

to man. But as far as it goes, and always presupposing the accompaniment of true faith, knowledge of Christian fact and of Christian doctrine is of the utmost moment; for life is fed by truth, the goodness which makes us like God and fits us for fellowship with Him is formed and matured by the views of His character, which the Scriptures furnish.

I mention as a second characteristic of the religion of the Scottish people, unemonstrativeness. Speaking generally, the piety which is found in our native land is of the quiet and unobtrusive sort, even in those cases where there is the least reason to doubt either its reality or its depth. In comparison with the piety of some other lands, it is marked by a large measure of reserve and reticence. It shrinks from all unnecessary utterance, from all that is not obviously dutiful. With it, the feelings of the soul towards God, the sense of obliga-