

the everlasting existence. His own spiritual influence, from his self-sacrificing temper in all action and suffering, more than any literal statement or line of actual prophecy, convinces us of a future state. A revelation of immortality, a simple authoritative saying that we should live again, would not so persuade us into the faith and consciousness of being immortal, as does this display to us and excitement in us of undying love. This opens the gates of paradise, causes the celestial light to shine in our hearts, illumines the written word with the lustre from above, in which we can read it, and discloses the foundations of the New Jerusalem as the immovable basis on which all present life and action should be built. There are feelings, called by the name of love, which are as transitory as the perishable good which they seek. But that which deserves the title is equally abiding in its own nature, and in the object by which it holds. It does not waver, but has an enduring depth and calm; nor can any thing wrest from it the conviction, that, to give opportunity for its suitable exercise, there must be life for ever.

THE RELATION OF THE MOTHER TO THE CHILD.

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CHILDREN can distinguish between right and wrong much sooner than a superficial observer would imagine. Playthings are to them the same as property to men; and in the details of the nursery may be found a miniature representation of almost all the passions that actuate