

lawless. Now of this we might be informed by an actual survey of human life. We can justly imagine the consequences upon human society—were perfect uprightness and sympathy and goodwill to obtain universally ; were every man to look to his fellow with a brother's eye ; were a universal courteousness to reign in our streets and our houses and our market-places, and this to be the spontaneous emanation of a universal cordiality ; were each man's interest and reputation as safe in the custody of another, as he now strives to make them by a jealous guardianship of his own ; were, on the one hand, a prompt and eager benevolence on the part of the rich, ever on the watch to meet, nay, to overpass, all the wants of humanity, and, on the other hand, an honest moderation and independence on the part of the poor, to be a full defence for their superiors against the encroachments of deceit and rapacity ; were liberality to walk diffusively abroad among men, and love to settle, pure and unruffled, in the bosom of families ; were that moral sunshine to arise in every heart, which purity and innocence and kind affection are ever sure to kindle there ; and, even when some visitation from without was in painful dissonance with the harmony within, were a thousand sweets ready to be poured into the cup of tribulation from the feeling and the friendship of all the good who were around us. On this single transition from vice to virtue among men, does there not