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"Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves."—Ruth 2; 7.

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JOHN ROGERS.

Dr. Goodwin tells how he, being in his youth a student at Cambridge, and having heard much of Mr. Rogers, of Dedham, purposely took a journey to hear him preach on his lecture day; a lecture so thronged and frequented, that to those who did not go early, there was no possibility of getting in that very large and spacious building. Mr. Rogers was at that time discussing the subject of the Scriptures; and in that sermon he expostulated with the people about their neglect of the Bible. He personated God to the congregation, thus addressing them:

"I have trusted you so long with My Bible, you have slighted it; it lies in your houses covered with dust and cobwebs; you care not to look at it. Do you use My Bible so? Well, you shall have My Bible no longer."

He then took the Bible from the cushion, and seemed as if he were going away with it, and carrying it from them, but immediately turned again and personated the people to God, fell down on his knees, cried, and pleaded most earnestly, "O Lord, whatever Thou doest to us, take not Thy Bible from us; kill our children, burn our houses, and destroy our goods, only spare us Thy Bible; only take not away Thy Bible."

Then he addressed the people as an answer from God. "Say you so? Well, I will try you a little longer; here is my Bible for you, I will yet see how you will use it; whether you will value it more, whether you will observe it more, and live according to it."

By these actions he put the congregation into so strange a posture that the place was a Bochim, the people generally being deluged with their tears. Dr. Goodwin himself, when he retired to take his horse again, was fain to hang for a quarter of an hour upon the neck of his horse, weeping, before he had power to mount, so great was the impression upon him on having been thus expostulated with for the neglect of his Bible.

John Rogers was the grandson of the first martyr under Queen Mary, who washed his hands in the flame as though in cold water. In his monument in Dedham Church he is represented in the act of preaching, with his Bible in hand, resting on the cushion—the attitude in which he generally stood.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

The following true account is given for the encouragement of those who have long been praying for and seeking after members of their families who are not manifestly the Lord's. "The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruits