

upon well-studied proof; which are often indeed nothing but vulgar prejudices?*

Did the religion of Dr. Turner, who so long and meritoriously filled the office of Secretary to the Geological Society, impede his exertions in the field of philosophy; or in any way depreciate their value? The testimony of his friend Mr. Dale should be inscribed upon the heart of every man of science. "He received the Bible with implicit deference, *not as the word of man, but, as it is in truth, the word of GOD.*—Blameless, excellent as he was, to outward appearance, in every relation of life, he knew that he could not abide the scrutiny of one who looked upon the heart; and he joyfully took refuge in the *comfortable doctrine of an Almighty Saviour, one able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him.*"

When Dr. Turner knew that death was near, he adverted to the perfect calmness of his pulse, and asked, "What can make it so, at such an hour? What, but the power of religion? Who, but the Spirit of God?—I could not have believed (he said) that I could be happy on my death-bed. I am content my career should close. —The question was put to him by an anxious relative,

* O that they would practically and efficiently abrogate the distressing monition of one of the distinguished philosophers of our country!—"There is no subject on which the generality, even of educated and reasoning persons, are less given to reason than on religion. Hence the prevalent disposition (even among those who think deeply, and are perhaps profoundly engaged in philosophical investigations on other subjects) is to avoid all such examination of religious matters; to adopt nominally the established creed without question; to dismiss all particular distinctions from their thoughts; or, if questioned, to recur to mystery, and repose in the incomprehensibility of the doctrine; maintaining this, too, as in itself the most effectual and legitimate means of cherishing a due and becoming sentiment of religion. And all this grounded upon and vindicated by the favourite and fashionable idea, so grateful to human nature, that religion is altogether a *matter of feeling.*" Powell's Tradition Unveiled; p. 62.