

adds to the former, they receive with all readiness of mind, and act on as principles; what increases the latter, they reject with all abhorrence. How fatal to man's best interest, such a conclusion would be, may be supposed from considering, that *this world is not the portion of God's children; nor is here their rest.* And how gloomy the future without the light of the Bible! Doubt and uncertainty, at best, accompany the wandering pilgrim on his journey, and, of his resting place he knows nothing but vague conjecture, in no degree affecting his drooping spirits,—drooping, as all must, at times, from the influence of a perishing body on its companion the mind. Because if it be, that the Sun is the source and centre of natural light; and, this withdrawn from our universe, all is darkness and death; it is equally an axiom, in reference to the Bible and the world of mind.—And an analogy, strikingly correct, exists between this Sun of morals and of nature; for neither, strictly speaking, are more than sources, whence alone, an all-powerful hand can draw quickening and invigorating rays. Both bodies are dark and cold till acted on from without. Of the Bible we say the letter killeth; of both we may say the Spirit only giveth life!

"I would challenge the world," says an eloquent living clergyman, (*Rev. R. Daly*), "to point out one single spot where the people have been made happy without the Bible; while, on the contrary, I can prove that wherever the Bible has been read by the people; here they have been civilized and humanized and christianized into the bargain."

If such be the Bible how inexcusable is the neglect of it! In the Church of Christ—in not labouring to make all men know its exceeding value, so far as means are adequate to such an end. Among individuals—in not reading, marking, learning and inwardly digesting it; that it may turn to their spiritual nourishment,—to "the edifying of the body of Christ."

It must not be forgotten that at no period has the Baptised Body of Christ wholly neglected this duty; but till within a very few years only has it risen up in its strength, girding itself for this great undertaking. The measure, which, 40 years ago, was *untried theory—the attempt to join Christian hands and Christian hearts, and Christian heads, in the one object of circulating the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment*, however differing on other points, more or less important, has now, *in a good degree, been reduced to practice*;—shewing, to the clearest demonstration, the existence of a neutral soil, on which, all the children of God can meet, and embrace, and labour, and love.—"A spot, where, no one must consider in what, or, how much he differs from another; but, how

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