

he had given up all for the sake of the gospel ; and he was without an earthly portion. That he might not eat "the bread of idleness," he hired himself to a merchant as a clerk with a small salary, and lived happy in his poverty, as become a follower, of Christ.

About eighteen hundred years ago there was another rich young man who was concerned about his soul. In his day the greatest of all teachers was on the earth, and to him the young man went and as he stood where Jesus was speaking to the people, he said, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" We may suppose he was a kind and hopeful youth, for "when Jesus saw him he loved him." But the Divine teacher tried his heart by saying to him "Sell all thou hast and come, follow me." The young man turned away in sorrow, for "he was very rich." He loved the world and his wealth better than the service of Christ.

Now, let us look to ourselves. Which of these two young men are we like? What are we willing to give up for Christ? The young Hindu gave up four large estates, and two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars; the young Jew clung to his riches. It is true, we are not tried as they were, yet we are called to give up the ways of sin, the follies of the world, and the service of Satan. Christ only requires of us that we should forsake what is hurtful and sinful, and which ends in misery. He does not ask us to part with any thing which is truly needed. And he has told us that for all we now give up, from love to Him, He will repay us most abundantly in heaven. Let us, then, look to Jesus, our Saviour and our Lord; and because he has loved us unto death, let us give Him our hearts, take up our cross daily and follow Him and henceforth ever live to His praise.—*S. S. Visitor.*

THE SHORTER CATECHISM.

In all our schools, this invaluable little book is doubtless taught weekly. However easy to be understood by those who have passed from the Sabbath School into the Bible class, or into the Church, it must be admitted that few children learn the catechism without difficulty, or understand its meaning until they reach the years of discretion. It is like the dry seed when first sown, but how precious are the fruits which spring up from the once hard kernel. In concise and unequivocal language are the grand essential truths of our faith thus impressed on the youthful