

Still do we see—not know the changeful splendour
 Lambent or sparkling, leaping through the night—
 But the abiding glow, most deep, most tender,
 A great life's lasting light.

Still do we hear—not now the silvern laughter
 We loved to catch 'mid many a mightier tone—
 But these—the golden cadence that hereafter
 All memory shall own.

Still do we hold—not now the presence human,
 Kind, fearless eye, frank hand, and vigorous form—
 But, closer yet, the inner and the true man
 That steered us through the storm ;

To guide us still who loved him ! cheering, warning,
 Past rock and shoal, and through the blinding foam,
 Until the Homeward-bound at the clear morning
 Shall be at last at home.

Ah, Saint, there are who in the heavenly places,
 After the Vision of the Form Divine,
 Shall greet not one among the blissful faces
 More wistfully than thine !

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EXTRACTS FROM A COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

WHEN Lord Russell was on the scaffold, and preparing to be beheaded, he took his watch out of his pocket, and gave it to Dr. Burnet, who assisted his devotions, with this observation : " My time-piece may be of service to you : I have no further occasion for it ; my thoughts are fixed on *eternity* .

THE Jewish Doctors assert, that the Ten Commandments were written in such a manner, that not one single letter more could have a place there Would to God that the divine law were so engraven in our hearts, as to fill every corner in such a way that nothing else might find the possibility of lodging there !

" He who is desirous to find religious truth," says the last mentioned writer, " must seek her in the Holy Scriptures, interpreted by good sense and sober criticism, and embrace no theological systems any farther than as they are found consistent with the word of God, with right reason, and with themselves. A theological system is too often a temple consecrated to implicit faith, and he who enters in there to worship, instead of leaving his shoes, after the eastern manner, must leave his understanding at the door ; and it will be well if he find it when he comes out again."