

templation of it. Or when the theory of a moral sense offers itself to our regards, let us bear regard along with it to that God, who constructed this organ of the inner man, and endowed it with all its perceptions and all its feelings. In the utility wherewith He hath followed up the various observations of moral rectitude ; in the exquisite relish which He hath infused into the rectitude itself ; in the law of conformity thereto which He hath written on the hearts of all men ; in the aspect of eternal and unchangeable fitness, under which he hath made it manifest to every conscience—in these we behold the elements of many a controversy on the nature of virtue ; but in these, when viewed aright, we also behold a glorious harmony of attestations to the nature of God. It is thus that the perplexities of the question, when virtue is looked to as but a thing of earthly residence, are all done away, when we carry the speculation upward to heaven. They find solution there ; and cast a radiance over the character of Him who hath not only established in righteousness His throne, but, by means of a rich and varied adaptation, hath profusely shed over the universe that He hath formed, the graces by which He would adorn, and the beatitudes by which He would reward it.

15. Although the establishment of a moral theory is not now our proper concern, we may nevertheless take the opportunity of expressing our