

replied, My terms are stern and rigid I must have sickness for their health; I must have ignominy for their honour; I must have death for life: without shedding of blood there is no remission. Justice, said the Son of God, I accept thy terms, on me be this wrong and let Mercy enter. When said Justice, will you perform this promise? Jesus replied, Four thousand years hence, upon the hill of Calvary, without the gates of Jerusalem. I will perform it in my own person. The deed was prepared and signed in the presence of the angels of God. Justice was satisfied and Mercy entered, preaching salvation in the name of Jesus. The deed was committed to the patriarchs—by them to the kings of Israel and the prophets—by them it was preserved till Daniel's seventy weeks were accomplished. Then, at the appointed time, Justice appeared on the hill of Calvary, and Mercy presented to him the important deed. Where, said Justice, is the son of God? Mercy answered, Behold him at the bottom of the hill hearing his cross; and then she departed and stood aloof. At the hour appointed, Jesus ascended the hill while in his train followed the weeping church. Justice immediately presented him with the deed, saying, this is the day when the bond is to be executed. When he received it, did he tear it in pieces and give it to the winds of Heaven? No! he nailed it to his cross, exclaiming, "It is finished." Justice called on holy fire to come down and consume the sacrifice. Holy fire descended: it swallowed his humanity, but when it touched his Deity, expired. And there was darkness over the whole heavens, but glory to God in th: highest; on earth peace, good-will to men.

THE STREAM OF LIFE.—Life bears us on like the stream of a mighty River. Our Boat at first glides down the narrow channel through the playful murmurings of the little brook and the winds of its grassy border. The trees shed their blossoms over our young heads; the flowers of the brink seem to offer themselves to our young hands; we are happy in hope, and grasp eagerly at the beauties around us; but the stream hurries on and still our hands are empty. Our course in youth and manhood is also a wider and deeper flood, and amid objects more striking and magnificent. We are animated by the moving picture of enjoyment and industry which passes before us; we are excited by some short-lived success, or rendered miserable by some equally short-lived disappointment. But our energy and our dependence are both in vain. The stream bears us on, and our joys and our griefs alike are left behind us; we may be shipwrecked, but we cannot anchor; our voyage may be hastened, but it cannot be delayed; whether rough or smooth, the river hastens towards its hour, till the roaring of the ocean is in our ears, and the tossing of the waves is beneath our keel, and the land lessens from our eyes and the floods are lifted up around us, and the earth loses sight of us, and we take our last leave of earth and its inhabitants; and of our other voyage there is no witness but the infinite and Eternal.

PUT A BIBLE THERE.—I was of a social turn, and had drawn about me a considerable number of what are called clever fellows. We spent a good part of every day, during the dull seasons, in idle conversation and sport. By and by, I found, that although my companions were perfectly respectable, their company was not calculated to improve my mind or raise me in the estimation of the good. I came to the determination to turn over, in the saying, a new leaf, but how was I to get rid of the loungers? I could not say to them, 'gentlemen, I am sick of your company,'—th: would be very unwell. I gave them broad hints, disposed of my extra chairs and affected to be very busy in posting my books; but all would not do. Loungers never take hints.—One day, I disclosed my case to a very shrewd friend of mine

and begged him to tell me, if he could what I should do. Do! said he, shuffling up his shoulders; I will tell you what to do—put a Bible there. I immediately brought a large Bible and placed it upon the table, and waited their result. The next day my friends, as usual, came dropping in, one after another, I was busy with my papers, yet I saw them start back at the sight of the Bible. Some of them took it up as if to ascertain what book it was, but immediately laid it down again, and withdrew in silence. On the day following I observed them looking in occasionally—but the Bible lay on the table. In short, I was never troubled with loungers afterwards.

#### EMINENT EARLY RISERS.

"I spent," says Dr. Paley, when giving an account of the early part of his life at college, "the first two years of my undergraduate life happily, but unprofitably. I was constantly in society, where we were not immortal, but idle and expensive. At the commencement of the third year, after having left the usual party at a late hour, I was awakened at five in the morning by one of my companions, who stood at my bed side; and said, 'Paley, I have been thinking what a fool you are. I could do nothing, probably, if I were to try; and I could afford the indolent life you lead. You could do every thing, and cannot afford it. I have had no sleep, during the whole night on account of these reflections, and am now come solemnly to inform you, that if you persist in your indolence, I must renounce your society.' I was so struck (says the Doctor) with the visit and the visitor, that I lay in bed great part of the day, and formed my plan. I ordered my bed maker to lay my fire every morning, in order that it might be lighted by myself. I arose at five; pursued my studies during the day; took supper at nine; went to bed, and continued the practice up to this hour."—The consequence was, he became a great man.

Dr. Tissot, in his life of Zimmerman, author of the Treatise on Solitude, states that the latter was accustomed to rise very early in the morning, and wrote several hours before he began his professional visits.

It is recorded of Lord John Harvey, that in those early hours when all around were hushed in sleep, he seized the opportunity of the quiet as the most favourable period for study, and frequently in this way spent a useful day before others began to enjoy it.

#### ANECDOTES.

SIR MATTHEW HALE, one of the most upright & able Judges that ever sat upon the bench, was nearly ruined by his dissolute companions. When young, he had been very studious and sober; but the players happening to come to the town where he was studying, he became a witness of their performance, by which he was so captivated, that his mind lost its relish for study, and he addicted himself to dissipated company, when in the midst of his associates one day it pleased God to visit one of them with sudden death. Sir Matthew was struck with horror and remorse. He retired and prayed, first for his friend, that if the vital spark were not fled, he might be restored; and then for himself, that he might never more be found in such places and company as would render him unfit to meet death. From that day he quitted all his wicked companions, walked no more in the way of sinners, but devoted himself to piety and literature.

A YOUNG LADY REPROVED BY AN AGED MINISTER.—The late Mr. Bennet, Vicar of Everton, was once visited by a very loquacious young lady. Forgetting the modesty which became her, especially when in company of so venerable a servant of Christ, she occupied the whole time of the interview by the most trifling talk concerning herself. When she rose to retire, he said, 'Madam, before you withdraw, I have one piece of advice to give you—When you go into company, after you have talked half an hour without intermission, I recommend

ed it to you to stop a while, and see if any other of the company has any thing to say.

LEARNING.—When a great personage, some years ago, was visiting her royal nursery, a most amiable princess, (the present Duchess of Gloucester,) who was at that time about six years old, running to her with a book in her hand, and tears in her eyes, said, "Madam I cannot comprehend it." Her Majesty, with true parental affection, looked upon the princess, and told her not to be alarmed. "What you cannot comprehend to-day, you may comprehend tomorrow; and what you cannot attain to this year you may arrive at the next. Do not, therefore, be frightened with little difficulties: but attend to what you do know, and the rest will come in time!"—This is a golden rule, and well worthy of our observation.

#### MAXIMS.

The most exact and constant rules of behaviour will be found to be the rules of Christianity in the New Testament, in the example and maxims of Christ; for which cause it pleased our Redeemer more than once to give them.

Be sociable, but throw away as little time as ever you can, especially upon impertinent company. Keep company, with such as are your superiors in wisdom, goodness, learning, piety, and age; your familiarity with whom will be reputable and serviceable to you.

#### POETRY.

##### TO YOUTH.

O lend your ear, ye youthful tribe,  
And early, Wisdom's words imbibe,  
To guide your wandering way!  
Why should you scorn the heav'nly guest?  
Your happiness is her request,  
She leads to endless day.

If you obediently regard  
Her dictates, she a sure reward  
Will in the end confer:  
What heav'nly bliss! does she unfold  
To rubies and the choicest gold  
Her merchandize prefer.

In her right hand she e'er displays  
A life of peace, and length of days,  
Relief from guilt and sin;  
All needful wealth will she bestow,  
Honours from her left hand do flow,  
Your youthful hearts to win.

How full of pleasantness her ways!  
Her ways how full of peace! Her praise  
Is sung by every friend;  
A tree of life, divinely far;  
Nor death, nor danger, shall they share  
Who Wisdom's voice attend.

The Scriptures read, nor shall you miss  
The road to life and happiness:  
There Wisdom's voice is heard,  
JERUSALEM fear, from sin depart,  
And give the saviour all your heart,  
And share the rich reward.

Your parents reverence and obey,  
Nor from their friendly counsel stray,  
Nor trust your youthful mind:  
"Make pray'r a pleasure not a task,"  
Sincere and fervent what you ask:  
Thus happiness you'll find.

Be true, benevolent, and pure,  
Patiently suffer and endure,  
The chastening of the Lord:  
Servant of God, to man a friend,  
Happy you'll live, and peace you'nd,  
In heaven your great reward.