

Children's Corner.

A PARABLE.

"Oh dear! I am so tired of Sabbath!" So said Willie, a playful little boy, who was longing for the Lord's day to be over, that he might return to his amusements.

"Who wants to hear a story?" said a kind friend who was present. "I, sir," "and I," "and I," said the children, as they gathered around him. Then he told them a parable. Our Saviour, when he was on earth, often taught the people by parables.

The parable told the little boys, was of a kind man who had some very rich apples hanging upon a tree. A poor man was passing by the house of the owner, and he stopped to admire this beautiful apple tree. He counted these ripe golden pippins—there were just seven of them. The rich owner could afford to give them away, and it gave him so much pleasure to make this poor man happy, that he called him and said, "My friend, I will give you a part of my fruit." So he held out his hand and received six of the apples. The owner had only kept one for himself. Do you think the poor man was grateful for his kindness? No, indeed. He wanted the seven pippins all for himself. And at last he made up his mind that he would watch his opportunity, and go back and steal the other apple. "Did he do that?" said Willie, very indignant. "He ought to have been ashamed of himself. And I hope he got well punished for stealing that apple." "How many days are there in a week, Willie?" said his friend. "Seven," said Willie, blushing deeply; for he now began to understand the parable, and he felt an uneasy sensation at his heart—conscience began to whisper to him, "And ought not a boy to be ashamed of himself who is unwilling on the seventh day to lay aside his amusements? Ought he not to be punished if he will not 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy?'"

Book Notices.

THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF JOHN ANGELL JAMES; INCLUDING AN UNFINISHED AUTOBIOGRAPHY. Edited by R. W. Dale, M.A., his colleague and successor. New York: R. Carter & Bros. Hamilton: D. McLellan.

Few names have been more generally known throughout the christian world, during the last half century, than that of John Angell James; and few individual ministers or christian men, in any communion, have exerted a more extensive or beneficial influence than the author of "The Anxious Inquirer," "The Church in Earnest," and "An Earnest Ministry." The life of such a man, carefully prepared, and accompanied by many of his letters as well as an unfinished autobiography, cannot but be regarded as a great boon to the christian community. The volume before us is full, and, at the same time, well arranged, while the memoir is written with ability and discrimination, and in a pleasant and interesting style. The young minister may find much here to encourage and to instruct him, and may learn how much good may be done by a thoroughly earnest man, without extraordinary talents, and with but slender scholarship. The life of Mr. James was intimately connected with the religious movements of his time, not merely in his own denomination, but throughout the religious world generally. He had much to do with the organization of the Congregational Union in England, and he was closely connected, too, with the formation of the Evangelical Alliance. We have had pleasure in reading the volume, and we have pleasure in recommending it to the perusal of our readers generally, and especially of ministers and students.

SUNSETS ON THE HEBREW MOUNTAINS. By the Rev. J. Macduff, D.D., author of "Memories of Genesaret," "Morning and Night Watches," &c. New York: Carter & Bros. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton, and other bookellers.

The author of this book is well known already to the christian community, by the many popular works which he has written. We believe that the present volume will be as popular as its predecessors. Its name may require some explanation. The "Sunsets" described, are not those of the natural Sun, but those sunsets which are beheld "when good men cease to live." And the volume contains an account of the