

the one all-sufficient Saviour. His words appeared to sink deep into her heart; her eyes brightened up; she smiled; and, while an expression of peace stole over her pallid features, her spirit fled away, to bear a precious testimony before the King of kings of that MINISTER'S faithfulness to his awful charge. When the party, who had missed their sovereign, and were anxiously searching the wood for him, rode up, they found him seated by the corpse, speaking comfort to the weeping children. The sequel is not less beautiful: I quote the words of the narrative. "He now rose up, put some gold into the hands of the afflicted girls, promised them his protection, and bade them look to Heaven. He then wiped the tears from his eyes, and mounted his horse. His attendants, greatly affected, stood in silent admiration. Lord L.— was going to speak: but his majesty, turning to the gipsies, and pointing to the breathless corpse and the weeping girls, said with strong emotion, 'Who, my lord, who, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto these?'"—*Charlotte Elizabeth.*

A REBUKE TO CHRISTIANS.—At the celebration of one heathen festival a native has been known to offer 80,000 pounds of sweetmeats, 80,000 pounds of sugar, 1000 cloth garments, 1000 suits of silk, 1000 offerings of rice, plantains and other fruits. Another has been known to expend \$147,000 upon a single festival, and \$48,000 a year ever afterwards to the close of his life! In the city of Calcutta alone it is estimated that \$2,400,000 are annually expended on the celebration of Durga Pujah festivals. The raja of Nudiya, in the north of Bengal, offered on the first day of a festival, a large number of sheep and goats, and buffaloes, and vowed to double the offering on each succeeding day; the number in all amounted to 65,000. The heathen of a single city contributed almost as much to support one religious festival, as all Protestant denominations of Christians in the world gave last year to send their religion to the heathen! What a rebuke to the followers of Christ.—*Dayspring.*

POETRY.

PRAYER OF THE DYING CHRISTIAN.

BY REV. ROWLAND HILL.

GENTLY, my Saviour, Let me down,
To slumber in the arms of death;
I rest my soul on thee alone,
E'en till my last expiring breath.

Death's dreadful sting hath lost its power;
A ransomed sinner, saved by grace,
Lives but to die, and die no more,
Unveiled to see thy blissful face.

Soon will the storm of life be o'er,
And I shall enter endless rest,
Then shall I live to sin no more,
And bless thy name, forever blest.

Dear Saviour, let thy will be done;
Like yielding clay I humbly lie;
May every murmuring thought be gone,
Most peacefully resigned to die,

Bid me possess sweet peace within;
Let childlike patience keep my heart;
Then shall I feel my heaven begin,
Before my spirit hence depart.

Yes, and a brighter heaven still,
Awaits my soul, thro' his rich grace;
Who shall his word of truth reveal,
Till called to sing his endless praise?

Hasten thy chariot, God of love,
And take me from this world of wo;
I long to reach those joys above,
And bid farewell to all below.

There shall my raptured spirit rise,
Still louder notes than angels sing;
High glories to Immanuel's grace,
My God, my Saviour, and my King.

VALUE OF A MOMENT.

BY MONTGOMERY.

AT every motion of our breath,
Life trembles on the brink of death,—
A taper's flame that upward turns
While downward to the dust it burns.
Moment by moment years are past,
And one ere long will be our last;
'Tis that (long fled) which gave us light,
And that which soon shall end in night,
There is a point no eye can see,
Yet on it hangs eternity.
This is that moment,—who shall tell
Whether it leads, to heaven or hell?
This is that moment,—as we choose,
The immortal soul we save or lose.
Time past and time to come are not;
Time present is our only lot.
Oh God! henceforth our hearts incline.
To seek no other love than thine.

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