

the world ; and I say to you : *Search the Scriptures!* The Bible is the book of all others, to be read at all ages, and in all conditions of human life ; not to be read once or twice or thrice through, and then laid aside, but to be read in small portions of one or two chapters every day, and never to be intermitted, unless by some overruling necessity."

GREGORY THE GREAT.—"A stream where alike the elephant may swim and the lamb may wade."

JUDGE HALE, in a letter to his son, writes :—"There is no book like the Bible for excellent learning, wisdom, and use. It is want of understanding in them who think or speak otherwise."

JOHN, EARL OF ROCHESTER, during his last sickness would frequently lay his hand upon the Bible and say,—"*There is true philosophy ; there is wisdom that speaks to the heart. A bad life is the only objection to that Book.*"

THOMAS JEFFERSON.—"*I have always said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands.*"

DR. WATT, in his advice to a young man, says ;—"Whatever your circumstances may be in this world, value the Bible as your best treasure ; and whatever may be your employment, look upon religion as your best business. The Bible contains eternal life in it, and religion is the only way for you to become possessed of it."

SIR JOHN EARDLY WILMOT, thus writes to his eldest son, "Let me exhort you to read with the greatest attention both the Old and New Testaments. You will find your mind extremely becalmed by so doing, and every tumultuous passion bridled by that firm belief of a Resurrection which is evidently marked out and impressed upon mankind by Christianity."

DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON, the eminent English moralist, in his last sickness called a young gentleman, who had sat up with him during the night, to his bed side, and addressed him with these words :—"Young man, attend to the advice of one who has possessed a certain degree of fame in the world, and also will shortly appear before his Maker—*Read the Bible every day.*"

DANIEL WEBSTER.—"*I have read it through many times ; I now make a practice of going through it once a year. It is the book of all others for lawyers, as well as divines ; and I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought, and rules for conduct.*"

DR. LEECHMAN, upon his death-bed, thus addressed the son of a nobleman who had been under his care ;—"You see my young friend the situation in which I now am. I have not many days to live, and am happy that you witness the tranquillity of my last moments. But it is not tranquillity alone, it is joy and triumph—nay it is complete exultation." His features brightened and his voice rose in energy as he spoke. "And whence," said he, "does this exultation spring ? From that book (pointing to the Bible) from that blessed book, too much neglected indeed, but which contains invaluable treasures—treasures of bliss and rejoicing for it makes us certain that *this mortal shall put on immortality.*"

THOMAS CARLYLE.—"*A noble book ! All men's book ! It is our first, oldest statement of the never-ending problem—man's destiny, and God's ways with him here on earth ; and all in such free flowing outlines, grand in its sincerity, in its simplicity, in its epic melody, and repose of reconciliation.*"

SIR WILLIAM JONES.—"*I have regularly and attentively perused the Holy Scriptures, and am of opinion that this volume—independently of its divine origin—contains more true sublimity, more exquisite beauty, more pure morality, more important history, and finer strains of poetry and eloquence, than can be collected from all other books in whatever*