

has made visibly upright and pure, and unselfish, can well afford to preserve a certain degree of reticence as to the principle by which it is controlled. The man may be forgiven, who does not often or readily speak religion, who can do nothing but live it, on whose life truth, integrity, reverence for things sacred, kindness to the weak and the suffering, are unmistakably stamped.

I mention as a third characteristic of the piety of the Scottish people, strength—a certain robust vigour which very generally belongs to it. I do not admit that it is uniformly or even generally wanting in spirituality, and tenderness and elevation of tone. It would be difficult to find in the Christian men of any country more beautiful exemplifications of these qualities than are found in such men as Samuel Rutherford, and Leighton, the Erskines, Ralph and Ebenezer, McCheyne, and