

forth leaf and flower and fruit. And though it may be true that in this or that respect, it will seem faulty or imperfect ; yet, as a whole, it will attract and charm us, as we see it rooted deeply in the grace of God, and lifting up its ever-fruitful branches towards the skies.

Taking into our view the elements of such a character, as they have now been mentioned ; namely, faith, faithfulness and heavenly aspiration, we realize that it is worthy to be held up before the world for notice and for imitation. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright." Such men there are within the common range of observation. We have seen them amid the toils and trials of the common lot, rising high above the ordinary level of Christian attainment, shining as lights in the world and holding forth the word of life. And such men are the peculiar products of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Nature does not originate them. No degree of intellectual culture can produce them. No other religion than that of Jesus has ever availed to raise this lost humanity of ours to such a height, and, as the peculiar product of the Gospel, they are to be observed, appreciated, imitated. Unconscious as they themselves may be of their own attract-