

some lively actings and exercises of faith in Him. Expressed this reception in prayer; and asked through Him for repentance; for a sense of God's holy law, for sanctification, and all those spiritual blessings which are poured in abundance upon those that believe. Felt a certain degree of gloom and disgust at the withdrawal from the world, and familiarization with heavenly things which religion implies. Prayed that God would give me grace to help in the time of need; prayed for heavenly-mindedness, and that God may be the satisfying portion of my heart; I again prayed for the grace of patience and contentment with my present lot; that I may endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ Jesus; that patience may have her perfect work. I then prayed in reference to my peculiar conduct as a husband, that I may conduct myself with wisdom; that I may love my wife; and that we may encourage and support one another in the great concerns of a Christian family. Prayed for the comfort and salvation of my parents, for all my relations, acquaintances, and the world at large: for a more frank, sincere, and single-minded deportment toward all; and for the extension of the gospel over the earth. I again prayed for the forgiveness of my long continued neglect and indolence as a Christian minister; for a more zealous activity in the time to come; for a more awful and affecting impression of the importance and responsibility of my situation; that I may watch for souls as one who is to give account; and that I may be more constant and more zealous among them. Prayed also that the Spirit would be great among the people themselves. I then concluded with a prayer for the Divine blessing upon the whole, and that I may keep the subject of my speculation in habitual remembrance.—*Chalmers.*

THE SERPENT AND THE BIRDS.

Once on a time the great Boa Constrictor in the hot swamps of South America, writhed itself around a tree, and seemed for a time to be fast asleep. As he hung in this position, the pretty birds which had nests about, came flying around with food for their young. At first they were a little frightened to see such a large animal hanging on the branches, but as he was very still, they thought no harm could ensue. While they were thus coming and going without any apprehension of danger the great Boa opened his eyes and fixed upon them his glistening and fascinating gaze. At first it was little noticed, but soon it won upon them, and drew them nearer and nearer. What it was that charmed them so, they knew not; but they could not escape. They would make an effort to fly away, but it was all in vain. That eye was upon them, and around they went in concentric circles until, at length, they dropped one after another into his opening jaws and were devoured. Poor little birds! How foolishly, some will say, they perished. Why, when they saw their danger, did they not fly away! But not more foolish than those little boys who are fascinated with the wine cup. God said, "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it sparkleth in its cup, when it moveth itself aright,"—tempting just like the serpent—therefore he said, as the results were alike,—"At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." "O foolish young man," many are ready to say of one who has become a drunkard, "why did he not stop when the charm was upon him?" Ah! why did not the little birds stop! They could not. The charmer with his charm was upon them. They were spell-bound, and every whirl they took, brought them nearer and nearer. So it is with the youthful inebriate. He looks at the wine and there is no escape. Be enured, children, not at all by the wine cup. There is poison there. It will produce a delirium from which there is no escape. Around and around you will go until you are lost forever.—*Chris. Her.*

A LITTLE STORY FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

[FROM THE GERMAN.]

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise."

Two little boys, sons of a poor woman in Sheltenham, the one two years of age, and the other nearly three, attended the Infant School of the same place. It gave the older brother great pleasure to teach the younger any thing which he himself had learned. In the winter of 1832, both were taken ill with measles; and whilst they lay in the same room, the older boy was often overheard trying, though without success, to make the other pronounce the words, "Hallelujah, praise the Lord." The child died before he was able to repeat them. When the news of his death was conveyed to his brother, he remained silent for a moment, and, then turning his little eyes toward his mother, he said, with a smile, "mother, little John can say hallelujah now." In a few hours after this lovely child died also; he was taken away to glory, doubtless to stand before the Redeemer's throne, and sing the same song there.

THE YOUNG MAN AND THE TIGER.—Mr. Bennett, of the Savoy Baptist Mission, relates the following incident respecting a tiger and a young Karen, who was sleeping in a verandah some seven or eight feet from the ground. While he was thus sleeping, a tiger came near, and felt a strong desire for human blood. He made an effort to reach the sleeper by a powerful spring; he came so near seizing him that he left, on the head of his intended victim, four small gashes made by his sharp teeth. The young man was probably thoroughly awakened, and took care how he went to sleep within reach of tigers again. The church in that place have had several members carried off by tigers. It is a sad thing for a person to be carried away and destroyed by a tiger; but it is still worse to be carried away and destroyed by him who goeth about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Many little boys have been carried away and destroyed by this cruel foe. In order to avoid so dreadful a fate, they must be careful to keep out of his reach. They must not go where he will be likely to meet them. Places where his temptation will be likely to meet one, should be avoided as carefully as places where tigers would be likely to meet one. If, after taking pains to avoid him, you meet him, resist him and he will flee from you. He is cowardly as well as cruel, and will flee when the sword of the Spirit is brandished before him.

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Niagara, per Mr. Christie	2 13 3
Sydenham, per Rev. J. McKinnon	2 0 0
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Per Rev. John McKinnon,—	
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Reach	0 13 9
Brock	0 10 0
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	13 5 0
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