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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

LIBEARY R. M. R. THERE are many theologies: only one Christianity. The substance of Christianity is in those few related facts which are arranged around the person of Jesus CORIST.

Revelation may not communicate all which curiosity might desire or philosophy attempt; but we recognise a wise design alike in its limitations and its disclosures. We intend no disrespect to dogmatic theology, when we institute the inquiry, now and then, whether we are not in danger of giving a greater prominence to philosophic speculation concerning the facts of the Christian system than to the facts themselves, many of which are palpable to the infidel as to the believer.

As to those prodigious feats of intellectual legerdemain by which Pantheism denies the personality of the world's Creator and Redeemer, pretending that God and Christ are only syllogistic fabrications of the human soul; or the speculations of a later school, which, admitting the historical incidents of Christianity, judges them according to sense, making Baptism to mean nothing more than the virtue of personal ablution, and the Lord's Supper the wisdom of dietetics; by such studious endeavors, on the one hand and the other to escape the obvious import of inspired Scripture, we are reminded of the elaborate effort of the Arch Tempter, on his first circumnavigation of our earth, as described by Milton, to keep himself in darkness—

"Cautious of day."

The present volume undertakes nothing more than to group together, in the simple and unpretending form of pastorly address—not of philosophic analysis—the principal facts which compose the Christian system. From whatever point of the circumference we start in the great circle of truth, each radius brings us to that focal centre—the life and mediation of Jesus Christ.

The author will be abundantly compensated, if the following pages should enliven the conviction in any

[·] Essence of Christianity, By Ludwig Feuerbach.

mind that the only source of hope and gladness for the human race is the Redemption of the Son of God—so that the whole of life should be made one "Lord's Day" of gratitude and joy, as George Herbert has beautifully expressed it:—

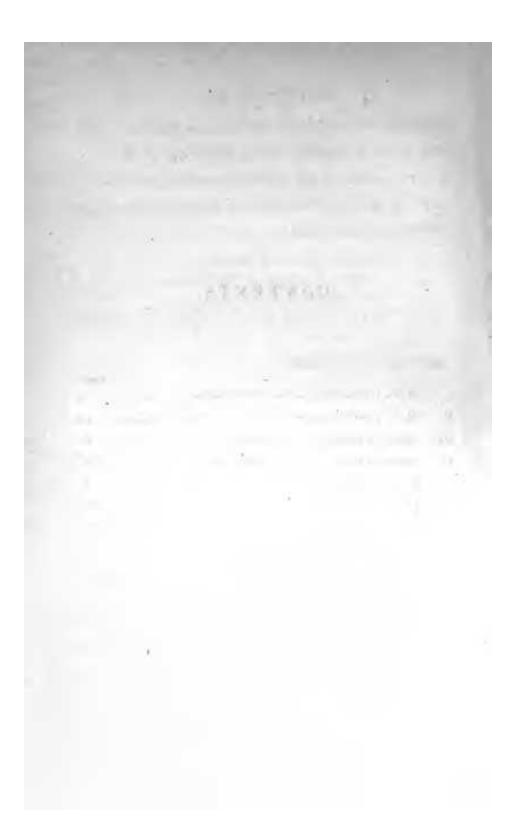
"Can there be any day but this,

Though many suns to shine cadeavor?

We count three hundred; but we miss:

There is but one, and that one EVEN.

New York, March 24, 1856.



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