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eighteenth century was directed was simply continence or chastity. Chastity was the mystic key to the Christian holiness. Voltaire and his followers contended that it was no virtue at all, but generally an impediment to free human happiness. "What austerity was to other forward movements license was to this." All honour to those who vehemently reject its creed, its vile surrender to the flesh, who can enter into the loftiest things of faith, who yearn for, even when they abandon, the spiritual treasures of religion. But let us not close our eyes to facts—facts of the past, facts of the present. The abandonment of faith is in many instances a sheer misery. Mr. Lecky, in a fine and memorable passage, has spoken of the period when every landmark is lost to sight and every star is veiled, and the soul