

went to his home. The mother prayed for his immediate conversion. Soon a revival began in the church of which she was a member. Her son was among the first converts. He made a profession of his faith in Christ, united with the church, entered the seminary, and became a useful, honoured, and learned minister of the gospel. God honoured the faith of that praying mother.

An eminent Episcopal clergyman with whom I am acquainted, related once in my hearing the following incident:—A young man who was his fellow-student in the theological seminary, had a brother who was an officer in the army, and a man of excellent moral character, and possessed of many estimable qualities; but he was an unconverted man. He came to visit his brother in the seminary. The young man determined to speak to him on the subject of his personal salvation. He did so. With all the dignity of his person and his official position, he confronted his younger brother, and said, What is there wrong in me? What have I done? Mention a single blemish in my life. What change do you wish to see in me? The young man was confounded. He knew not what to say. But he determined to try the power of prayer. The officer soon left for Florida, where he was to spend the winter in camp. His wife, who was also unconverted, went to Rhode Island to spend the winter at the house of her brother-in-law, who was a clergyman. The prayers of the young man in the seminary followed them both. A revival began in the church of which her brother-in-law was pastor. She was one of the first subjects of that saving work of grace. Her brother-in-law advised her to unite with the church at once, but she declined to do so until she should acquaint her husband with what had taken place, as neither had ever, since their marriage, taken any important step without the hearty consent of the other. She wrote him. But meanwhile he had become troubled in his mind. At first he knew not the cause of his unrest. He borrowed a Bible from a fellow-soldier and read it. Deep conviction of sin followed. He sought forgiveness, and obtained it through the blood of the cross. He wrote his wife to inform her of his happy change. Their letters passed each other on the way. Each at last reached its destination, and about the same time husband and wife were made happy by the news of their mutual union of hearts in the love of Christ. The prayer of the young man prevailed with God, and brought the blessing down upon them both.

Child of God, pray on for the conversion of your relatives and friends, who are out of the ark of salvation! Though they be proud, and stout-hearted, and self-satisfied, pray on. God is Almighty, and the