

love and purity. You are called to avoid idleness, to seek usefulness, and to make amusement a relaxation for sterner duties. The sum of the matter is that we are to resist all enticements to turn aside from the grand object, and to seek our safety, honour and felicity in a *cordial reception of the Saviour*, a *profession of his name*, and in *devotion of heart and life to his cause*.

But you may inquire, Can we not find safety in resisting vice and evil companions without aiming for the present at decided piety? *You cannot*, and I entreat you to ponder well that truth. It is in taking up with something *less than this*, something *lower than this*, that thousands of moral and amiable persons of all ages and ranks commit the grand mistake. There is then, you may be assured, no safety for your soul in mere freedom from vice, or in temperance, morality, Church attendance, or in any of those externals. "If any man love not the Lord Jesus he is accursed." If he love Him he will keep his commandments. To be content with any thing less than decided piety is to ignore the command to believe on the Son, to condemn the great salvation, and to put scorn upon the Great Redeemer. It is an attempt to rob the Lord God of his rights, an attempt in which you may succeed, *but not with impunity*. Be not slothful then, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. They who live for God will overcome the Wicked One.

How then are you to be fortified? Let your minds be filled with the truth of Christ, your hearts with the love of Christ, and your hands occupied about the work of Christ, and you may bid defiance to all enemies. In this way you will follow the Redeemer and conquer in his strength. You will baffle Satan and all his aids even as He did. You will do more by coming to the Lamb as exhibited in the word, in the sacraments, and in the gospel preached according to Christ's appointment, than by a thousand resolutions formed in your own strength. Come then to Jesus as the only way to safety and to heaven. "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me. By me if any man enter in he shall be saved." Choose wisely, decidedly and at once. "If thou art wise thou shalt be wise for thyself, but if thou scornest thou alone shalt bear it."

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## REVIEWS.

TESTIMONY OF THE ROCKS; or, Geology in its bearing on the two Theologies, natural and revealed. By Hugh Miller.

### SECOND NOTICE.

In entering upon the examination of the 3rd lecture, entitled "The Two Records, Mosaic and Geological," which is devoted to the reconciliation of the discoveries of Geology with Revelation, we have thought it better to give at some length the author's view of the different theories that have been formed for this purpose and his reasons for adopting the one which he has preferred, and rejecting others. This lecture has been already published otherwise, but we are persuaded that the majority of our readers have not seen it.

"It is now exactly fifty years since a clergyman of the Scottish Church, engaged in lecturing at St. Andrews, took occasion in enumerating the various earths of the chemist, to allude to the science, then in its infancy, that specially deals with the rocks and soils which these earths compose. "There is a prejudice," he remarked, "against the speculations of the geologist, which I am anxious to remove. It has been said that they nurture infidel propensities. It has been alleged that geology,