

The Friendly Birds.

THE picture on this page illustrates a scene witnessed by an eminent Scotch Naturalist. On one occasion he shot a Tern, hoping to secure it as a specimen. He however failed to kill it, the ball breaking the bird's wing and it fell into the water. Its cries

to gain a rock far beyond the reach of the baffled enemy—the naturalist.

Friends may we not learn a lesson from these words. Have we a companion wounded and helpless? Shall we leave him a prey to the enemy—to be placed as a specimen of that enemy's persistence and success? Surely not! Let us gather round such wounded ones. Let us in the arms of love support them, and convey

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians vi. 2.



There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Proverbs viii 24.

attracted the attention of its mates, and at once they came screaming to its rescue. The naturalist hastened to secure the prize but to his astonishment two of the birds lifted up the wounded companion, one taking hold of either wing. Thus they bore it several yards seaward and gently let it down where two others relieved them of the load, and they in turn carried it still further. Thus by relieving each other they managed

them to a place of safety. Yea, let us not leave such an one, nor cease our efforts till we see him placed on the rock,—the Rock of Ages, where alone safety is to be found. ALF. S.

WHAT wealth have you, if you have not got Christ? If Christ is the object before you, will all the things that fret you, take Christ from you? All the things you long for will they give you more of Christ?