



THY MOTHER.

Cling to thy mother—for she was the first
To know thy being, and to feel thy life;
The hope of thee thro' many a pang she nursed,
And when 'midst anguish like thy parting strife,
Her babe was in her arms, the agony
Was all forgot, for bliss of loving thee.

Uphold thy mother—close to her warm heart
She carried, fed thee, lulled thee to thy rest;
Then taught thy tottering limbs their untried art,
Exulting in the fledgling from her nest.
And now her steps are feeble—be her stay,
Whose strength was thine, in thy most feeble day.

Cherish thy mother—brief perchance the time
May be, that she may claim the care she gave;
Passed are her hopes of youth, her harvest prime
Of joy on earth: her friends are in the grave:
But for her children, she could lay her head
Gladly to rest, among her precious dead!

Be tender with thy mother—words unkind,
Or light neglect from thee, will give a pang
To that fond bosom, where thou art enshrined
In love unutterable, more than fang
Of venom'd serpent—wound not her strong trust,
As thou wouldst hope for peace, when she is in
the dust.

Mother beloved! Oh may I ne'er forget,
Whatever be my grief, or what my joy,
The unmeasured, the inextinguishable debt
I owe thy love; but find my sweet employ,
Ever, through thy remaining days, to be
To thee as faithful as thou art to me.

ANSWER TO ENIGMA, No. 10.

- Abram—was the name of an Old Testament saint before it was changed.
- Laban—was Jacob's father-in-law.
- Maribah—was a place where the Israelites murmured.
- Miriam—was the name of a prophetess.
- Naama—was the name of a person cured of leprosy.
- Gilgal—was a place where the Israelites encamped.
- Manasseh—was a king of Israel who began his reign at the age of 12 years.
- Abner—was a king that died as the fool dieth.
- Abiathar—was a priest in David's time.
- Eat the shew bread—is what David did in the days of said priest.
- Balaam—was a prophet, but of blemished character.
- Samson—was one of the Judges of Israel.
- Abdago—was one of the children of the captivity.
- Daniel—was one of the princes of the king of Babylon.
- Ishmael—was the son of Nethaniah.
- The two tables of stone—was what was kept in the ark of the covenant.
- The whole is—"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God."—Rev. xx. 12.

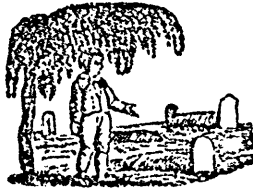
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Thorold, August 7, 1847.

It is foolish, if not wicked, for us to call ourselves followers and successors of Christ, when we show no care to tread in his steps.

EDUCATION.

A wealthy farmer in Kentucky says, "I would rather be taxed for the education of the boy, than for the ignorance of the man. For one or the other I am compelled to be."



Obituary.

For the Sunday School Guardian.

SARAH ANNE DARBY was, during the greater part of three years, a constant and punctual attendant at our Sabbath School in this town. In assiduous and successful efforts to treasure up in her memory the judicious counsels of her monitors, and the glorious announcements of revealed truth, very few were her superiors. These holy exercises were not confined to her Sunday School engagements; they formed a part of every day employment; and her entire deportment developed numerous and cheering indications that the Holy Scriptures affected her heart and influenced her conduct. She was, in the estimate of those who knew her best, a good girl.

Sarah Anne had attained, within two days, her eleventh birthday. 'Twas during a thunder storm, on Tuesday the 18th of August, that—as she was standing in the door-way of her father's cottage, rehearsing a scripture lesson—a vivid flash of lightning struck her to the ground: she exclaimed, "Oh mother!" and ceased to live.

Two younger sisters, who were almost within reach of her at the time, and her alarmed mother, hurried to her rescue, but she was quite dead! And when her father—who, at the time, was a short distance from the house—returned, sounds of lamentation fell upon his ears, and the pale and nerveless form of his lovely, but lifeless child lay stretched before him.

On the second day after, the cold corpse was followed, by surviving friends and a procession of Sabbath Scholars, to the grave; and when the slowly marching throng halted at the tomb we saw the coffin'd body deposited in the deep, dark vault. The children, instinctively forming a circle round "the long home" of their departed school-fellow, listened, with devout attention, to the service "for the Burial of the Dead;" and as the gravedigger filled up "the house of clay," many a lingering look yearned over the sad rite.

As the mourners separated a rush of reflections crowded our mind. The sorrowing parents also thought intently, bitterly of the afflicting dispensation. Their family circle has been broken; one of the children is absent; she sleeps in death. And the Sunday School has been deprived of one of its scholars; the little class is made less, but the youthful learner has been added to the family in heaven; and she has gone to learn purer lessons above. She has been called away from her endeared companions on earth, and she is now forming holier associations in bliss. And her labours here have been consummated, that she may engage in nobler, loftier employments in the presence of her Lord.

May all our Sabbath Scholars so live that an abundant entrance may be ministered unto them into God's everlasting kingdom! Amen.

JOHN BREDIN.

Guelph, Aug. 25, 1847.

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* I have put Daniel for one of the princes of the King of Babylon, in the enigma it reads "Dah-mag,"—as I can find no such name in the Bible, I think it must be a mistake.