

imated with a better hope than any earthly possession could inspire, he desired that even his bones should be carried up out of Egypt. Jacob and his family, it is true, were permitted to sojourn in Goshen; but they were not provided for in that place; for they brought their cattle, their goods, and all that they had into Egypt. (Gen. xlvi. 1, 6), so that they had nothing but the bare land to feed on; and had built treasure-cities, or fortresses, we know not how many, and two whole cities *Pithom* and *Ramesses*, besides; and for all these services they had *no compensation whatever*, but were, besides, cruelly abused, and obliged to witness, as the sum of their calamities, the daily murder of their male infants. These particulars considered, remarks the doctor, will infidelity ever dare to produce this case again, in support of its pretensions.—*Carpenter's Biblical Companion*.

A BEAUTIFUL COMPARISON.

"As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him."—Deut. xxxii. 11, 12.

The truth taught by this comparison is, that, as there is in the eagle love and care for its young, so God loves and cares for men, who are his "offspring." (Acts xvii. 28.)

1. When the eaglets are fully fledged and ready to fly, the eagle stirreth up the nest, so that they may leave it. God uses means, by his Spirit, his word and his Providence, to make the sinner feel that he is insecure in his unconverted state, so that he may become a pilgrim to the heavenly Canaan.

2. When the eaglets leave the nest, the eagle fluttereth over them, to teach them to fly. So, when sinners come to Jesus, out of the Egypt of their unconverted state, God teaches them their duty, how to overcome difficulties and spiritual enemies, and how to bear trials; by examples, the examples of those who have been longer in the divine life than themselves, the examples recorded in the Bible, and his own sublime example: "Be ye holy; for I am holy." "Be followers of God, as dear children."

3. The eagle puts the eaglets to the test. She spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth on her wings. She shakes them off that they may be under the necessity of using their wings. So God puts his children to the test. He tried Abraham when