

science, in preference to *their* prejudices? They'll scorn me. Let them. I should scorn myself had I not principle, religion, and character enough to do my duty in the face of a whole world's opposition. I know it is mortifying to you—I am sorry it is, but I must go."

9. "You are determined?"

"I am, sir."

"You are right," he answered, "and it shall never be said that James Weston could not appreciate firmness, though in an erring cause. I will go with you."

---

## 176. MOUNT LEBANON AND ITS CEDARS.

PATTERSON.

JAMES LAIRD PATTERSON, M. A., an English gentleman, who a few years since made a visit to the Holy Land, and published an interesting account of his "Tour in Egypt, Palestine, and Syria." After visiting the holy places, Mr. Patterson became a convert to the Catholic faith.

1. ABOUT seven we were in motion, and had a most delightful ride over the crest of Lebanon. The view of the valley and Anti-Lebanon, and of the amphitheatre on the west side, is magnificent. We passed through several patches of snow, and found the air proportionately cold. From the crest of the mountain, the broad valley of B'scherri looks like a rocky glen: the village of that name, and Eden, appeared to the right. Higher up the valley spreads, and near the right flanking mountains the deep green cedars are nestled.

2. The cedars appear about two hundred in number, of which some eight or ten are very large. We measured three of the largest, and found them respectively thirty-seven feet ten inches, twenty-eight feet, and thirty-one feet in girth. On the north side of the four knolls on which the cedars stand (and in the midst of which our tent is pitched) is a deep ravine.

3. The general effect from here is beautiful. On the whole, I should say that the associations and the general effect of the cedars render them well worth a visit; but, in themselves, travellers have a little overrated them. This evening we have