

"Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God."

—[Proverbs.

Such is a part of the advice given by Solomon to his son Robboam; it is a beautiful commentary on the obligations devolving both upon parents and their offspring.

He who said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he becomes old he will not depart from it," points in these words to the duty of both teachers and taught.

"My son, incline thine ear unto wisdom; apply thy heart to understanding; search after knowledge as for hid treasures." There is a lofty worth in the acquisition of useful knowledge; whether such knowledge pertains to the bespangled firmament, with its mighty machinery, each part of which is kept in its proper sphere by the laws of gravitation and attraction, by which planet is tied to planet, star to star, and these to the sun, and the whole to the Godhead; or if, in our search for knowledge, we examine the foot prints of the Creator, as presented by the crust of the earth; the diversified wonders everywhere visible on its surface, and entombed in its charnel house; every point presents a field for the expansion of mind, and the elevation of soul; but after all, "these are but a part of his ways."

"My son," as if the wise man had said, after having examined these wonders, which is right so to do; and after having unfolded things that had for time past apparently lay veiled in mystery; and after having, in a word,

applied so far as applicable to man's wants, the resources of the world; still, after all, it is asked, "where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?"

The following pathetic words contain the answer:—"Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."—Here is knowledge that will withstand "the wreck of worlds and the crash of matter."

Solomon, tells his son to "take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life." "Keep my commandments and laws as the apple of thine eye; bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart;" let chastity, industry, honesty and temperance characterize thy life.

"My son," as if he had said, do these things in your youth—the accepted time, while the judgment, memory, understanding, and perception, "those daughters of music," are in lively tune; and before old age, with its infirmities, has brought the daughters of music low; when the silver cord is about to be loosened, and the golden bowl broken, and the spirit return unto God who gave it.

#### The Secret of England's Greatness.

It was a noble and beautiful answer of our Queen, says the "British Workman," that she gave to an African Prince, who sent an embassy, with costly presents, and asked her in return to tell him the secret of England's greatness, and England's glory; and our beloved Queen sent him, not the number of her fleet, not the number of her armies, not the amount of her