

The kind-hearted wife of a gardener ran to take up the poor fledgling, and after warming it at the fire she put it into a cage outside the window, hoping that the old birds would come and feed their nestling. In this expectation she was not disappointed. The parent birds, evidently missing their little one, began a diligent search for it. Their chirpings of distress were soon heard by the poor bird, for in a few moments the parents flew to the cage, bringing it food. They continued this attention; and for days the children of the school took great delight in witnessing this feeding of the little bird, and we are glad to add that Miss Hills, the schoolmistress, wisely embraced the opportunity of giving the children some useful and interesting hints on the importance of kindness to God's dumb creatures.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

WHEN Pompeii was destroyed, there were many buried in the ruins of it, who were afterwards found in different situations. There were some found in deep vaults, as if they had gone thither for security. There were some found who were in the streets, as if they had been attempting to make their escape. There were some found in lofty chambers. But where did they find the Roman sentinel? They found him at the gate, with his hand grasping his war weapon, where he had been placed by the captain; and there where the heavens threatened him, there where the earth shook beneath him, there where the lava stream rolled, he stood at his post, and there, after a thousand years had passed away, he was found. So let Christians learn to stand to their duty, willing to stand at the post on which their Captain has placed them, and they will find that grace will support and sustain them.

PRAYING AND WATCHING.

A LITTLE boy in one of the schools in Edinburgh, who attended a prayer-meeting, said to his teacher:

"Teacher, I wish my sister could be got to read the Bible; she never reads it."

"Why, Johnny, should your sister read the Bible?"

"Because, if she once read it, I am sure it would do her good, and she would be converted and saved."

"Do you think so, Johnny?"