

PHILIP AND HIS GARDEN.

(By Charlotte Elizabeth.)

(Continued from our last.)

Philip had a sister, who came from school at mid-summer, to pass the holidays at home. With a great deal of pleasure he showed her his garden, in which were not only many beautiful flowers, but some fruit nearly ripe; and of this fruit they meant to make a feast, as soon as it was perfectly fit to gather. "We shall have a plate of strawberries," said Philip, "and with gooseberries and currants we may fill two more."

Father. Disappointment, Philip, will attend us through life, in one shape or another; he who bears not trifling losses with composure, will scarcely be resigned under more severe visitations. But tell me, do you never think how your rebellious sins grieve the Holy Spirit of him who has planted you, as a young tree, in the garden of his Church; watered you with the dew of his grace, and bade you flourish under the ordinances of a pure worship? He comes seeking fruit; and, alas! does he not often find the branches bare and barren, or the little that was ripening plucked away by the enemy of your soul, with every temptation that he brings against you? I hope you will consider this, and let your garden still be your teacher. We will now speak of the birds. Do you really wish me to destroy them?

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