

THE CORRECT VIEW OF LIFE IS TO UNDER- STAND LAW.

We have now seen that there is no Heavenly Father who interferes with His own laws, as taught by Jesus, but there may be a Father who governs by law. We know more than the old prophets knew, and we know more than the Greeks and Roman philosophers knew; for we have learnt something about God from history and from science. We have learnt that He is a God of law who governs by laws that change not. He does not want the blood of bulls nor of goats, as a smelling sacrifice, as Moses taught; nor is He turned aside from His ways by prayers and psalms, as Presbyterians and Methodists preach. There is one way to understand God, and that is to try and understand His laws and obey them. If a bow is bent it will straighten itself, and anyone who is in the way will get hurt; it makes no difference whether he be good or bad. If you strike a man in the face, he will strike you back,—control your temper and avoid trouble. If you treat a man with kindness and consideration you will likely be rewarded; and if you are not rewarded you will have the satisfaction of having done your duty. Nearly all the misery which has come upon men on this earth has come through their not being able to control their passions. Vanity is the cause of a great deal of trouble; selfishness is the cause of much more. Therefore these three off-shoots of the human mind are against Nature's laws, and if you wish to be happy and live in accordance with God's ways you must avoid these para-