

Your *Prayer Book* guides your devotions. Read it. It is chiefly taken from the Bible, and it teaches you the doctrine of the Bible.—*Sel.*

THE STRONG ARM.

"Hold on! hold on!" was the strong ringing cry from the old voyager's lips, as amid the rolling and pitching and tossing of the storm, his life boat neared the desired port.

"Aye, aye!" was the sturdy response. Only from one little voice, away in the storm, came the cry, with the sadness of despair in it: "I can't hold on!"

Another instant and the captain's arm was around the trembling child, and he was safe.

So, often the strong Christian says to the little one, weak in faith: "Hold on to Christ!" But the cry goes up: "I can't! I can't! Hold me! save me, dear Jesus, or I perish!" And our blessed Captain's strong, loving hand is stretched out to rescue the fainting one.

Ah! this is a blessed thought, a thrice blessed truth, that when weary and worn and weak with life's tossing and tempests, with no more strength even to *hold on* to our only hope of safety, there is our Captain, not only strong, but willing to save, in Whose mighty arm and blessed love we may gladly trust.—*Selected.*

THE Rev. T. R. Wade, missionary in Kashmir, has just complete the translation of the New Testament into the difficult and little known Kashmiri language. He has now begun the Prayer Book, and has also made some progress in a grammar.

PRESBYTERIANISM AN AID TO ROMANISM

We wish respectfully to submit the following brief extract from the *Church Times* to those of our evangelical friends who believe that Romanism owes its modern growth largely to what they are pleased to call the Ritualistic element in our own Church.

"No one can doubt the thorough Protestantism of Scotch Presbyterianism, whether in the Establishment, the Free Kirk, or the minor communions north of the Tweed. No one can dispute the numerical feebleness of the Episcopalian body. And, lastly, no one can question the thrift and diligence of Scotchmen in general, nor the comparative poverty of the country, which qualities of the soil and people make it a less attractive field for immigration than England. Nevertheless, while the Roman Catholic body in England and Wales amounts at the utmost to some *five per cent.* of the population, it constitutes some *eight and a half per cent.* of the population of Scotland. That shows so far, that Presbyterianism is not so strong a bulwark against Romanism as the Anglican Church is; and we may point out the moral farther by remarking that Roman Catholic controversialists, who may be supposed to know their business and the interests of their communion, never trouble themselves to argue or write books against Presbyterianism or Methodism, or any other of their Protestant rivals in these islands. The conclusion so far, is that persons who on religious or political grounds desire to check the spread of Roman Catholicism