

even come up into their chamber, and take away the delight of their eyes at a stroke, they will be less religiously moved.

" What may we suppose is the reason of this ; why are so many impressed, and so few profited ? It is unquestionably because they are not obedient to the *first* suggestion of conscience. What that suggestion is, it may not be easy precisely to determine ; but it certainly is *not* to make haste to efface the impression by frivolous amusement, by gay society, by entertaining reading, or even by secular employment : it is probably to meditate and pray. Let the first whisper, be it what it may, of the internal monitor, be listened to as an oracle, as the still small voice which Elijah heard, when he wrapped his face in his mantle, recognizing it to be the voice of God. Be assured it will not mislead you ; it will conduct you one step at least towards happiness and truth ; and, by a prompt and punctual compliance with it, you will be prepared to receive ampler communications and superior light. If, after a serious retrospect of your past lives, of the objects you have pursued, and the principles which have determined your conduct, they appear to be such as will ill sustain the scrutiny of a dying hour, dare to be faithful to yourselves, and shun with horror that cruel treachery to your best interests, which would impel you to sacrifice the happiness of eternity to the quiet of a moment. Let the light of truth, which is the light of heaven, however painful for the present, be admitted in its full force ; and whatever secrets it may discover in the chambers of imagery, while it unveils still greater and greater abominations, shrink not from the view, but entreat rather the assistance of Him whose prerogative it is to search the heart, and to try the reins, to render the investigation more profound and impartial. The sight of a penitent on his knees is a spectacle which moves heaven ; and the compassionate Redeemer, who, when He beheld Saul in that situation, exclaimed, *Behold, he prayeth*, will not be slow or reluctant to strengthen you by His might, and console you by His spirit. When a new and living way is opened into the holiest of all, by the blood of Jesus, not to avail ourselves of it, not to arise and go to our Father, but to prefer remaining at a guilty distance, encompassed with famine, to the rich and everlasting provisions of His house, will be a source of insupportable anguish when we shall see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, enter into the kingdom of God, and ourselves shut out. You are probably not aware of what importance it is to improve these sacred visitations ; have not considered that they form a crisis, which if often neglected will never return. It is impossible too often to inculcate the momentous truth, that the character is not formed by passive impressions, but by voluntary actions, and that we shall be judged hereafter, not by what we have felt, but by what we have done."

#### DEMISE AND DYING WORDS OF THE CANADIAN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MAGAZINE.

We are sorry to find that the valuable periodical above named, has ceased to exist. The number for last month announces the resolve of its conductors henceforth to discontinue its publication. This step has been taken to " avoid probable if not certain pecuniary loss." It appears that there are arrearages due from subscribers amounting to " over \$1200," and notwithstanding this large indebtedness, but " little money has been received for