been kept through long hours of patient wickedness, the gun has been aimed and discharged, but the victim has escaped; on the primary principle of punishment, that man appears to me to be worthy to be punished as a murderer."

And, in awarding sentence, he could not avoid acting upon his opinions: " Punishment is a part of justice if it is anything of moral worth; and I cannot bring myself to think of justice without regard to right and wrong, without regard to the utterances of the human conscience, without a thought behind all of an infinite and perfect judge."

When inflicting punishment, then, we should primarily regard the offence, as God would regard it, as an offence against Him, attend, in the first place, to "moral reproba- tion"; and with this view we must listen " to the utterances of the human conscience."

Now let us assume that " the human conscience" is a di- vine preceptor, and let us ask of the oracle its directions. If it happen to have drank deeply of the wells of christian charity, we will hear the familiar words : " Judge not, that ye be not judged ;" " He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her ;" " Go and sin no more ;" " The Lord willeth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live." "A fitness of suffering to sin "! No: " The blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin;" "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow." " Men have a sense of the fitness of suffer- ing to"—unrepented and unforgiven—"sin." Ah yes ! but what ermined judge can divine the intents of the heart, and apply his chemistry to contrition. A child sins, and its father is a brute if he strikes while sorrow and repentance are heaving the breast with sobs and cries. A man sins, and if, further than protecting society, a judge administers chastisement, he not only arrogates to himself the functions of God's avenging angel, who is perfectly competent, we believe, to perform his duties unaided, but he assumes that he is doing God service and vindicating His law, when God