

which puts an end to all earthly progress,—it but opens the way, to the faithful soul, for a surer and speedier ascent. It strikes off what may have become the clogs of flesh and sense, and leads it out to freedom, and bids it on forever. It comes to the way-worn pilgrim, overtaken by disappointment, beset with trials, struggling against infirmities, and upon whom these have done their purifying and exalting work, and says to him, as it lifts the overlaying burden of terrestrial things,—“Friend, go up higher.” Attendant angels, in tones of cheer, melodiously repeat it,—“Friend, go up higher ;” higher, not in space alone, nor habitation, nor any outward allotment ; but in goodness, in love, in spiritual power and capacity, in the freedom and force of a holy will ; higher on the path of angelic excellence and angelic beatitude ; higher towards the Infinite.

RELIGIOUS FORMS.

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SOME maintain that true spirituality is independent of things outward, and should disdain all external aids? It seems to me that spirituality of character has directly the opposite tendency. We cannot get rid of our connection with the outward world. Our bodies, our relations to material things, are stubborn facts, which we cannot deny or evade ; and the truly spiritual man will recognise these facts, by attaching spiritual associations, so far as he finds it possible, to the outward objects with which he must needs be daily conversant. Unable to dispense with the material world, he will bend it to spiritual uses. He