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“THAT THE SOUL BE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE, IT IS NOT GOOD.”—Prov. xix. 2.

LIFE AND LABOURS OF JOHN KITTO, D. D.

ARTICLE II.

IN our former article on Kitto, in the May number of the *Instructor*, we brought up the history of this extraordinary man to the period of his engagement with Mr C. Knight of London. Before proceeding to deduce a few of the most important practical lessons from such a life, we shall endeavour, in the present communication, to give a brief account of the various events which occurred during the latter, and what may be denominated, the *sunshine* years of his existence. This we must attempt to do, however briefly; otherwise the picture of the man will not be complete. Passing over a number of minor circumstances, we consider the following the most prominent.

I. HIS ENGAGEMENT WITH MR. C. KNIGHT.

Mr C. Knight, as every one knows, was, for a long time, one of the most eminent booksellers in London. He was an intelligent, generous, and liberal-minded man, and of the most active business habits. A distinguished feature in his character was, the love he had to encourage young and popular writers. By this means he published a vast number of useful, cheap and acceptable works,—the greater part of which maintain their standing to the present day. After Kitto had returned from the Continent and settled down at Islington, he was introduced by some of his Plymouth friends to Mr Knight, who at this time had the charge of publishing the works of the Society for the diffusion of useful knowledge. Kitto was immediately engaged by Mr Knight. At first he was employed on the “Penny Magazine;” he was required to contribute two or three columns of original matter every week, and was to be remunerated at the rate of £1 11s. per page. But he did not continue long making such small contributions. His work so pleased his employer that he was raised from one step higher to another, till he might be said to be the editor both of the “Penny Magazine” and the “Penny Cyclopaedia.” This was not to be wondered at, for several of his papers for the Magazine were very popular; and it was no small gratification to Kitto himself when he learned that one or two of these papers were taken by the pub-