

THE ORPHAN AND HIS BIBLE.

The Bishop of Carlisle, in a sermon which he lately preached in Exeter Hall, mentioned the following anecdote:—"I remember once hearing of a little lad in a town in Lancashire, where I first began my work of preaching to my fellow-sinners. He lay upon the steps of the door in the middle of the night, in the great town of Warrington; and the policeman, or, rather, watchman, coming up to him, said, 'What are you doing here?' The boy replied, 'I am without father and mother; I have travelled thus far, and I have no food, no money, no place to lie down in.' There was something in the boy's jacket which attracted the watchman's eye; and when he touched it, he thought he had found a thief. What have you there? he asked. The boy then put his hand into his pocket, and brought out a small pocket Bible. 'Well,' said the watchman, 'if you are so badly off, I will give you a few pence for your Bible; I will take it home to my children, and you will be able to get your bed and food for the night.' But the lad, young as he was, knew that the Bible was true; he had an experimental knowledge of the Bible, and he was ready at once with his reply, 'Thank you, sir,' he said, 'but I won't give it up.' 'Why, you are starving,' said the watchman. 'Yes, but this is the word of God, and it tells me, "When my father and mother forsake me the Lord will take me up."' Here was the experimental knowledge of the power of the promises. The watchman showed his humanity, his kindness, and gentleness towards the fatherless lad. He took him home and fed him. And God prospered that lad who relied on his promises."

CHRISTIANITY IN MADAGASCAR.

Madagascar is a country larger in extent than England and Scotland combined. It contains between three and four millions of people; and within two or three months of the present time it will be just forty years since you appointed the first missionaries who went to that country. On the 17th of August 1817, the first missionaries of this country were appointed to Madagascar. They reached the island in the close of the following year—two mission families, consisting of six individuals; but such was the fearful state of the climate, that, before two months had passed over the heads of those devoted labourers, five of the six were laid in their graves. The survivor of these six individuals was obliged to