

## THY HEART IS NOT RIGHT BEFORE GOD.

YOUNG X—— left his birth-place to earn his living in a large city. His parents had brought him up under a strict moral and religious training. From his early childhood he had been accustomed to read a chapter in the Bible each day, and promising his mother that he would continue to do so, and to say his prayers, he would have thought it very wrong to neglect either of these duties.

He was quite persuaded that thus, all was right. His conscience had never been awakened ; he feared neither the holiness nor the righteousness of God, and he did not know either His love or His grace.

He was not yet sixteen years of age when he found himself without support or protection, exposed to all the temptations which present themselves in a large city. The passing "pleasures of sin" (Heb. xi, 25), and its "deceitfulness" (Heb. iii, 13), exercised their power over him, and soon he was drawn into the vortex of evil. What grief it would have been to his father with his austere morality if he had seen his young son entering into, and walking in, the path of corruption ! The religious instruction which he had received soon lost all its value in his eyes, although he still continued to read his chapter in the Bible.

But the eye of God, and His love followed this young man. His ear had heard the prayer of his dying mother, interceding for the eternal salvation