

light, and from it he was never willingly absent, and his regularity in attendance, his attention to his lessons, and his general good behaviour endeared him to his teacher, whilst his kind, sensible, manly deportment made him a general favorite.

But whilst W. had so many pleasing qualities which endeared him to his friends, and which gave promise of future usefulness, had he been spared, it pleased the Lord to call him away in the morning of life. His constitution, naturally delicate, sunk rapidly under the severe disease with which he was attacked, and it soon became evident that he was fast sinking into the grave.

And now it became evident how many hearts even a little boy may endear to him by kind dispositions and engaging manners. Seldom have I witnessed so many persons manifest such deep sympathy for so young a sufferer, and it almost seemed as though each was losing a near and dear friend.

He bore his severe suffering with great patience, and the composed and sensible manner in which he spoke of the approach of death, and his hope of glory, furnished a bright evidence of the value of early religious instruction, and the genuineness of youthful piety.

He frequently spoke of his little brother and sister who had died before him; especially of his sister who had died about two years before, and who, though but five years old, said, when expiring in her cradle, "I see little Robert John," (meaning her infant brother who had gone before) "coming to meet me." She had also said that William would be the next that would die. He remembered this, and said, that he was going to be with Anne Jane. Yes, William knew that he

had friends in heaven, and though he felt it hard to leave his dear and beloved parents, yet he knew that he was going to meet those that had gone before, and especially to meet his dear Saviour in that happy place where there are mansions for all that love his appearing. Oh what a pleasing thought for the bereaved parents to think that they have three children already in glory! May the Lord enable them so to train up those that remain, and so to cleave to the Lord themselves that they may make up a *family in heaven!* I. B. H.



Superstition of the Katar Tribe, India.

A Missionary hearing that a mountaineer of a small tribe, called the Katar, had died, went to witness the ceremony usual at such an event. The women of the village sat together at a short distance from the body, going through a recitation in measured and plaintive tones. The men brought several bullocks which the deceased had fed in his life-time, and led them round the corpse; they were then sent to a jungle not far off. On asking the reason of this, they assigned immemorial custom, and said it was beneficial to the survivors.

When the Missionary asked the Priest of the village, how the deceased might escape from the punishment of sins he had committed in his life-time, he said, that these bullocks would take all his sins away.

They afterwards brought a cow, and killed it; and when asked the reason for so doing, they said, the cow was to go with him, to give milk for his support. After killing the cow, all the men went and kissed it.

Then they laid the corpse beside it for a short time; and went,