

cheerfulness, and resignation, to the vicissitudes of the present life. With the love of God it desires us join the love of man, that universal charity, which is the foundation of all the comforts of social life, the bond of connexion between earth, and heaven. This angelic disposition softens our passions, appeases our resentments, extends our beneficence to the miseries of mankind—it tells us we are all brethren, all children of the same father, and urges us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, be a Father to the Fatherless, a husband to the widow, the orphan's stay, and the stranger's shield; that it is our glory to be clothed with gentleness, humility, brotherly kindness, moderation, and equity. It tells us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, excites our warmest gratitude to God for his unspeakable kindness; exalts us to the consideration of everlasting justice, and moral excellence, to an heavenly connection with the spiritual world. Is not this a religion worthy of our Saviour to promulgate, and of rational beings to embrace? Beings fitted by their nature to attain a perfection at present inconceivable—who are called on here to prepare for happiness in another state exceeding their limited conceptions, always increasing through the immensity of ages; to them indeed having a beginning, but which shall never have an end.