This great English novelist who has lately died, de cribes in his autibiograhy some of the trials of his boyhood. He

says: "I was only seven, and I think that boys of seven are now spared among their more considerate seniors. I was never spared; and was not even allowed to run between our house and the school without a daily pergatory. No doubt my appearance was against me.

"I remember well, when I was still the junior boy in the school, Dr. Butler, the head master, stopping me in the street and asking me, with all the clouds of Jove upon his brow and all the thunder in his voice, whether it was possible that Harrow school was disgraced by so disreputably dirty a little as I. All that was fifty years ago, and it burns me now as though it were vesterday. It is the nature of boys to be cruel. I have sometimes doubted whether among each ct ier they do usually suffer much, one from the other's crucity; but I suffered horr biv! I could make no stand against it. I had no friend to whom I could pour out my sorrows. I was big and awkward and ugiv, and, I have no doubt, skulled about in a most unattractive manner. Of course I was illdressed and dirty.

"Perhaps the eighteen months which I nassed in this condition, walking to and fro in these miserable dirty lanes, was the worst period of my life. I was now over fifteen, and had come to an age at which I could appreciate at its full the misery of expulsion from all social intercourse. I had not only no friends, but was despised by all my companions. I know that I skulked and was odious to the eyes of those I admired and envied. At last I was driven to rebellion and there came a great fight, at the end of which my opponent had to be taken home for a while. If these words be ever printed, I trust that some school-fellow of those days may still be left alive who will be able to sav that, in claiming this salitary glory of my school days, I am not making a false boast,"

REMARKABLE ESCAPES OF EMINENT MEN.

A young man, holding a subordinate position in the East India Company's se rvice, twice attempting to deprive h mself of life by snapping a loaded pistol at his head. Each time the pis tel missed fire. A friend entering his room shortly afterward, he requested him to fire it out of the window; it then went off without any difficulty. Satisfied thus that the weapon had been duly primed and loaded, the young man sprang up, exclaiming, "I must be pres rved for something great," and from that moment gave up the idea of suicide, which for some time previous had been uppermost in his thoughts. That young man afterwards became Lord Clive.

Two brothers were on one occasion walking together, when a violent storm of thunder and lightnig overtook them. One was struck dead on the spot, the other spared, else would the name of the great reformer, Martin Luther, have been unknown to mankind.

Bacon, the sculptor, when a tender boy of five years old, fell into the pit of a soap-boiler, and must have perished, had not a workman, just entering . the yard, observed the top of his head.

When Oliver Cromwell was an infant, a monkey snatched him from his cradle, leaped with him through a garret window, and ran along the leads of the house. The utmost alarm was excited among the inmates, and various were the devices used to rescue the child fr.m the guardianship of his newlyfound protector. All were unavailing; his would-be rescuers had lost courage and were in despair of ever seeing the baby alive again, when the monkey quietly retraced its steps, and deposited its burden safely on the bed. On a subsequent occasion the waters had well nigh quenched his insatiable ambition. He fell into a deep pond, from drowning in which a clergyman named Johnson was the sole instrument of his rescue.

At the siege of Leicester a young soldier, about seventeen years of age, was drawn out for sentry duty. One of his comrades was very anxious to take his place. No objection was made,

and this man went. He was shot dead while on guard. The young man first drawn afterwards became the author of the "Pilgrim's Progress."

Doderidge, when born, was so weakly an infant he was believed to be dead. A nurse standing by fancied she saw some signs of vitality. Thus the feeble spark of life was saved from being extinguished, and an eminentauthor and consistant Christian was preserved to the

John Wesley, when a child, was only just preserved from fire. Almost the moment after he was rescued, the roof of the house where he had been, fell in. Of Philip Henery a similar instance is

John Knox, the renowned Scotch reformer, was always wont to sit at the head of the table with his back to the window. On one particular evening, without, however, being able to account for it, he would neither himself sit in the chair nor permit anyone else to occupy his place. That very night a bullet was shot in at the wind w purposely to kill him; it grazed the chair in which he sat, and made a hole in the foot of a candlestick on the table.

The life of John Newton is but the history of marvelous deliverances. As a youth he had agreed to accompany some friends on board of a man-of-war, He arrived too late; the boat in which his friends had gone was capsized and all its occupants drowned. On another occasion, when tide-surveyor in the port of Liverpool, some business had detained him, to the great surprise of those who were in the habit of observing his undeviating punctuality. He went out in the boat as heretofore to inspect a ship, which blew up before he reached her. Had he left the shore a few moments sooner, he must have perished with the rest on board.

She sat by the fire knitting. Her lovely eyes rested ever and anon upon the handsome face of her lover "When are we going to be knitted together?" he asked her, softly.

She knitted her brows.

"Don't, George. You made me drop stitch. Look at the wool! "Wool you be mine, darling," he an-

swered, still more softly.

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