

sire the approbation of their fellow creatures.. By some distinction is sought for its own sake, because it gratifies their vanity. They realize a degree of satisfaction as they consider that they are above the common herd, in being one of those whom the world could scarcely afford to do without. By some it is sought for the advantages and pleasures which it brings, for the power which it gives them over their fellowmen, for the position in society to which it raises them, and the opportunities which it affords them of advancing their own interests, and engaging in those pursuits to which their inclination leads them. Though we believe the greater part of mankind care little for what is really noble, good and true, unless it adapts itself to their own preconceived notions of what this ought to be; yet there are a few who love truth because it is truth. They love it not simply that they may hold it as a final result, an end to which they have attained, but that it may be used as a means of raising themselves in the scale of being, and enabling them to pluck still richer and rarer fruit from the tree of knowledge. There are those who ask, what is good, what is noble, what is true greatness, that we may search for it if haply we may find it? What was the great end for which immortal mind was created and for which its energies should be employed? Revelation answers, "To glorify God and enjoy Him for ever." And this answer is equally consistent with the deductions of philosophy and religious truth. If we assume the correctness of this conclusion we may justly infer that man's enjoyment or happiness and God's glory are very intimately connected, that at least it is not improbable that one may depend upon the other. Either they are both legitimate ends for the attainment of which we should exercise our powers and use whatever means may be within our reach, or one is THE end and the other a consequence, a concomitant, or a necessary result of the employment of the means for attaining that end. By some, happiness is considered the end, and pursued accordingly. But our own experience tells us that it cannot be obtained in this manner. It must come, if at all, as the result of energy exercised in pursuit of a nobler