

gering on his soul;—then there was a moment's pause of life; and the next thing of which the spirit was conscious was the music of the skies."

On the death of Mr. Miller we have the following facts. He had received intelligence from Manchester of his mother's death. He made arrangements to proceed to the funeral. "In a car of the evening mail train for Manchester, he found some friends. They were soon engaged in Christian conversation, particularly in relation to the plans of usefulness which were opening about them. As the shades of night came on, they sung the evening hymn,—

Glory to thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thy own almighty wings!

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ills that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the awful day.

The strains of the mingled voices were stopped by a violent collision of the cars as they were approaching an intermediate station; and Mr. Miller, with six others, were, without a moment's warning, instantly killed. Upon his person were found memoranda for future schemes of improvement among those for whom he labored; and also sketches of the exercises which were to take place at the approaching Ragged School anniversary." But an inscrutable Providence, against which we dare not murmur, cut short the work, and took his servant home.

We have given this brief account of these two witnesses for Christ, in the hope that many may be induced to pro-

cure the volumes and imitate the zeal and fidelity of William Reeves and Roger Miller.

How to Use a Religious and Useful Periodical.

Every Christian ought to consider the religious books and periodicals which come into his hands *as means of doing good*, committed to him by Providence, which he is bound to employ as efficiently as he can, to promote the cause of piety. A vast amount of good is done in this way by active Christians throughout our land. As soon as they have read any article or any work of useful, practical tendency, their minds instinctively inquire, "Which of my neighbors or friends would be interested or profited by this?" "Here is something," say they, "which exactly meets such a one's case." "This article would interest the Sabbath school; I will show it to the superintendent." "This book will do good in such a family; I will lend it to them." The instrument of good is thus carried to the points where its effect is needed.

There is another view of this subject which ought not to be overlooked. The value of a printed book or pamphlet consists in the fact that it is capable of telling its story to a vast number of individuals as well as to one. One man, for example, who receives a very interesting book, sends it to the Sabbath school that it may be read there. It accordingly interests and profits a hundred and fifty, instead of one. His daughter takes it to the meeting of a charitable society, so that, if desired, some of its pages may contribute to their enjoyment and instruction while at work; and thus his single copy accomplishes its work on hundreds of minds.

Another man reads his copy, and leaves it a few days to be read in his family, and then shuts it up in a dark closet, idle and unemployed forever. It has done good perhaps to ten minds,