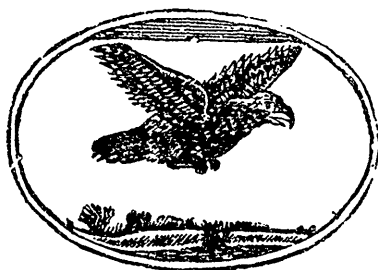


or up a lofty hill, and behold him all night long in earnest prayer. He once prayed in such agony of mind, that he was covered with drops of blood. Even when he died he prayed for his murderers.

He was the founder of all good missions. He commanded his attendants to preach the Gospel to

every creature; and though unseen, his spirit is believed to be present with all who obey his command; and this secret, yet powerful presence, causes the exertions of missionaries to be so destructive to idolatry, and so effective in the conversion of the heathen.

NATURAL HISTORY.



THE GOLDEN EAGLE.

The golden eagle is the noblest species of his family; and he was at one time abundant in all the mountainous districts of England, and may still be frequently seen in some parts of the Highlands, and of the western mountains of Ireland. He has a dull brown plumage, a horn coloured beak, a bright golden red crown, and firm and massive wings of about eight feet in expanse. The female's nest or eyry is usually built on some inaccessible crag or pinnacle of a lofty mountain, and consists of twigs, heath, rushes, and other similar materials; and her brood are usually two, or at most three, and are commonly fed on the warm blood of lambs, kids, ducks, or smaller and less domestic animals, which she has just seized on the

plains, and carried swimmingly aloft to her eyry. She excels the male in size and courage, and at least equals him in power of flight and vision; and she is far superior to most birds in the tenderness and the sagacity of her natural affection. The inspired writings compare the shortness of life to the fell sweep of her flight; the moral energy of lively Christians to her vigour and longevity, and the care of God for his people to her wise and untiring solicitude for her young. "When an eagle sees her young ones so well grown as to venture upon flying, she hovers over their nest, flutters with her wings, and excites them to imitate her, and to take their flight, and when she sees them weary or fearful, she takes them upon her back, and carries them in such away that the fowlers cannot hurt them without piercing her own body." Now "as an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so the Lord alone did lead Israel, and there was no strange God with him, he made him ride on the high places of the earth, that they might eat the increase of the fields."—*British Mother's Magazine*.