

## RELIGIOUS MANLINESS.

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MANLINESS enters into the composition of piety. All that the unperverted judgment of the world approves, the gospel invites. What lends their real lustre to the memorable spots on the globe ; what attracts the companies of genial and innocent fellowship ; what makes the joy of light-hearted children, the usefulness of labor, the benefits of civilization, the hardihood and enterprize of traffic and invention, colonies and arts ; what binds families and blesses homes—all these are yours, so soon, and only then, when you are Christian souls. Over every field where real goodness starts into life, Christianity extends its benediction. So what the world holds as its best, the Messiah accepts as his tribute. His church has arms wider than the charity of the world. Providence realizes prophecy. “The sons of strangers build up thy walls. Thy gates shall be open continually, that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles. The flocks of Kedar—the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah ; these that fly as doves to their windows ; all they from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and incense ; the isles shall wait for thee ; the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee—for brass, gold ; and for iron, silver ; and for wood, brass ; and for stones, iron. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee—the fir-tree, the pine-tree, and the box together,—to beautify the place of the sanctuary.”

No doubt, there is such a thing as manliness without faith. But its defects are patent enough, even to the eyes of the faithless themselves. You cannot live with it very