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Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.—PSALM XXXVII. 37.

THE power of example is proverbially : influence extends to individuals of all ages characters. Divine Wisdom has, therefore, an important position in the revelation made to On perusing the history of our Lord and Saviour Christ, in the New Testament, we clearly perceive that though the primary object of His *perfectly fulfilling the law for man* was, that He might become the pure and spotless sacrifice which the justice and holiness of God required for the redemption of our fallen race, yet it was a concurrent object in the scheme of salvation to furnish mankind in their present state, and in their own nature, with an example suited to their capacity.— Hence we find our Lord himself, when he had well nigh finished the work which His Heavenly Father had given Him to do, declaring to His disciples, “I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done unto you.” And the Apostle St. Peter, following up his Master’s words, assures us, that “Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps.”

But still, as the example furnished mankind in the person of Christ was *perfect* and so *exalted* that, even with the promised aid of the Spirit, and the assurance of the sufficiency of Divine grace, frail and sinful man was in danger of being deterred from attempting the imitation of it, and induced to sit down in despair of