

CHRISTIANITY AND ITS INFLUENCE.

STUDENTS of medicine have chosen for their life-work a profession than which no other, having to do primarily with things earthly, is more honorable, or more useful, or brings to those who follow it a larger amount of esteem, respect and gratitude. How could it be otherwise? The purpose and efforts of the profession are to save life, and to remove or allay pain and misery. That is their business. All of us well know that a medical practitioner, in the exercise of his profession, often knowingly runs great risks, risks to his health, and risks to his life, in visiting and treating patients suffering from contagious and infectious diseases, as well as in other ways ; but he no more thinks of preferring his personal safety to the duty which his profession demands of him, than the soldier shrinks from his dangerous duty when called on to face human foes armed for his destruction.

By the relief which a medical man gives to his