

that they were men who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Spirit of God, can enable us satisfactorily to explain the undoubted fact, that the purest and most perfect system of morality which the world has ever seen : the system that discovers the justest and widest views of the Divine character and government, and the deepest insight into the recesses of human nature, proceeded not from the philosophers of Egypt or of India, of Greece or of Rome, but from the carpenter of Nazareth and his uneducated disciples."

LIFE WITHOUT LOVE.

We sometimes meet with men who seem to think that any indulgence in an affectionate feeling is a weakness. They will return from a journey and greet their families with a distant dignity, and move among their children with the cold and lofty splendour of an iceberg surrounded by its broken fragments. There is hardly a more unnatural sight on earth than one of those families without a heart. A father had better extinguish a boy's eyes than take away his heart. Who that has experienced the joys of friendship, and values sympathy and affection, would not rather lose all that is beautiful in nature's scenery than be robbed of the hidden treasure of his heart? Cherish, then, your heart's best affections. Indulge in warm and gushing emotions of filial, parental, and fraternal love.

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THE ONLY WAY.

Behold to blissful immortality the path !
 Rough at its outset, full of thorns and briars,
 Requiring resolution strong and courage bold
 To travel it ; yet, as it winds along,
 Flowers grow thereon of loveliest hue
 And richest fragrance—Peace, Joy, Hope, Love ;
 All springing from the Saviour's smile, all nourished
 With his blood. Gird, then, thy loins to run
 This race. If guilt depress and burden down
 Thy soul, a fountain open stands in which
 That guilt can all be washed away by faith.
 Art thou of weakness conscious ? The Lord thy God
 Gives strength to feebleness, and girds with might
 The trembling knees. On Him rely ! His help
 Will never fail. His grace will always save !