

whole town, except those found in the churches, and that this large body of people, though they have heard of the Word of God, are perishing in ignorance and superstition. Should not this move the compassion of those who feel in their hearts the love of Christ, and pray for the establishment of His kingdom on earth, and for the salvation of their fellow-creatures from sin and eternal ruin; and should it not lead them liberally to contribute to send to those perishing for lack of knowledge that blessed Word which maketh wise unto salvation?"

Will any of our young friends lend a helping hand to supply this want?—*Juvenile Record of the Church of Scotland.*

THE BIBLE.

This *book* unfolds Jehovah's mind.
 This *voice* salutes in accents kind.
 This *friend* will all your need supply.
 This *fountain* sends forth streams of joy.
 This *mine* affords us boundless wealth.
 This *good physician* gives us health.
 This *sun* renews and warms the soul.
 This *sword* both wounds and makes us whole.
 This *letter* shows our sins forgiven.
 This *guide* conducts us safe to heaven.
 This *charter* has been sealed with blood!
 This *volume* is the word of God.

DYING WORDS OF MELANCTHON.

It is related that Melancthon, just before he died expressed a wish to hear some choice passages of Scripture read; and this desire having been met, he was asked by his son-in-law, Sabinus, whether he would have anything else; to which he replied in those emphatic words:—"ALIUD NIHIL, NISI CÆLUM," *nothing else but heaven!* And shortly after this he gently breathed his last. Well did one who sought to embalm his memory in verse say;—

"His sun went down in cloudless skies,
 Assured upon the morn to rise,
 In lovelier array:
 But not like earth's declining light,
 To vanish back again to night.
 The zenith where he now shall glow
 No bound, no setting beam can know—
 Without a cloud or shade of woe
 In that eternal day,"