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SANITARY SCIENCE FROM A RELIGIOUS POINT OF VIEW.

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Shall I be going farther than the majority of my readers will approve if I claim for sanitary science a high place among those practical philanthropic pursuits, which afford the grandest opportunities for the display of the Christian virtues? Many persons will at once reply that the preservation of health is undoubtedly most praiseworthy, but that it is not a part of religion, and ought not to be spoken of in connection with it. Science of all descriptions is generally regarded as inexplicably but necessarily opposed to religion, and as flourishing most where piety is at the lowest ebb. Science is thought to be the enemy of Christianity; its great leaders are branded as infidels; its triumphs are confidently stated to be ruinous to the spread of that spirit of resignation to the will of the Creator which is the essence of religion. Science is accused of trying to see too much into the purposes of God; of wishing to be wise above that which is written. Were all this true, it might be prudent, perhaps even right, for ministers of religion to oppose its progress, and to warn the world of the moral evils its study must bring upon mankind. But what is science? Knowledge generalised