

effects of the fall : it was found that his shoulder had been dislocated, and he had received severe injuries to his head ; but he had a good constitution, and, with careful nursing and attention, he did eventually get well.

Tim always afterwards looked back to that day as one of the happiest in his life. He said that, after he left our house on the night of his accident, the advice my father had given kept a fast hold on him, at least so far as concerned procrastination in his trade, and he quite made up his mind to try to conquer his enemy, and apply himself with vigour to his business ; for he had sense enough to see that if he did not alter his course he would soon have no trade left. But as regarded the more important advice, he thought that there was time enough for that, though he did mean some day or other to take it into consideration. Such were his thoughts before he met with the accident. But far different ones he had as soon as he recovered sensibility after his fall, and found himself unable to move. *Then* he began to think he had made a greater mistake in neglecting the things concerning his soul's salvation, than he had done in neglecting his trade. Now that death, as he thought, stared him in the face, he began to wish that he was prepared to meet the last enemy, and to meet his God. And as he lay where he had fallen, and hour after hour passed away, the poor fellow thought of what my father had said to him that evening, and from the depths of his heart he sent up a prayer to God that He would yet spare him, and help him from that time to live a better life.

This prayer God graciously saw fit to answer ; and when Tim was able to get about his work again, he did so in a far different way from what he had been used to. He works with a will now, and as he works he sings the praises of Him who by His providence has led him to the feet of his Saviour, and has called him out of darkness into His marvellous light.

If Tim ever relates his accident to any one, he is sure to dwell upon the danger of delay, and to point out how nearly