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THE most exemplary men look back upon their own lives with too much severity of examination to feel an unalloyed satisfaction at the review ; the standard of moral purity and religious faith by which they endeavour to govern themselves, discovering too distinctly every deviation from perfection. They feel indeed unceasingly grateful to the Divine Being for having conducted them through their progress of years far from those dan-



gerous temptations which assail the majority, and for having saved them from the commission of criminal faults; but in this consolation are equally mingled pleasure and humility.

Many, however, who regard themselves with the greatest diffidence and self-condemnation, yet behold with triumph the heights to which virtue and religion can attain in others; and, under the influence of enjoined charity, extend to their failings the consideration which they withhold from their own. To such, the biography of a good man is always acceptable, and his praise agreeable. But moral excellence recommends itself to general attention: and it is a cheering reflection, that even very imperfectly regulated minds, and some who have the lowest fallen from their high estate, still retain a

perception of its value, and frequently look into superior examples, not for amusement only, but for improvement. In the circle of friendship and natural affinity, admiration of estimable characters is increased by affection and respect, which make the contemplation of their virtues a pleasing duty. After the separation of death especially, another and more powerful feeling arises in their favour; it is not alone the grief occasioned by their loss, their eternal destiny is then before us: we look towards their grave, and behold, not darkness and corruption, but, in imagination, a light like that which the angels diffused, when, announcing the memorable event which is the basis of a christian's hope of immortality, they said, 'He is risen.' We know that they are gone to their reward. Such a reflection reinforces our natural partiality, and adds a

new pleasure to the consideration of their conduct whilst on earth. In this frequent occupation of the thoughts, we are sensible they often erred, but grateful tenderness softens the eye of justice, and veils from a too strict regard, the faint traces of their little foibles ; their imperfections are overlooked in the multitude of virtues they practised, and in the numerous obligations they conferred ; or are regarded only as the shades of a fine prospect on which the sun impresses his resplendent beams. The retrospection indeed of a well spent life, and peaceful end of a good man, presents the most beautiful of all pictures to the mind ; and is equally calculated to inspire satisfaction, confirm regard, alleviate sorrow, and incite to imitation. Such a memory is a treasure beyond price, and the noblest legacy the virtuous dead can leave.