

function is all that he claims for himself—with deep regret that he can do no more'. The only points which may be considered as fully established in the *Euthyphro* are that the ordinary and obvious conceptions of piety are inadequate and unworthy, while the questions of duty to God and man are complex and manifold.

Precisely the opposite is the view on which religious bigotry has always acted. Euthyphro is the type of a bigot. While utterly destitute of imagination or logical faculty, and almost of thinking power, he is an upright, well-meaning, and conscientious man. But above all things he is possessed with a firm conviction that he is right in theory and in practice: he has no misgivings or hesitation: he is ready to carry out his convictions to the revolting extent of putting his father on his trial for murder. This last circumstance seems indeed a touch of caricature, a kind of *reductio ad absurdum*. At the same time brutality towards the old, and harshness to parents, formed a part of the darker side of Attic civilization. Such a prosecution as this is only worse in degree than many an act recorded or alluded to in the literature of Greece.

For further analysis of the Dialogue the student should refer to Grote and Jowett, and to the excellent introduction prefixed to Wells's edition of the *Euthyphro*.

MENEXENUS.

Socrates meets a friend who informs him that the Athenians are about to appoint an orator to pronounce the funeral eulogium of those who have been slain in war. Socrates responds in a tone of