

A VOICE FROM ETERNITY.

Elizabeth D—had for twelve years attended a Bible class in Edinburgh. In her station as a domestic servant, respected and loved by all who knew her, she had long made it manifest, by a humble, consistent, faithful life, that she was a child of God. With the word of Christ dwelling in her richly, and led and sustained by the Spirit to the last, she had a quiet and peaceful death-bed. A few weeks ago, on a bright summer afternoon, we helped to lay her remains in the grave, in the churchyard of Inveresk, near Musselburgh.

From the time of her conversion, Elizabeth was earnest for the souls of her kindred and companions. For a beloved sister especially, a fellow-scholar in the class, and who, also as a servant, lived near her in Edinburgh, she ceased not to watch and pray. She used to speak to her often about her soul. If C—was hindered from getting to the class, she used to write to her about the lesson, and in every way tried to do her good. It pleased God to awaken that sister, and to bring her to Christ. When brought to peace in believing, C—was very happy. Elizabeth rejoiced over her, though yet with trembling. One day she put into C—'s hands a slip of paper, which we have beside us. It has the following words written on it, in pencil:—

"I am a witness, that this is to thee a time of first love. May I never have to witness against thee that thou hast left thy first love."

Years have passed since then, and C—still, we trust, follows on. May grace be given her to hold the beginning of her confidence steadfast unto the end.

About two years before Elizabeth's death, there was a lesson one Sabbath evening in the class about the rich man and Lazarus. Her teacher spoke of the "great gulf" between the lost and the saved, and said that there was a *real* and as *great* a gulf even *now*, in this life, between the soul in Christ and the soul out of Christ, though it was not yet a "great gulf fixed." He then gave out a written exercise, to prove this from the Bible; texts were to be given, telling of the *two sides of the gulf*, under each of these three heads:—
1. The "great gulf"—*in time*. 2. How may I know on which side of the gulf I am? 3. The "great gulf" *fixed—in eternity*.

The first Sabbath after Elizabeth was buried, her teacher read to the class the exercise which Elizabeth had given in two years before. It seemed to her companions like a voice