

Why don't the Almighty bring charges against you, you simpering, puling, whining, churl? You are yourself a consummate beggar; you are continually asking and begging for strong hands and a sound body; and plenty of daylight; you are all the time begging for sunshine, and rain, and prosperous gales; you are everlastingly begging for a hundred-fold; begging for grain and gold; begging for "greenbacks," and for long life and small taxes! After all that now, you ought to dry up, and never complain again until you learn that the art of giving is godlike, while withholding more than is meet tendeth to poverty and leanness of soul.—*Ex.*

How a Boy was Saved.

A boy was at work on the roof of a very high building. He was carelessly looking about, when suddenly his foot slipped and he fell. In falling he caught by a rope, and hung in mid air, where he could neither get up nor down, and where it was certain he could hold himself but a short time. He well knew his danger, and knew that in a few minutes he must drop and be dashed to pieces.

At this fearful moment a kind and powerful man rushed out of a house, and standing beneath him with outstretched arms, called out, "Let go the rope, and I will receive you. I can do it. Let go the rope, and I promise that you *shall* escape unhurt." The boy hesitated a moment, and then quit- ted his hold and dropped safely into the arms of his deliverer.

"Here," thought the gentleman who saw this fact, "is an illustration of faith. Here is a simple act of faith. The boy was sensible of his danger. He saw his deliverer, and heard his voice. He believed in him, trusted to him, and letting go every other dependence and hope, dropped into his arms, and was safe. He was saved by faith."

So let us believe that Jesus is able to save us; that he is *willing*; that he has *promised* to save all who trust in him. It is as though he said to us, "You are in great danger. Drop into my arms; do so now, without delay, or you will fall and perish. Cast yourself on me, and I *will* receive you: I *can* save you." "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou *shalt* be saved."

A Christian Hindoo.

Attending the London Mission Institution at Madras lately was a youth of eighteen, belonging to the Chetty or merchant caste. Brought under the influence of Divine truth, he refused to worship the idols in his father's house, would no longer wear the sacred thread, and cut off the sacred lock of hair at the back of his head. His father

attempted to confine him, and bought a chain to chain him up. He managed to escape, and besought the missionaries to afford him an asylum. This, after repeated entreaties, they did. The father, who is a wealthy man, collected a mob, who tried to force an entrance into the mission premises; this, however, was prevented. The father was admitted; but the police interfered, and the mob was kept outside. The missionaries, in his presence and that of the other relatives, told the young man to go with them if he wished, but all the entreaties and arguments of his former friends were in vain. He decided to remain where he was, and still continues firm in the faith.

Compound Interest Given.

I know a rich merchant in St. Petersburg, who, at his own cost, supported a number of native missionaries in India, and gave like a prince to the cause of God at home. I asked him one day how he could do it? He replied, "When I served the devil, I did it on a large scale and at princely expense, and when by His grace God called me out of darkness, I resolved that Christ should have more than the Devil had had. But how can I give so much, you must ask of God, who enables me to give it. At my conversion I told the Lord his cause should have a part of all that my business brought me in, and every year since I made him that promise, it has brought me in about double that it did the year before, so that I can and do double my gifts in his cause." How true what Bunyan said:

"A man there was some called him mad; The more he cast away the more he had."

"There is," said God, "that giveth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withhold- eth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." God will be debtor to no one. He pays compound interest for all that by faith is put into his bank.

JOHN ADAMS AND THE SABBATH.—The Boston Recorder has the following anecdote of the elder John Adams. "While President of the United States, as he was returning from the country to his family in Boston, he was interrupted by a New England snow-storm, which effectually blocked up his way. He was then at Andover, twenty miles from Boston, where his family, as he had learned, were waiting his arrival.—Sabbath morning the roads became for the first time passable.

"On the question of going to Boston that day, it was the opinion of the clergyman of the place, that the circumstances of his detention, and the sickness of his family would justify his travelling on the Sabbath.