

fancied bliss with which the heart was filled by the vile though gifted destroyer. The precious Book of Life was given to show you how you might secure the enrolment of your name among the saints in light, but you choose the book of death, with present fascinating of a corrupt press, and the surest means of securing a dismal doom. If your epitaph were truly written, the passer-by in — graveyard would read—

"M — ACQUIRED A TASTE FOR READING BAD BOOKS, DIED WITHOUT HOPE, AND 'WENT TO HIS OWN PLACE.'"

Shall this be your epitaph, dear reader? If not, make this pledge before God. "Henceforth I will beware of bad books, and never read what can intoxicate, pollute, or deprave the heart."—*Christian Treasury.*

SELECTIONS FOR THE YOUNG.

THE EARNEST LISTENER.

A pious clergyman had a careless and idle son, who left his home, went on board a vessel, and sailed to a foreign land. His sorrowful parents could only pray for him, and send him good advice when they wrote to him. The ship which contained their boy reached a distant port, and was there waiting to take in a fresh cargo, when the sailors went on shore and brought back with them a little native boy, who could play some curious kind of music. He amused them for a long time, but at last he said, "You must now take me on shore." The sailors told him that he must not go yet. "O, indeed, I cannot stay any longer," replied the little black boy, "and I will tell you why. A kind Christian missionary has come near the village where I live. From him I have learned all I know about Jesus Christ, in whom I now wish to believe. This is about the hour when he meets us under the shade of a tree, to tell us more; I want to go to hear him." The sailors were quite overcome by the boy's cries, and at once rowed him ashore.

The clergyman's thoughtless son was struck with the words of the little heathen boy. He felt condemned by them. "Here I am," he said to himself, "the son of a minister in England, knowing far more about Jesus Christ than that poor boy, and yet caring far less about him!" The little fellow is now earnestly listening to the word of life, while I am living quite careless about it!" In great distress of mind he retired that night to his hammock; but his pious father's instructions came back to his thoughts and reminded him how he might seek and find that salvation he so much needed. He became a real Christian; and great was the joy in the English home when the happy tidings reached his parents.

Are there none of our young readers to whom the desire of this heathen boy, to hear more of Christ, should come with equal force? With so many more ways than he had of knowing the true God, and Jesus Christ his Son, how few children in our own land show half his eager desire for religious knowledge, or are so sincerely desirous to believe in the Saviour!—*Sunday-School Magazine.*

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