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For the Sunday School Guardian.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I have thought that it might be interesting and instructive to your little readers to give them a short sketch of the amiable character, and happy death of one of the finest little boys that I ever knew.

William Henry Hall died in Peterboro', on the 8th of September last, at the early age of nine years and five weeks—and though his stay here was so short, his uniform obedience to his parents, his regular attendance upon his Sunday school, and his general kind and engaging disposition secured for him the affectionate regard of all who knew him, whilst his clear scriptural views of the plan of salvation, and his simple and implicit faith in his Redeemer enabled him to meet death with a smile, and to leave behind him the pleasing hope that he has gone to rest in heaven.

William was blessed with pious parents, who early endeavoured to impress upon his mind the wondrous story of the Saviour's love, and to teach him the way of salvation; a theme so simple and affecting that a child may understand it, and yet so

deep, so high, so sublime, that angels contemplate it with ecstasy and awe!

Upon the mind of William these early instructions were not lost. At a very tender age he was the subject of deep religious impressions, and his conscientious regard for truth, his abhorrence of every kind of deception, his love for the Scriptures, and his delight in prayer, clearly shewed that "from a child he had known the Scriptures which were able to make him wise unto salvation."

He was peculiarly amiable and affectionate in his disposition. He would much rather not play at all, than to associate with boys who were rude and boisterous; but was particularly fond of a little companion, mild and gentle like himself. But he generally preferred being in the company of his parents, and with persons older than himself, and to listen to religious conversation,—and the attention which he gave to such subjects, and the sensible questions which he would ask in reference to them, manifested a thoughtfulness about religion seldom witnessed in one so young.

The Sabbath School was his de-