve supernatural reward at the hands of the Sovereign Judge, thus conclusively proving that conscience is not dependent upon, or necessarily associated with religion—but is an innate sense of moral duty which the Supreme Being has given to each of His created intelligent beings in the same degree of perfection. The opinions of the most able Metaphysicians and Philosophers unanimously concur in defining conscience as a sense of right and wrong coeval with human nature, and the sole vestige of the purity of man in his first estate. It is intended by the Author of our being as an indication of His property in us, and of our original resemblance to Him. After a consideration of the component parts of the wonderful organism of man, we conclude that the Creator not only intended this faculty as the crowning object of His endowments in man, but also as a kind of divine light which should demonstrate to him paths of rectitude, always wielding its influence in favor of right and justice. He has not, however, ordained or intended that it shall secure us from error, since He has made man the arbiter and architect of his own destiny, but has, in His infinite mercy, given him this moral sense as a counselor and guide to direct him aright. To the influence of this innate adviser was Rome indebted for the noble self-sacrificing patriotism of Cato, the most formidable and implacable enemy of usurpation and tyranny, as he was the most zealous and enthusiastic friend and champion of liberty and justice. Whilst Cato was yet a boy, during Sylla's administration, his preceptor often took him to pay his respects to the dictator. The house of Sylla at that time looked like a place of execution, so great was the number of people put to death by his orders. Cato deploring the scenes of blood every where manifest, asked why there was no one who would undertake to kill the monster, being answered "that it was because they feared still more than hated him;" then, said he, "why don't you give me a sword that I may kill him, and thus deliver my country from slavery?" This clearly shows that the sense of discrimination between right and wrong was as acute in the boy as it was in after years in the stern unflinching patriot who would do or die for honor, justice and liberty. Hence we see that the child after it has attained years of accountability, has this faculty as fully developed as it ever is, although its field of action is evidently different, and, perhaps, its existence has never been as forcibly manifested, owing to the fact that the powers of thought and action have not been developed in the same degree.

Haynesville Letter.

HAYNESVILLE, KY., July 4, 1878.

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Farmers in this locality are about through plowing corn. Corn on high ground looks well—that on bottom land looks badly. There is not over half a crop of tobacco set in this vicinity. Wheat is all harvested, but the most of it is still in the shock. There is great complaint by the farmers of their oats. They say the chinch-bugs are very thick over them.

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