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DAUGHTER OF BARON CUVIER, PEER OF FRANCE.

Although not many of the great and the noble, as the language of this world describes greatness and nobility, are to be found among the disciples of Jesus, yet God has so ordered it that some, in all ages, among the higher classes of society, have not been *ashamed of the gospel of Christ*, but have experienced it to be *the power of God unto salvation*. That which seldom occurs to our notice, strikes us the more on account of its rarity; and hence when we meet with genuine piety in high places we are the more strongly attracted towards it, and contemplate such examples with peculiar emotions of wonder and delight.

The subject of the present article was the daughter of George Cuvier, long celebrated throughout Europe and the world as a statesman of great ability in the French Cabinet, and a natural philosopher of the highest eminence. He rose by the force of genius, diligence, and virtue, from a comparatively obscure origin, to high honour in the state, having been

made a peer, though a protestant, by Louis XVIII, and become in his scientific character one of the most distinguished men of modern times. Sophie Laure Clementine was born in that country in the year 1806. In her childhood her health was delicate; but her mind displayed a vigour beyond her years. When very young she preferred study to play, and always evinced a desire for improvement, which triumphed over all that is repulsive in serious occupations to the ardour and gaiety of youth. When only thirteen years of age she accompanied her father to England; and an accidental circumstance revealed the habits of her mind, and the pious disposition of her heart, at that early age. She lost a book of prayers which she was accustomed to use. It was found by a friend who assisted her father in the education of his daughter. All the prayers were written with her own hand, and all had been composed by herself.

With her advancing age, her