

he commanded him to offer up Isaac. He puts his children to the test, in his Providence, to strengthen their principles, so that they may be strong.

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### THE GRATITUDE PAID.

God is the giver. It is according to the purposes of his grace, the promises of his word, and the fulness of time. How is this gift to be acknowledged?

*By an ardent attachment to him.*—There is everything in Christ to attract your love, and secure your regard. "How welcome," says a living writer, "is Jesus to a soul taught of God; as rural flowers to the sense, when the softening sun renders the air genial, when the fields breathe balmy freshness in the morning beam, when dewdrops tremble on every leaf, and the slow zephyr toils along the landscape, as if laden with sweets?"

*By a bold confession of him.* If this gift is received in the heart, it will be acknowledged openly and fearlessly.

*By active zeal for him.*—The best way to show our gratitude for the Father's gift is to seek to spread abroad the Saviour's fame. If God has given us his Son, let us give him our hearts.

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### BOOK NOTICES.

EVANGELICAL REPOSITORY.—We have just read the March number of this Quarterly Magazine of theological literature. It is a most delightful number, full of rich and most instructive information, on the most important of all subjects. The following are the contents: 1, Practical Exposition of the Second Chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews—verse 1. 2, How to Preach the Gospel with Variety and Freshness. 3, Conversion—An immediate and Conscious Change. 4, Trials as seen in the Light of Faith. 5, Christ's Temptation. 6, None but Christ in the Pulpit—Why? 7, The Canon of the Holy Scriptures. 8, Doctrinal and Exegetical Queries. 9, Obituary Rev. Peter Mather. 10, Books: Grossart's Temptation of Christ, etc. We cannot give our readers of the "Day Star," on account of our exceedingly limited space, anything like an adequate idea of the value of this magazine as it comes fresh from the pen of Dr. Morison, and his contributors every quarter. We often wish that we could republish every word of it, and cause its light to shine into every house and heart in Canada. We most earnestly recommend it to all our readers. The 33 doctrinal and exegetical queries which are answered by the learned and gifted Editor, not to speak