

## REPORT.

The Beneficent Creator has, in all ages, held intercourse with, and communicated his will to his intelligent creatures. This he did in divers manners, under the more obscure and less complete dispensations which have passed away. But to us, upon whom the ends of the world are come, hath he spoken by Him who is the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person. He hath given a revelation of his will, and a system of ordinances adapted thereto, which shall endure unchanged till Christ's second coming.

The works of Providence proclaim that their maker is Divine—that he possesses infinite wisdom and power; but they are insufficient to point out to fallen man the way of a sinner's acceptance with God. Hence the necessity of revelation, a rule by which to glorify and enjoy him.

The Holy Scriptures, whose inspiration and authenticity are demonstrated both by external and internal evidence, contain the only infallible declaration of "what is good" and what "the Lord requires," Micah, vi. 7. They are the only unerring standard of religion.

The Author of the Bible has secured to it an undoubted credit, superior to all human opinion. It is the Testament of God our Saviour, the Word of eternal truth which endureth for ever.

"Marked with the Seal of high Divinity,  
On every leaf bedewed with drops of love  
Divine, and with the heraldry  
And signature of God Almighty stamped.

It as much excels all other books, as the mighty fabric of the universe exceeds the puny works of man. There is in its sacred pages something suited to every possible case; it is profitable for doctrine, correction and instruction, it is the power of God to salvation.

Philanthropy asks how is man to be elevated from the degradation of sin, how fitted for his high destiny, how is the savage to be subdued, the barbarian civilized, and the slave set free? When all the schemes of human device utterly fail, the Bible alone provides the remedy. It is adapted not only to the circumstances and wants of a particular class or nation; but each individual of the family of man has in it a deep