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## POPULAR AMUSEMENTS.

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PROVERBS, CHAP. 35, V. 16.

"Hast thou found honey? Eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith and vomit it."

There is no book so full of practical counsels as the book of Proverbs. It takes cognizance of every age, rank and condition in life. It points out not only the more flagrant sins of society, but also the more secret temptations against which it is our duty to guard, and gives directions, that faithfully followed, are sure to add to our happiness and welfare in the present and the future. Though written long ago, these Proverbs are adapted to every age, and approve themselves to every intelligent and candid mind.

The largest proportion of these Proverbs are addressed to youth. The dark experience of Solomon and the bitter remorse that followed, made him a fit teacher of others. Like beacons on mountain tops, or light houses along rock-bound coasts, that warn of coming danger, so Solomon stands out upon the page of history, sad evidence of the fact that genius, learning, and wisdom, are of little avail, without the safeguard of religious principle. As ships need ballast, to steady them on the ocean, so do men need the grace of

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