

most earnestly deprecate?—that God would not cast him away from his presence. What loss did he most deeply deplore?—the loss of the enjoyment of God's favor. And what blessing did he most earnestly supplicate, as in fact including and securing every other?—the restoration of the joys of God's salvation. If the saints feel so deeply in the hour of desertion, what must have been the anguish of Christ under the hidings of his Father's countenance? Who could form so comprehensive an estimate as he, of the worth of God's favour? Who ever valued it, and delighted in it, as he did? Who ever loved God with so much ardor and tenderness as he did? Who ever rested in him with such complacency as he? O, then, what must he have suffered, when that fellowship, which is the solace of every holy heart, was interrupted, and all its joys withdrawn—and withdrawn, too, at the moment when sins past reckoning compassed him about, and when his mind was fixed down to the contemplation of objects to which his whole nature was infinitely repugnant? O what mighty workings of faith were necessary for maintaining his confidence in God and his love to him in these circumstances—amidst the grief, consternation, and horror, arising from the presence of enormous guilt and the absence of the manifestations of God's favor? Those saints can enter best into the Savior's sufferings from this cause, who are at once the most sanctified, and who have experienced the privation of Divine comfort in seasons when these might be most needed, and the tormenting fears and anxieties which thence originated." \* \* \*

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THE HAND-BOOK OF TORONTO; *Containing its Climate, Geology, Natural History, Educational Institutions, Courts of Law, Municipal Arrangements, &c.* BY A MEMBER OF THE PRESS. 8vo., pp. 272. Toronto: Lovell & Gibson, 1858.

This very handsome volume, which has been presented to us, scarcely falls within our range, but being not only printed, but written, we suppose, in our own city, we cannot do less than introduce it to the notice of our readers. It will be seen from the title that a pretty extensive field is embraced, and that much more than Toronto is included. In treating of such a multiplicity of subjects, the author acknowledges his obligations to persons eminent in the several departments, and names Sir William Logan, Professor Hincks, Mr. May and Mr. Couper. The coöperation of such distinguished men is fitted to give the public security for the ability and faithfulness with which the work is executed. Much of it will be interesting and useful to general readers, but strangers visiting Toronto will find it specially serviceable to them, and will receive from it a great deal of minute, exact, and we believe, generally correct information respecting whatever is fitted to attract their attention in the metropolis. On such a multitude of subjects there will, of course, be a diversity of opinion. The author seems to anticipate that he will not carry all suffrages. "I have endeavoured" says he, "to walk through the city with my eyes open, and have formed my opinion of men and things as they presented themselves to my own observation, altogether irrespective of what the impressions of others may be, and in so far as I can judge I have endeavoured to give my own impressions to the public." We should add that the book is beautifully got up, and contains a handsome map of the City, and a plate of the Exhibition Building.