

side, so that he could not see it, it should have the power to cure disease, soothe pain, and comfort sorrow.

And so it came to pass. When the saint walked along, his shadow, thrown on the ground on either side or behind him, made arid paths green, caused withered plants to bloom, gave fresh color to pale little children, and joy to unhappy mothers.

But the saint simply went about his daily life, diffusing virtue as the star diffuses light and the flower perfume, without ever being aware of it.



A WORD TO THE WISE.

IT is a great thing to be an honest man ; it is a great thing to be a good citizen, ever ready to maintain social order and public tranquility ; a good father, a good husband, a good son, a good neighbor, and a good friend. All this is very necessary, and those who fail in such duties fall far short of what is absolutely required of them. But all this is not sufficient, these duties are not religion, although they are commanded by religion. Some thing more is required of a man, and that something is Christianity.

And why ? Because there is a living God, who is your Creator and your Father. Because this Almighty God has created you to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him, and thus to merit an eternal union with Himself, an eternal happiness in the life that is to come. Because when this world shall have passed away, there shall be another which shall never pass away ; a world in which God will bestow an everlasting reward upon these who have been faithful, and will visit with everlasting punishment these who have neglected to serve Him. Because Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word came into our midst to teach us how to live in order to gain this glorious eternity ; because He pointed out to us clearly and unmistakably the path of right, the path to Heaven, and declared that whosoever would not hear His words should be rejected by His Father in Heaven.