

## ANECDOTE OF PRINCE ALBERT.

In an interesting little work on Windsor, by the Rev. John Stoughton, mention is made of a beautifully executed statue from the studio of Baron Triqueti, which stands at the top of the Queen's staircase in the private apartments of the Castle. It represents the Boy-King, Edward VI., marking with his sceptre a passage in the Bible which he holds in his left hand, and upon which he intently looks. A closer inspection discovers the following text upon the open page—"Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left." This statue was executed by the desire of the late Prince Consort, who intended it to convey to his son a constant and most significant suggestion of the Divine rule by which the future Sovereign of England should fashion his heart and life.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To express great and noble thoughts in simple and easy language, is a high excellence of literary style. In this, as in other respects, the literature of the Bible is unequalled.

The Lord's Prayer is an admirable illustration of this. As given in Matthew, it consists of sixty-six words, forty-eight of which are words of one syllable; and of the others, there are few which a child cannot pronounce and understand. There are many persons who probably cannot remember the time when they could not recite this prayer, or when they were puzzled with the meaning of any of its words.

Equally simple, natural, and easy is the structure and arrangement of its phrases and sentences. Let any person write down the words in which he asks for any blessing, or in which he hears another ask for it, and compare it with the corresponding petition in this prayer, and he will soon be sensible of the difference. Try to put the petition, "Thy kingdom come," or "Give us this day our daily bread," into a form more simple or intelligible. Can you do it? There is no learned scholar, no accomplished writer, or eloquent speaker, who may not find improvement in studying the style of this prayer.

If it be desirable that we be able to express our thoughts and our desires simply and truly, when we come before Him who regards not the *sound* of our words, but only their *honest meaning*, let us study this prayer. So best may we learn to address Him in language free from all gaudy adorning, and all deceitful ambiguity.—*British Workman*.

THE NIGHT COMETH. — In every minute that strikes upon the bell is a syllable; nay, a syllogism from God; and in my last bell, God shall speak too; that bell, when it tolls, shall tell me I am going; and when it rings out, shall tell you I am gone into the hands of that God, who is the God of the living and not of the dead, for they die not that depart in Him.—*Donne*.

ETERNITY.—Add together ages of ages; multiply them by the leaves on the trees, the sand on the sea shore, and the dust of the earth, still you will be no nearer the termination of Jehovah's existence than when you first began your calculation. And let us remember that the duration of His existence is the only measure of our own. As it respects futurity, we are all as immortal as Jehovah Himself.—*Payson*.

A LIFETIME AND ETERNITY.—What are twenty or forty years when they are past? Yea, what are a thousand years to vast eternity? Go, trifle away a few days more; sleep out a few nights more; and then lie down in dust. It will not be long ere the trump of God shall awaken thee, and thine eyes shall behold Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven.—*Flavel*.