

endeavor of some of the men to get into the boat gave her keel on one side; the men who were supporting poor Smith relinquished him for a moment, and he rolled overboard and was drowned. His last bubbling cry was soon lost amidst the shrieks of his former companions; he sunk to rise no more. At eight o'clock in the evening the Magpie was upset; it was calculated by the two survivors, that their companions had all died by nine. — The sharks seemed satisfied for the moment; and they with gallant hearts resolved to profit by the precious time in order to save themselves, they righted the boat, and one getting over the bows, and the other over the stern, they found themselves although nearly exhausted, yet alive; and in comparative security; they began the work of bailing, and soon lighted the boat sufficiently not to be easily upset, when both sat down to rest. The return of the sharks was the signal for their return to labor. The voracious monsters endeavoured to upset the boat; they swam by its side in seeming anxiety for their prey: but after waiting some time they separated: the two rescued seamen found themselves free from their insatiable enemies, and by the blessing of God, saved." They were picked up next day by a brig.

#### WINTER EVENINGS.

"*Impress the marks of wisdom on the wing.*"

*Children:* do you wish to be learned, wise and useful to yourselves and fellows when man or woman shall take the place of childhood, spend your "Winter evening" in study, in reading, and in some occupation that will give growth to the mind as well as the body.

*Young Ladies:* would you have health, friends, good characters, and good husbands; spend your "Winter evenings" in acquiring useful general and domestic knowledge: let your companions be your mother, industry, neatness, modesty; — good books, and *worthy Suitors*; and you will not feel the pangs of 'hope deferred.'

*Young gentlemen:* are reputation, and enjoyment of the social relations your aim; spend your "Winters evenings" in familiarising your minds with practical

sciences and business habits: read, reflect, and examine yourselves; associate only with the good, the wise, the virtuous and the fair, and you will find in 'Perseverance certain success.'

*Parents:* would you be honored in honoring your families, spend your 'Winters evenings' in teaching honesty, morality, temperance, industry, frugality, economy, friendship, kindness, charity, knowledge, self-education, and self-exertion, by example as well as precept: at your own firesides, and your children shall in due time rise up and call you blessed.'

*The three Friends.*—Trust no friend before thou hast tried him, for they abound more at the festal board than at the prison door.

A certain man had three friends, two of them he loved warmly; the other he regarded with indifference, though that one was the truest of his well-wishers. The man was summoned before a tribunal, and though innocent his accusers were bitter against him.

"Who among you;" said he, "will go with me and bear witness for me?—For my accusers are bitter against me, and the king is displeased."

The first of his friends at once excused himself from accompanying him on the plea of other business. The second followed him to the door of the tribunal; there he turned back and went his way through fear of the offended judge. The third on whom he relied the least, spoke for him, and bore witness to his innocence so that the judge dismissed and rewarded him.

Man has three friends in this world; how do they demean themselves toward him in the hour of death, when God calls him to judgment? His best beloved friend *gold*, is the first to leave him; and accompanies him not. His *friends and kinsmen* accompany him to the portal of the grave, and then turn back to their homes. The third, whom he is most neglectful of, is his *good works*.—They alone go with him to the judge's throne, they stand before him, and speak for him, and obtain mercy and grace.—*Herder.*