

ILLUSTRATION OF FAITH.

"Father," said a little Welsh boy to his parent, who had been explaining the Scriptures to his family, in the hall of what was once the Manor-house, but which was then occupied by a farmer,—"Father, you said you would one day, when I was old enough, teach me what faith is. Am I old enough now?" Well I think you are, Willie, come to me," said his father, rising from his Chair.

The boy had no sooner approached, than his father raised him from the ground, and set him on the top of a double chest of drawers that stood beside the wall. The child's color went and came, and he was evidently afraid to stand upright in so unusual a situation.

"Now, Willie," said his father, placing himself at a little distance, and holding out his arms, "Now, Willie, stand upright and jump into my arms." The child's position and the father's command, were alike calculated to produce alarm, and did produce it. but the father's look was calm, kind and serious, and the child had imbibed the lesson,—so he had nothing for it but to turn his mind to compliance.

Raising himself somewhat, at length he made an effort to jump, but his heart failed him, and he drew back, and stood farther from the edge of the drawers.

"Ah, Willie," said his father, "Thou hast no faith—try again." Willie thought for a moment, and perceived the nature and drift of his father's experiment. He came again to the edge, and this time he did make the spring; but so imperfectly, and with so divided a mind that he would have fallen, but for a beam of the ceiling just above him, on which he clapt his hands, and recovered himself.

His father smiled, and said, "Willie, thou hast no faith yet; but that was better than the last. Come, try once more."

The look of quiet love in the father's face, and his still open arms, at length assured our hero that there was really no danger; or it may be, that he saw so much to reverence and trust in that parental smile, that he forgot the danger. Be this as it may, this third time little Willie stood bolt upright, and jumped over the dreadful gulf into his father's arms. He looked up with a smile; and his father setting him on the floor, said, "There Willie that was faith. There is the gulf between you and eternal life, but your heavenly Father holds out for you the arms of his love; and has sent his only Son to die, and prove it to you. Trust Him, as you have trusted me, and you will save your soul."—Church of England S. S. Quarterly Magazine.

WERE THEY ANSWERS TO PRAYER?

"He that observes providences shall have providences to observe," is verified in the experience of thousands. With equal truth may it be said, that whoever looks for answers to prayer, shall have the answers. Answers are with some Christians, more frequent than denials; nay, some prayers are answered "while we are yet speaking." It might be thus with all Christians. The author believes that, in cases like the two following, prayer is instantly and literally answered.—Objections cannot now be noticed.

A believer in the efficacy of fervent prayer had a son who, from unavoidable intercourse with the profane, had learned to swear. The parent, on learning the sad fact immediately called the lad to him to rebuke and reconvert; but during the conversation the boy remained impenitent and angry. On this, the father kneeling down in the presence of his son, earnestly besought God to bring the child to a proper temper. Scarcely were a few interrupted petitions offered when the son bursting into loud sobb, and with a tender voice, exclaimed, "Father, father, I will never swear again."

Not long after, there was reason to fear this

boy had been, or might be again overtaken in a fault." Hence one evening, in much sorrow of heart, the parent sat alone in his parlor, and with the deep heavings of a soul struggling with "groanings that cannot be uttered," he offered mental prayer that God would defend the lad and keep him penitent. At the moment and in the midst, the door suddenly opened, and that dear boy—the subject of the prayer—rushing towards his father, seated on a sofa, and burying his head in his father's bosom, with a bitter cry, said—"Oh, father, father, I have sworn again, and I am very sorry for it"—American Messenger.

The very laconic alternative given by Henry VIII. to his Protestant subjects, "Turn or Burn," was a frightful ordeal through which thousands of Christians from the first were enabled to pass with immortal honour; and the punishment of death was so frequently inflicted on Christians, that it is asserted no famine, war, or pestilence, ever destroyed more lives, but this, instead of thinning the ranks, greatly augmented the number of converts, which gave rise to that ancient saying, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

There are persons who complain of not having time to read their Bibles, but who exists that cannot find time to read his newspaper, his letters, his accounts; to eat, to drink, and to sleep I yet her is a book written to him by his Maker, written of him, and written for him, which contains all that it really concerns him to know, and he knows it not.

Two Christian friends having quarrelled some time ago, and parted in anger, one of them came some hours afterwards to the house of his alienated friend, knocked at the door, and hurried in with his hand extended in the kindest manner, saying, in a tone which led to immediate reconciliation, "The sun is almost down."

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