

“ Sink into the purple flood,  
Rise to all the life of God.”

Seek and retain his sacred image in thy heart, and live on him by holy, conquering, irresistible faith ; and so shalt thou be saved in heaven.

Let me advise thee to a constant and prayerful perusal of the holy Scriptures,—acquaint thyself with them as thou wouldst thy chart, wast thou lost, and exposed to perilous dangers on the boisterous deep. Remember the *Bible* is the star of eternity, a chart, to guide thy frail bark into the haven of eternal rest. Make it the constant book of thy life.

’ Most wondrous book ! bright candle of the Lord !  
Star of eternity ! the only star  
By which the bark of man could navigate  
The sea of life, and gain the coast of bliss .  
Securely ; only star which rose on time,  
And, on its dark and troubled billows, still  
As generation threw a ray  
Of Heaven’s own light, and to the hills of God,  
The everlasting hills, pointed the Sinner’s eye !

With holy faith and prayer,

Read God’s Word once, and you can read no more ;  
For all books else appear so mean, so poor ;  
Verse will seem prose ; but still persist to read,  
And God’s Word will be all the books you need.’

Never lay it aside because thou hast read it over and over, or because it may not be altogether so congenial with thy natural views and feelings ; but persist in thy acquaintance with it, with sincere prayer to God that thou mayest fully understand it aright.