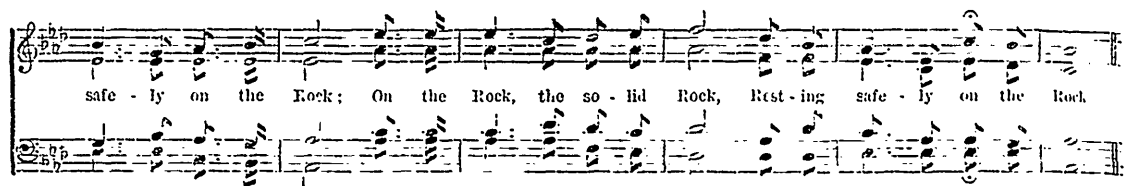
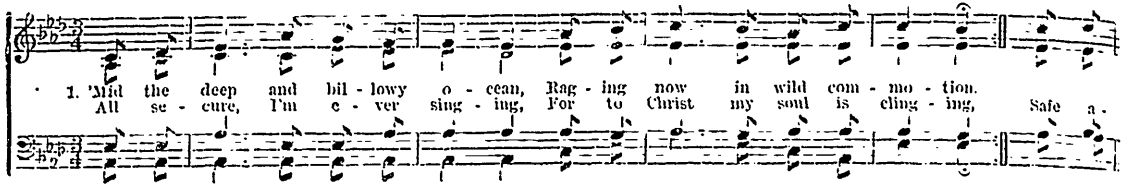


SAFE ON THE ROCK.

Words by MRS. MARY D. JAMES.

Music by W. J. KIRKPATRICK.



2 What though winds are howling round me,
What though darkness now surround me,
Threatening utter desolation?
Christ the Rock is my salvation!
Calm amid the wildest shock,
On the Everlasting Rock.

3 With my Saviour, what can harm me?
All hell's legions can't alarm me!
Jesus' mighty arms enclosing,
Sweetly is my soul reposing,
Safe amid the fiercest shock,
On the Ever blessed Rock.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

WE are at a loss in the small space at our disposal to express our satisfaction with Mr. Wray's last work (1). A glorious book it is; and we have not for many a year read anything that so thoroughly entered into our very soul. Old Adam Oliver, Master Phillip, Nathan and Lucy Blyth, Black Morris, and many others, seem to stand before us now, and the touching relation of the grand triumphal entry of the dying patriarch into the land of His God, is indelibly impressed on our memory. Mr. Wray aimed high; he started to write, not a goody-goody, namby-pamby story, but a picture of real living life, with all its vicissitudes and dangers, fiction (as far as the plot went) pure and simple, but with no impossible heroines, or ultra diabolical villains. Right well has he succeeded, and whoever has not read this book should do so; it will repay them.

Though "Uncle Tom" has gone, his "Life" seems to sell as well as ever. To meet a generally-expressed wish, Mr. Lobb has issued a new illustrated edition (2) especially suited to the young, and a very tasty little book it is. Pleasantly written, and very effectively bound, it ought to have a very large sale.

Whether we take into consideration its historical value, its exhaustive character, its interesting minutiae, its scholarly dissertations, or its great catholicity, the "Bible Educator" (3) is by far the best and most useful work of its kind that has ever seen the light. We are not surprised that Messrs. Cassell have so soon been compelled to re-issue it, and we predict for this new series a success fully equal to that of its predecessor.

Mr. Banks deserves our warmest thanks for his very useful "London Church and Chapel Guide" (4) which has now reached its seventeenth year of publication. Thirty-four pages of very closely printed information most exhaustive

and interesting in its character; a complete list of the May Meetings; a guide to all the religious organisations in the metropolis, and all for twopenny, is surely good value for money. Every one should have it.

Sunday-schools have not long obtained a recognition of the place to which they are entitled in religious economy, but in 1877 no one will deny the immense support which a good, healthy Sunday-school is to a church. Robert Raikes, at whose memoir we are looking (5), was a keen-sighted man of business, and did, perhaps, more for the Church of Christ, by the establishment of Sunday-schools, than any of his contemporaries. The memoir before us is exceedingly interesting and exhaustive, and will well repay the reader.

"They are sure to be good." Thus we exclaimed on being presented with a packet of Mr. Pearson's tracts (6). And so they are. Earnest, sincere, logical, humorous, quaint, and devout, these tracts are well worthy of the author, and we intend that to mean a great deal. They are wonderfully cheap.

A second edition has been called for of the Rev. J. Marratt's Sketches of Scottish Worthies (7), and the book has been considerably enlarged, biographies of Livingstone, Norman Macleod, Dr. Moffat, and several others being added. Good men and true speak to us by their lives in these pages, and the author has performed his task with much discrimination and impartiality.

The last resting-places of our country's heroes have for us an absorbing interest, and we heartily welcome Mr. Bardsley's account of his wanderings in search thereof (8). It is a pleasant, chatty narrative, with its divisions just long enough to interest without wearying one. The author has done his work conscientiously, fairly, and well.

The Rev. Charles Stanford's name is a guarantee of something good, and the re-issue of his two most popular works

(1) *Needleton Magna; a Story of Yorkshire Methodism.* By Quintus Quares. (London: Stock 5s.)

(2) *Young People's Illustrated Edition of Uncle Tom's Story of his Life.* (London: Christian Age office, 2s. 6d.)

(3) *The Bible Educator.* Part I. New Series. (London: Cassell, 7d.)

(4) *The A.B.C. - London Church and Chapel Directory.* (London: R. Banks, 2d.)

(5) *Robert Raikes, Journalist and Philanthropist.* By Alfred Gregory. (London: Hodder, 3s. 6d.)

(6) *Tracts* (12). By Mark Guy Pearse. (London: Wesleyan Conference, 5d.)

(7) *Northern Lights.* By Rev. Jabez Marratt. (London: Wesleyan Conference Office)

(8) *Personal Visits to the Graves of Eminent Men.* By Rev. J. Bardsley. (London: Hodder and Stoughton.)