

of some who were influenced for good by the living example of his faith and patience, and who cherish the remembrance of his excellences when he has gone to his reward, so that "being dead he yet speaketh." Does not a blessed influence surround those who love righteousness and seek its promotion? They are fellow-workers with the great and good of other days, who, in the various departments of Christian effort, have laboured for the spread of truth and godliness among men. In thus letting your light so shine as to glorify your Father in heaven, you shall in your own sphere help to extend the reign of righteousness and to promote the cause of Christ around you; and by the deeds of Christian benevolence to which you are impelled by the principles and precepts of the Gospel, you shall thus, as far at least as your influence and example extend, benefit for time and eternity the community to which you belong. Let the diffusive nature of the Christian religion have thus full and fair play, and from all ranks in the social scale let the example of a healthy piety come with its happy influences for good, and what a spectacle would then be presented! Righteousness exalting the nation higher than earthly glory could do,—“its peace flowing as a river, its righteousness as the waves of the sea.”