

been considering, if we observe, that our taste will never be perverted, when we follow the footsteps of the Great Creator. Accurate observation and attentive study of His works will furnish us with the best models, the noblest designs, and the most exalted sentiments. Order, utility, beauty and harmony pervade them all. Nor can our perceptions of propriety in matters which affect our social intercourse, or our personal habits, be regulated by a more just model than the example of Him, who in all His words and ways, was simple, engaging, and unostentatious in His deportment, full of reverence and holiness in His demeanour, just and yet tender, pure, yet affable and courteous. Guided by this pattern we shall avoid many an error into which even gifted men may fall. We shall lend a grace to the most ordinary actions by our manner of performing them, we shall shun unnecessary ostentation and display, we shall appreciate all that is noble, generous and elevated among our fellow creatures, whether they belong to past generations or to the present, we shall fly from the haunts of vice and sordid dissipation to the charms of Nature, and in admiring Nature we shall be found "commencing with the skies," and communing with Nature's God.

In our household arrangements, in our dress, in our social festivities, we shall shun the extremes of extravagance and meanness, and look upon all things, great or small, as given us that we may discharge the duties belonging to them in the best possible manner. Especially, we shall seek to lead the mind of youth from the love of all that is selfish, sensuous and degrading, and to give them opportunities of enjoying real beauty in this beautiful world by means of natural and innocent pleasures;—pleasures which are conducive to their physical and moral health and intellectual growth, and which leave no sting behind them.

Thus, while we carefully guard the sacred deposit of truth from all adulteration, and found our religion strictly and soberly on God's most holy Word, Good Taste will preserve that religion from sourness, and self complacency, and will make it gracious and acceptable to all who have sufficient candour to appreciate our intentions, and generally useful to the world.