

to call you hence, and to send you his all-saving grace to live in his fear, and to die in the true Christian faith. From which I exhort you, in the name of your Almighty Father, never to swerve, either from the hopes of life or the fear of death; for if you would deny his truth to prolong a weary and corrupt breath, Omnipotence himself will deny you, and cut short, by his vengeance, what you were desirous of prolonging by the loss of your soul; but if you will cleave to him, he will extend your days to a comfort uncircumscribed, and to his own glory! To which glory God bring me now, and you hereafter, when it shall please him to call you.

"Farewell, once more, my beloved sister, and put your whole trust in the Almighty, who alone can help you. Amen.

"Your loving Sister,

"JANE DUDLEY."

1. According to the general testimony of British history, this amiable lady did not fall through her own vanity or ambition, but through the mixed principles of political ambition and imprudent zeal of others, to promote the glorious cause of the Reformation.

2. The historical page also informs us, that this accomplished lady wore the British crown but ten days; and soon after exchanged a throne for a scaffold; a crown for the fatal block; and a scepter for an executioner's axe. But all these did but contribute to convey her soul to the enjoyment of a crown immortal; a sceptre invincible; a throne immutable; and a kingdom eternal.

3. If we may judge by the language of this letter, which exhibits good

sense, sound divinity, and genuine piety, we may conclude, she was prepared to meet the stroke of death, by enjoying the power of religion in her mind, which enabled her to suffer patiently, submit freely, to behave firmly, and to die peacefully. Her piety, like an evening star, shone out in the night of adversity.

4. It appears also, that she esteemed the word of God, made it the subject of her private meditations, frequent perusal, and rule of her conduct. How well would it be, if all the young of both sexes, were to imitate her in this; and read seriously, frequently, and piously—the sacred page. But, alas! how many there are that neglect this pious and reasonable duty, and contaminating novels and profane romances—to celestial truths. Great must be the change of such before they can be compared with the wise virgins. But this young lady, like a wise virgin, had her lamp trimmed, her oil burning, and light shining. She had wisely sought a preparation to meet the results of the vicissitudes of life.

5. It is the property of those who know the value of religion and the worth of their own souls, to feel an affectionate concern for the spiritual welfare of others. This was the case with this pious lady. She therefore gave the suitable instructor, earnest exhortation, kind and faithful admonition contained in this letter, for the spiritual welfare of her sister.

It may be that some of the INSTRUCTOR's readers who may read this letter, may have a sister, brother, parent, child, or near relative, a stranger to God and religion, in the way to ruin—or deal-