

and the truths of Christianity, canvassed in their bearing on him ; the grounds of law, and basis of civilization, tried anew in the ascertainment of his rights ; the terms of mutual regard, and esteem of long-tried friends, shaken, or put sharply to the test, in the tug of opinion respecting the disposition to be made of him, because he was by nature a person, and not a thing ; and, in fine, fame blowing her trumpet all abroad about one, who, but for the touching of this question of his poor personality, would have lived the obscurest of the unknown, and, so far as the general regard is concerned, died as a bubble breaks in the air. Or, to show, by another striking instance, this general interest in the personal lot and enduring existence of a fellow-creature, let some adventurous navigator, with his crew, be missed upon the deep ; let gloomy doubt gather about his condition, and over his life ; and the concern for him, instead of diminishing by distance, and fading away with time, shall only wax and widen, till whole nations shall be agitated with sympathy, and moved to laborious effort, and engaged in costly enterprise for his discovery. The benevolent soul of some stranger to him shall pour out treasure like water for his possible relief. Yea, though years may have passed away, and he peradventure be frozen into the dreadful birthplace of the iceberg, or wedged among the glaciers of the land, or the snowy tempest howl over his bones, with no earth for their burial, — successive fleets shall be dispatched into the shadow of the Pole, and, under the long darkness of the arctic night, to hunt for him surviving, or gather up his cold remains. Is not all this a sign of the depth, and a foreshadowing of the destiny, of that personal being, which by Christ's resurrection, is assured in the hope of a limitless