

pleasures are but vanity ; that the ills of life are innumerable, and that after all, death, which threatens us every moment, must, in a few years, perhaps in a few days, place us in the eternal condition of happiness or misery. It is, therefore, the imperative duty of every man who makes any pretensions to prudence or rationality, to endeavor to have his mind impressed with the conviction of the reality of a future and invisible world, to consider its importance and to contemplate in the light of reason and revelation, the grand and solemn scenes which it displays. While the least doubt remains upon his mind in relation to the subject, he should give himself no rest till it be dispelled. He should explore every avenue ; he should prosecute every study from which light and information may be obtained ; he should prosecute his researches with the same earnestness and avidity as a miser would, in digging for hidden treasures ; and above all things, he should study with deep attention and humility, the revelation contained in the Holy Scriptures, with earnest prayer to God for light and direction.

“ If thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding ; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasure, then shalt thou understand the fear of