

and beauty so copiously poured over its pages, will be deemed subsidiary ornaments, the embellishments of the casket which contains the *pearl of great price*.—*Robert Hall*

## REVIEW.

*Value of the Bible, and Excellence of the Christian Religion: for the use of Families and Schools.* By NOAH WEBSTER, LL.D. New Haven: Durrie & Peck.

It is a pleasing and encouraging symptom of the present times, that men of eminence are no longer ashamed (!) to appear on the side of religion. Time was, and not far distant, when those who stood high in the political, scientific, and literary world (with some honorable exceptions) seemed afraid to refer to the Bible with any expression of veneration for that sacred book, or to any of the doctrines of Christianity, except for the purpose of reviling or perverting them. Even in so grave an assembly as the House of Lords in England, the mention of the Scriptures, or an allusion to them in support of an argument, was not always received with complacency and reverence. The late Bishop Horsley had occasion, some forty years ago, to administer a severe reproof to their Lordships on this very point. In one of his speeches, wishing to support his argument by Scriptural authority, he was proceeding in terms to the following effect:—"The Apostle Paul, my Lords, in his second Epistle to Timothy"—when he observed several of their Lordships smile, as if the allusion were out of place as being delivered in that house. The bishop immediately stopped, and turning aside for a moment from his course of reasoning, gave an indignant rebuke to the unseasonable expression of levity, and added, "If I see any noble Lord smile when the word of God is quoted, I will immediately call him to order." This had the desired effect, and the bishop repeating the introductory words with, "As I was saying, my Lords, &c." concluded his address without further interruption.

At the period of which we were speaking, and even down to a more recent one, the current of literature, except among the theologians, flowed for the most part in a direction contrary to that of scriptural truth. Now, the case is happily otherwise. Writers of talent and reputation, in considerable numbers, have been honorably employed in advocating, explaining, or enforcing the dictates of inspiration; and among them the

distinguished author of this little volume, whose design is to impress upon the minds of the young the principal facts, doctrines, and motives exhibited in the Bible. The design is good, and for the most part happily and perspicuously executed. We wish, however, that, in some cases, the peculiar doctrines of the gospel had been more prominently stated, and the way of salvation more distinctly pointed out.

A DICTIONARY of the most important Names, Objects, and Terms, found in the HOLY SCRIPTURES, intended principally for Sunday School Teachers and Bible Classes. By HOWARD MALCOLM, A. M. Boston: Gould & Co. Greig, Montreal. Stereotype Edition.

On first opening this volume we judged, from the appearance of its pages, that it was a slight affair; but on examining more closely the articles which compose it, we soon found reason to alter our opinion. Its bulk, indeed, is not large for such a purpose; but its contents are evidently the result of great research, patient thought, judicious selection, and careful writing. Many volumes of larger size, and more splendid pretensions, have less sterling worth. *Mulum in parvo*, would have been its appropriate motto; for scarcely ever have we met with a more correct and finished specimen of the art of concentration.

## Poetry.

### MOTTO FOR THE SCRIPTURES.

Words of eternal life to me,  
O may my faith receive the whole;  
Bound with my heart-strings let them be,  
Hid in the secret of my soul.

Though heaven and earth shall pass away,  
These words of prophecy are sure,  
Unchangeable amidst decay,  
And pure as God Himself is pure.

Who'er to these shall add alloy,  
Or take one sacred fragment thence,  
Them and their works will God destroy,  
His arm shall be his truth's defence.

Firm in that truth may we abide,  
Till Christ our Lord appear again;  
Come, say the Spirit and the Bride,  
Lord Jesus, quickly come:—Amen.

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