

our hope and prayer is, that he may yet become a happy and useful man.

See dear children from this story,

1.—How some poor heathen boys will put many here to shame.—

You have the Bible in your hand, kind ministers about you, and all you want to instruct you about Christ, without going from your door. Yet, I fear too many of you neglect your souls, and care but little about Christ and Heaven. Oh, does not this little earnest seeking sailor, put such boys and girls to shame?

2.—How, surely God will lead us right if we seek his glory and commit our way to him. He that gave the lad the heart to seek him, opened up the way by which he found him. "Commit thy way unto the Lord and he shall direct thy path: trust also in him and he will bring it to pass." "Seek and you shall find, ask and you shall receive."

### How the Lord Jesus Arose from the Dead.

And so, as I told you, they crucified the dear Saviour.

After he was dead, there came a rich man, who was one of his disciples, to Pilate, and begged leave to take his body and bury it. His name was Joseph of Arimathea.

And his request was granted.—And he took the body, and wrapped it carefully in a clean linen cloth. And he laid it in a new tomb, which he had made for himself, in a garden. It was hewn out of the solid rock.

And he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and went away.

The enemies of Jesus had heard him say, that after three days he would rise again; and they were afraid, that his disciples would come by night and take away his body, and then say, that he was risen from the dead. So, they sealed the stone with the public seal, that it might be plain, if any one should

move it. And they put a band of soldiers, to watch the tomb, both by night and day.

But our Lord did arise on the morning of the third day, as he said he would. The seal, and the stone, and the guard, were as nothing before him.

Indeed, there was a great earthquake,—and there came an Angel from heaven, and he rolled away the stone from the door of the sepulchre and sat upon it. His raiment was whit as the snow, and his countenance like lightning. For fear of him the soldiers shook with terror, and became as dead men.

And the Lord Jesus left the tomb, and he went and sought his disciples, and comforted and blessed them.

We are sure that he rose from the dead. If he had not, his enemies would easily have produced the dead body. This they did not. This they could not do.

His disciples could not have taken him away, whilst his tomb was guarded by a band of soldiers. Indeed, they were so much afraid, that it is evident they would not even have attempted it.

Five hundred brethren saw him at once, and he appeared at several times to different individuals.

They bare testimony that they had seen and conversed with him; they all agreed in their testimony,—they gained nothing by it, but bonds and imprisonment, and suffering of every kind, and oftentimes death in the most terrific form.

O yes,—Christ is risen from the dead. He was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification. He is the first fruits of them that slept. As he is risen so his people shall arise. Death shall be swallowed up in victory. The Christian may indeed sing the joyful song,—“O death! where is thy sting?—O grave! where is thy victory?—Thanks be to God! who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.”