

sectarian manœuvres, a barren brain, frigid sympathies, or a petty style of manners. Religion without manliness whines and crouches. It acts as if Providence were a tyrant, the world a prison, and man a slave. Instead of holding its clear look up, with conscious and grateful dignity, to the light, and standing face to face with all the cheerful and solemn facts of life, and looking straight into the eyes of every creature, as faith gives it a supreme right to do, it goes to the church with a ghastly expression, or none ; creeps to the prayer meeting abjectly, is half afraid to own its cause, and shows its meagre mind by abusive and unilluminated criticisms. It resorts to tricks for the building of a meeting-house, which the code of honor among unconverted men would reject from the shop ; and settles a minister or equips a missionary with a management too tortuous for the broker's counter. It makes common sense cry out in despair,—Why cannot the disciples of Christ show the world specimens of human character, as broad in proportions, as free in outline, as magnanimous in temper, as sensible in practice, as appreciating in taste, as liberal in accomplishments, as they are superior by their celestial calling ?

ALL Adam's race are members of one frame,
Since all at first from the same essence came ;
When by hard fortune one limb is oppress'd,
The other members lose their wonted rest :
If thou feel'st not for others' misery,
A son of Adam is no name for thee.

—*From the Persian of Sadi.*