

IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION TO WOMAN.

RELIGION has been sometimes decried as the passion of weak men, of women and of children; woman may blush for the association which the ridicule involves, but she has no reason to be ashamed of her propensity. May it ever be her distinction. It is the pearl which adorns as well as enriches. To say that she is more religious than the other sex seems indeed to imply a reflection on the latter; yet if this be true, it is no more than might be expected—the position and habits of woman are comparatively favourable to piety; she needs solace and occupation, and religion affords her both, without it her character is sadly defective, even in the eyes of ordinary persons. A woman may as well be without heart as without religion, and there are few men, however irreligious themselves, but would shrink