THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS. (By the Rev. W. Adams, M.A.)

CHAPTER IV. Refresh us, Lord, to hold it fast; And when thy veil is drawn at last, Let us depart where shadows cease, With words of blessing and of peace.

I had already begun to mourn for Wayward, as for one who was lost; for, even had he been in health and vigour, his strength would have been but weakness against the ferocious animal that was devouring him now; but sickly and powerless as he had been rendered by disease, save by his fearful shrieks he could offer no resistance at all. His cries for help were becoming fainter and fainter, when behold! there came forth from the forest a fair and gentle girl; her garments were almost of a spotless white, and yet methought she seemed as though she had been long in the garden, and the name of "Charity" was written on her brow. And I wondered at first how she could have wandered through that gloomy forest alone, and I was alarmed lest the lion that was tearing Wayward might turn his fury upon her; but I soon found there was cause neither for wonder nor alarm, for her cross was in her hand. The shadow fell full on the forehead of the savage beast, and with a low sullen growl he forsook his prey, and crouched in servile fear before the little child. His eyes glared horribly as he turned back, and kept moving his head to and fro, as though he fain would have shaken off the holy image; but his struggles to resist its influence were all in vain, and himself in the darkness of the forest. Then did Charity draw night to the faint and bleeding boy, and bandage his manufact limit and bleeding boy, and bandage his manufact limit. step by step he was forced to shrink away, and hide dage his mangled limbs, and stanch the blood that was gushing copiously from the wounds; and, as she did so, the purple stream that flowed upon her garments of white, left no stain upon them, but only made them brighter than before.

Wayward had had a very narrow escape from destruction, and it was a long time before he so far came to himself as to be able to stand up. I cannot tell far from the field in which Wayward had left him; he Q. Where have we this difficulty most fully desit in his bosom, but he found that it was not there; towards the sun, and his face beamed bright with gra- and misery, that he went mourning all the day long. and I shall not easily forget the look of anguish and titude as he traced its outline on the flowers strewed Q. What do you understand by the burning heat felt that. if he found it not, he himself was lost. He stain, not only the deeper marks that had been caused Q. Why is he said to have rejoiced in the gloomitold charity of his sad loss, and with tears and groans by his careless chase with Wayward, but even the first ness of the shadows? outline fell on a thick bush of furze close by the out- cross rested upon them they could not be discerned; requires of him. skirts of the wood; it was there that the cross of but when they were exposed to the clear and brilliant Q. What was the roar of the lion that he always nestly on his gracious Father, and advance with a good "Surely then," I said within myself, "the children A. He felt that Satan, into whose power he had up. Wayward did advance, but it was with fear and continue with them so long!" Mirth was happy now, Q. Yes. And in the same way our Saviour warns trembling; he often raised his eyes timidly towards but he would have been far happier if he had never us that the evil spirit, when it has gone out of a man, the forest, as though he was afraid lest the lion might left the shadow of his cross; for there was often a will return again with seven other spirits more wicked how the noxious insects stung him, and the thorns across his path, and brought to his remembrance his A. It is left in uncertainty. in haste he thrust his hand down again, regardless of at last from every spot, and I almost longed for the our hope can never be unmingled with alarm. New to the side of (harity.

Selfdeceit had bedaubed his clothes was gone, for the rious must that land be in which this same bright sun learn from the contrast his condition affords? was I very sorrowful when I saw how fearfully they of a dazzling whiteness! It must be that the cross, though they may have lived carclessly a little while, were now defiled; it seems that whole rivers of tears | which is their safeguard here, will there be their de- | still in the days of their youth come back to the ways would be unable to restore to them any portion of light; they will love forever to watch the holy sha- of virtue, and endeavour afterwards, by God's grace, their original whiteness, and I could not but doubt dows; and yet will they then require them no more, to continue therein. whether poor Wayward might hereafter be recognised for in that better land there will be neither danger in Q. But does it not also warn us of the danger of as the King's child. The same thoughts, too, were the fields, nor poison in the flowers. weighing him down, for he groaned deeply and was And the still soft voice replied: "In that better showing us that our after-years will in some sort bear very sorrowful; and then I heard Charity speaking to land there will be neither fields nor flowers such as upon them the mark of each early wandering? him of the tender mercies of their King and Father, you now behold, for the grass withereth, and the flower A. Yes; for the stain even of the rose-leaf might and telling him that, if only he was able to hold stead- fadeth, but there will be nothing there that can either be seen on the white garments of Mirth, and there fastly for the time to come by the cross, and walk wither or fade. In that better land the cross will in- was sadness on his countenance when a butterfly with carefully in its shadow, he need in no wise despair, deed be the delight of the children, and the bright sun its golden wings flew across his path. for, though his own tears could not cleanse his gar- will be reflected on their garments of dazzling white- Q. How then is that stain and how is that sorrow ments, there was One who might wash them for him ness; but when raised on high, the cross will cast no to be removed? with the water of life, so that, though they were now shadow there; it will itself shine with exceeding lus- A. If we hold fast the cross, the blood of the Lord as scarlet, they would become as white as snow, though tre, the rays of immortality will be shed from it, and Jesus will cleause us from all sin, and wipe away all

When he heard this, Wayward looked down upon his pure and living fire." cross, but there still was very much of sadness in his Now, while I wondered at this, and tried to picture spoken of as casting a shadow? gaze; he felt in truth that his hand was too feble to to myself a land lovely without fields or flowers, and hold it steadfastly for the time to come, and his eye in which the cross might be raised towards the sun brightness from the various objects that we desire too dim to discern its shadow. But Charity again and yet no shadow be discerned, behold! the vision in this world. addressed him with words of comfort; she reminded of the fair garden passed away, and I saw no morehim that they were not alone in the garden, and that there were means by which, if only he would be diligent in employing them, his strength and his sight would gradually be renewed; the same kind Father, condition? she said, "who has given you the will and the power guardian of your steps."

Then did he take comfort, and while he feebly raised his cross, methought that he earnestly be sought his Father to restore to him a portion of his former cross which she was enabled to hold in her hand.

dows bade them proceed along different paths, that of stanching the blood? Charity leading her through a smooth verdant meadow, that of Wayward falling on a rough uneven ground, of pardon by the comforting promises of the gospel. close to the border of the wood. So, with many a partsacred sign, Charity bade adieu to Wayward, and I Wayward? cannot tell that she ever beheld him again. For a moment I watched her light graceful form as she passed through the pleasant fields: it was, indeed, a lovely a sincere desire to lead them into the ways of life, our sight; the long grass and the flowers appeared to bend minds will not be polluted by their wickedness, but as she approached, lest they might stain the hem of our very efforts to save them will, by the grace of God, I General Miscellaneous Provisions.

minds will not be polluted by their wickedness, but as she approached, lest they might stain the hem of her white garments; the little lambs would come to lick the hand which held the cross, and the birds sung more tunefully as its shadow fell upon them.

But I turned from this pleasing picture, for I was have been succeeded by the state of the state of the shadow fell upon them.

But I turned from this pleasing picture, for I was he was once more alone; he too had been watching the retreating form of Charity, and the tear rose in his eye as he felt it was not for him to accompany her along, the ways of pleasantness and peace. He began his solitary journey, and I could see that he was struggling hard to hold firmly by the cross, and was inwardly resolving to follow the advice of Charity. But, alas! that which might have been sweet and easy once had been watch adour and difficulty now; for though his Father did not suffer his strength or sight altogether to fail, he was allowed continually to feel the ill effects of his former wanderings. His arm grew faint and weary when he liftedit on high; and his cross itself would at one time glow with a burning heat, and raise blisters on his hand; and at another, would become cold as a mass of ice, until his numbed fingers could scarce retain it in their grasp. Its shadow, too, no longer feel on fruits or on flowers, nor on any thing desirable to the eye, but on flowers, nor on any thing desirable to the eye, but on the color of the proper sould be come cold as a mass of ice, and the color of the col grasp. Its shadow, too, no longer fell on fruits or on A. They are the bitter pains of remorse, the doubtearth. I saw also that he staggered to and fro as he continued sin. walked along, and that, from his very anxiety to place | Q. What is meant by his recovery of the cross? his footsteps right, he often stumbled and well nigh

he now have thought it, that there had been a time and alarm? when he fancied that he could walk safely without the A. No; for we are told that he groaned very deeply aid of his cross! and how often must he have wished when he saw how his white garments had been defiled. that it would again afford him that clear and distinct shadow, which it was wont to shed when first he entered the garden! For even this comfort was denied both able and willing to cleanse them for him. him now. The meteor lights which he had allowed to accompany him in his wanderings with Selfdeceit ing their deceitful shadows on secret poisons and hid- precious blood that He shed upon the cross. den snares: many a time did he pause long and anxously, before he could distinguish between the true | the past alone? mage and the false, and often had he reason to rejoice he could the more easily discern it. He knew ness that had been caused by his long neglect. also that he had good reason to be alarmed, for the Q. How did Charity again afford him comfort? roar of the lion that had torn him once was ever A. She reminded him of the continual presence of sounding in his ears; and each time that he hesitated, their Father, and the means that He had appointed he fancied that he could perceive his fierce eyes glar- for the renewal of their strength and sight. ing upon him from the wood: it seemed as though the | Q. Yes; and we may consider Wayward as employdow fell upon a pathway leading directly into the tinuing long with Charity? wood; Wayward gazed doubtfully upon it a little A. Because the returning sinner, even though his

I soon lost sight of him among the trees, so that up have been mindful of their God. I cannot tell what may have befallen him there; but I have a good hope that he walked in safety through bending at the approach of Charity? all its dangers, for, though his garments were stained | A. Wherever she went she was attended by purity with blood, and his limbs were faint, and his eyes dim, and peace.

sad in the gloomy shadows that fell from his cross; on the way? lovely parts of the garden, in hopes that once again it of repentance, he will find great difficulty in continuing might rest upon Mirth. I soon discovered him not therein. what fearful dreams he may have had while he was had altered very little since then, except that the cribed? despair that was on his face when he remembered in his path. The shadows were not indeed so light and the icy coldness of the cross that Wayward held? sight was dizzy, and he looked for it in vain. Nay, it The garments of Mirth had almost recovered their too much cast down by despair. had fallen so near the forest, and the grass was so whiteness, yet they too were not so bright and shining Q. What were the false lights? long, and the bushes so numerous, that there was lit- as those of Innocence had been; nay, I fancied I could A. The delusions that in some sort still continued, tle hope of his recovering it again; and yet he now yet trace upon them the dim outline of each former as a consequence of his former sin. besought her earnestly to assist him in the search. little spot that the falling rose leaf had left. The A. Because the sincere penitent can often see most Wayward had fallen, and she bade the boy call ear- light of the sun, I could see that they still were there. continued to hear? courage, telling him that, though others might point whose garments are yet unsullied, would run less once fallen, would ever be upon the watch to seize out where it was, no hand but his own could take it heedlessly, if they knew that their early stains would upon him again.

Now I rejoiced greatly that Wayward had recovered

they were red like crimson, they should be as wool. all things will be filled with light and gladness by its tears from our faces hereafter.

CONVERSATION ON CHAPTER IV.

Q. How was Wayward released from his perilous

him.

Q. Did she do so by her own strength?

For some little while Charity walked by his side, may be made the instrument of rescuing the sinner no shadow there. In another and happier world those and gently holding him by the hand, guided him safely from the power of Satan, it is only by means of the little children who have held their crosses to the end through the snares and stumbling-blocks which beset cross of Christ that he is able to do so. What is and followed faithfully the shadows of them, whether them on their way. But before long the warning sha- signified by Charity binding the mangled limbs and they have been for many years or only for a few hours

ing warning, and ever, as she went, holding on high the the purple stream that flowed from the wounds of more be united together, and enjoy perpetual rest and

A. It only rendered them brighter than before. Q. Yes; for if we seek the company of sinners, with

flowers, nor on any thing desirable to the eye, but on fulness and the other thoughts of anguish, which athusks and withered leaves, and all the refue of the tend our first struggle to set ourselves free from long-

fell, and, by the continued difficulties of the path, he was brought into so great trouble and misery, that he was brought into so great trouble and misery, that he his hopes on the privileges he had received in baptism.

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Q. How did Charity afford him comfort? A. She reminded him that there was One who was

Q. To whom does this refer? A. To the Lord Jesus Christ, who will wash away still continued to hover around him, and kept throw- the stain of sin from those who believe in Him, by the Q. But was the fearfulness of Wayward caused by

A. He feared for the future also; for he became that the real shadow was dark and gloomy, because more and more conscious of the infirmity and blind-

beast, having once marked him for his own, was ing those means, when he sorrowed for the past, and watching every step that he took, and ready in a mo- besought his Father to restore to him a portion of his ment to pounce upon his prey. At length the sha- former strength. Why is he represented as not con-

while, but, when he saw that it was the true image, penitence be sincere, must not expect to tread the with slow and trembling steps he continued to follow same pleasant paths with those who from their youth

Still I was not sorry that I could no longer watch dered her garments bright, for it is written, "They him, for it had become very painful to me to trace that turn many to righteousness, shall shine as the his steps; not only was there trouble in each path stars for ever and ever." What is signified by the that he trod, but there was even much to render me weariness of the arm of Wayward, and his staggering

so I suffered my eye to wander towards the more A. That, even after the sinner has begun a course

lying prostrate on the ground; but the moment that cheerfulness of his countenance and the buoyancy of A. In the penitential Psalms of David, who says of he arose, his first thought was of his cross: he felt for his step had returned. He was holding his cross himself, that "he was brought into so great trouble

he had let it fall. He threw himself down on the and lovely as those which had fallen from the cross of A. Even while he tries to hold fast his faith in ground, and searched very anxiously for the treasure Innocence, yet still they were very beautiful, --more Christ, the mind of the penitent is sometimes too he had neglected so long; but his head swam and his beautiful than the fairest flowers on which they fell. much elated by presumptuous hopes, and sometimes

So charity raised her own cross on high, and the dark marks were so very faint, that while the shadow of the clearly the path of duty by means of the sacrifices it

seize upon him again: when, too, he stood by the momentary expression of sadness on his face, when than himself, and endeavour to gain possession of its bush, and stretched out his hand, it was sad to see some gay butterfly with its golden wings fluttered former home. Did Wayward finally escape his snares? entered into the new-made wounds; twice in anguish former wanderings. Yet were his garments so white, Q. It is so. When we lose sight of him he is doing did he draw it back; the second time that he did so, that it was easy to recognise him for the King's child; well; and we trust that God may be pleased to accoma low growl was heard issuing from the wood, and then and I knew that his kind Father would cleanse them plish the good work that he has begun in him: but

the pain, and seizing on his lost treasure hurried back time when the white dove might settle on his cross, trials and new dangers ever keep springing up under and Mirth should be called away from the garden. his feet, as a consequence of his former wanderings; Now I rejoiced greatly that Wayward had recovered his cross; I was glad, too, that the chalk with which Innocence was gone, and I said in my heart, how glo-may fall. Let us now return to Mirth: what do we red streams of blood had washed it away. Yet still is shining, while all the children are clad in raiment A. The comparatively peaceful end of those, who,

the faults of childhood and the follies of youth, by

Q. Why is it, that in the garden, the cross is always

A. Because religion seems to take away their

Q. Yes. Our christian profession may truly be represented as throwing a continual shadow on our present existence. The cross of Christ has not greatly changed the pleasures and occupations of mankind, but it gives them all a complexion of its own; and A. Charity came with her white garments from the thus while in truth it renders them better and more to recover your cross, can render it once more the wood and drove away the beast that was devouring lovely than before, it robs them of the false colouring with which Satan is wont to invest them: for they have no longer that glare and brilliancy which proves A. No; but by the shadow which fell from the so attractive to the eye of man. In another and happier world, the false colouring will no longer exist, the Q. We learn, then, from this, that, though man cross itself will be all in all, and therefore it will cast in the garden, whether they have trodden the hard A. Praying for the sinner, and offering him the hope | way of repentance, or the peaceful and pleasant paths, whether the images that have guided them have been Q. What effect upon the garments of Charity had gloomy and dull or soft and beautiful, will all once

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felicity in the presence of their Saviour.

went mourning all the day long. How strange must | Q. And did this at once remove all his fearfulness ment of this Province for the time being, if he shall think it expedient

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