

no evidence of earthly death could be seen.

For Nature is God's own manifestation, and He tells us that Life is Eternal. The dead are not laid hopelessly away. From the tomb is the glorious Resurrection!

Yes, there are lessons to learn from silent graves—lessons for old and young. Solemn truths—yet not sorrowful.

We need not be unhappy when we think of death. In the natural tear of earthly sorrow may gleam the rainbow of the Sun of Hope. Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, drove out the darkness of the tomb, ere He decreed that in it we should wait His second coming. Blessed, indeed, thrice blessed, are "they who die in the Lord!"

LETTER FROM MRS. MORTON.

MY DEAR CHILDREN.—I am going to tell you a story which is neither pretty nor true.—Then you will say, 'why tell it to us?' Because I want you to be very sorry for the poor little Hindu children who are taught foolish and wicked stories as part of their religion. This one I read lately in Prem Sagar, one of their religious books, which they think to be a great deal better book than our Bible.

When the god Krishna was five or six years old he went out with some companions one day to herd calves; taking their luncheon with them they laid it down and leaving the calves began to amuse themselves by throwing stones, making garlands of flowers, and so on.

In the meantime a bad king who wanted to kill Krishna had sent a demon in the shape of a dragon to lie in wait with his mouth open hoping for a chance to swallow Krishna.

The boys seeing the open mouth of the dragon and thinking it to be a cavern said one to another, 'What a big mountain this must be to have such a large cavern in it! If we once get into this we will never get out; it frightens me only to see it.' Then one named Tokh said, 'Come along; even if we get into it what fear if Krishna is with us? If it be an evil spirit it will be killed like Bakasur was.'

While they were talking thus the dragon drew such a long breath that all the calves as well as the boys were lifted off their feet and fell into his mouth. Feeling his hot and poisonous breath the calves began to low, and the boys to call out, 'Oh, Krishna, beloved! remember us or we shall be burned to death.'

Hearing their cries Krishna entered the

dragon's mouth, which gladly shut him in, but he made his body so large that the dragon was split in pieces, and all the calves and boys got out. Then the gods being very glad rained down flowers and nectar to cool them.

Now that you have heard this story you will understand the answer of one of our Christian people who was asked by a heathen, 'How could you become a Christian when you know so much of Prem Sagar?' 'That is just why I became a Christian,' said Lal Bihari Singe, Mr. Grant's faithful helper, and now an ordained minister.

Dear children, make haste to help us, that the young Hindus may be taught about Jesus, and may learn all the lovely Bible stories that you know so well. Many of them have already learned about Samuel and Joseph and David, and it makes them wish to be good boys like these; but then they see so much wickedness around them that they forget and find it much harder to be good than if they lived in a Christian land like Nova Scotia.

Mr. Morton asked one day in Tacarigua School, 'Who was the strongest man?' a dozen voices answered, 'Samson.' 'What did Samson do that showed he was very strong?' 'He killed a thousand men with a donkey's bone.' 'Did he drink wine or ruin to make him strong?' 'No.' 'Well, then, if any one tells you that to drink will make you strong, you tell them, Oh, if I am as strong as Samson that will do for me, and he did not drink anything but water.' With this little temperance lecture which is good for boys everywhere I will close.

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PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

This Presbytery met at Newcastle, N. B., on Tuesday, the 7th of April.

Nine ministers and one elder were present.

Mr. Murray was appointed clerk for the ensuing year to take effect from the next regular meeting.

The report on the State of Religion was read by Mr. Waits. Only nine congregations out of sixteen had returns, but so far as information went, the evidence of spiritual vitality and progress was satisfactory.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Mr. Quinn. It indicated decided