

A STRIKING INSTANCE OF THE POWER OF DIVINE GRACE ON A YOUTHFUL HEART.

If you think the following brief sketch of the last illness and death of a sainted child, whom I well knew, will suit the columns of your valuable paper, I beg you will give it place.

The little girl, who is the subject of this memoir, was the daughter of a deceased relative of my valued friend. In the spring of 18—, she became her adopted child. In appearance, she was extremely pleasing, and possessed talents of a superior order; but her disposition was, at that time, most unpromising, being proud, haughty, resentful, and very self-willed.

But, alas! towards the end of the spring of 18— her health began to decline: the disease was soon pronounced to be affection of the heart,—her lungs quickly sympathized, and, to the ravages of a quick consumption, drowsy lent its fearful aid; the latter disease first appeared in her face, her legs became swollen, and very soon she was unable to leave her room.

A simple marble slab, with the following inscription, marks the spot where she lies:— Sacred to the memory of Who died on the 27th September, 18—, Aged 12 years and 7 months.

successful efforts to subdue every earthly feeling.—Two instances of the kind present themselves to my mind. When, through disease, she had become so heavy and sleepless, as to require three persons to lift her in and out of bed, a strong young woman, who bore the greatest share of her weight, was on one occasion absent, when she wished to be replaced in bed.

It would be impossible for me to describe the closing scene of this dear child's life in a more forcible and touching manner, than has already been done by an eye-witness of the solemn scene, and I shall, therefore, without apology, transcribe it word for word:—"Mortification had commenced in her leg; the rapidity with which it spread, and the extreme pain which preceded it, cannot be conceived; in thirty-six hours the whole leg exhibited a livid appearance, and every symptom seemed to bespeak speedy dissolution.—During the whole of her illness nothing had been concealed from her, and, at her own request, the doctor's opinion was constantly given in her hearing.

She assented, saying, 'Don't forget to include all you know I wish to pray for, and don't forget Mr. —, (the Clergyman); but first shew me my leg, there is now no pain in it.' I uncovered it, and involuntarily shuddered. She observed this, and said, 'It is indeed frightful; but no matter, it will be soon all over.—You must bury me very soon.' I asked if that distressed her. 'It matters little,' said she, 'what becomes of this miserable body, only lay it near the spot where you will be buried; and now, for the last time, pray with me.' Her voice became husky. She faintly added, 'My eyes won't stay open, but don't think I am asleep, I shall hear you through. You know all I wish to pray for.' I thought these were her last words, but her lips moved as I prayed, and when I closed with the Lord's Prayer, to my astonishment, she repeated it with wonderful strength of voice, and said 'Amen,' in a distinct, solemn tone.

A PICTURE OF THE SLAVE-TRADE. (From The United Service Magazine). Courteous reader, accompany us, I pray you, on board this slave vessel; come and see the handy works of these blood-thirsty dealers in human flesh.

On one occasion, the little sufferer called to one of her cousins (now too gone to her rest), requesting that all her things might be brought to her, in order that she might distribute them as keepsakes among her cousins and others who had been kind to her.

nature gave her a mother's love for her offspring: she nourished and hugged it to her bosom, until the little corpse was taken from her by force, and thrown into the sea. While we are looking, she is dying!—she is dead!—'Oh death! where is thy sting?'

Friend of humanity, turn to that nest of little ones, all in the last stage of the small pox—in the confluent state; their bodies are one mass of putrifying sores; their tongues are rolling out of their parched mouths as begging for water: they cannot speak; they utter inarticulate sounds; but in a few hours they will be quite still,—yes! they will be where the "wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest,"—you will die without a groan; watch them narrowly as they may, you will not perceive the transition from life to death! The black glassy eye is fixed open, and almost transparent. It quivers!—it is fixed in death.

He is past all suffering: a few hours, and he will cease to exist. Yonder are some suffering from ophthalmia—all more or less blind; one is totally so; and every now and then he endeavours to throw himself overboard, and when he is restrained, he mumbles something and points to his eyes, as much as to say, "Why should I live? I am of no use—can only exist in utter darkness—let me out an end to my miseries!"

THE SUPERSTITION OF POPERY. As we left the church we observed a crowd collected round a cart, out of which a wretched, sick, lame man was being taken to be placed before the altar of the Virgin. Close by, as a sign that holy toys were made at the shop beneath, hung, dangling in the wind from a pole, a large rosary, at least five or six feet long, and as we proceeded along the mean narrow street we found that in every house the same merchandise was sold and being prepared.

THE HOLINESS OF GOD. Had not the covenant of mercy been infinitely holy, man could never have been saved. We stand in need of holiness as well as mercy. The grace of God in the child of God, is infinitely more glorifying to God, than the sun which shines by day, or the moon and stars which govern the night.

THE AWAKENED SINNER. A sinner by repentance is brought out of a state of insensibility into one of sensibility. No sinner is a person awakened out of sleep, but he finds himself endowed with the use of all his senses, powers, and faculties.

THE BENEFITS RECEIVED IN THE LORD'S SUPPER. The Lord's Supper, when duly received, doth convey a full pardon, and totally acquit from guilt, or the obligation to punishment, so long as the conditions, upon which its benefits are declared to rest, subsist in the mind of the communicant;

that is, it leaves the sinner in a state of acceptance with God so long as he be careful not to forfeit this situation by frequent instances of misconduct. The same precisely is the effect of Baptism, which is enjoined upon the same terms of faith and repentance.

Great riches may be a great blessing, as in the case of Abraham, and those other saints whom we have mentioned: and Job, when the time of his trial was past. They confer great influence in this world, and furnish abundantly the means of honouring God and doing good to men.

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