

notices of the state of religion in Geneva and Belgium:—

"From one who well knew him" (viz. Mr Haldane), "who was personally and intimately acquainted with him in Geneva, who was then a young pastor, and profited greatly by his intercourse with Mr. Haldane, I was informed of the providential circumstances by which he was so happily brought into intercourse with these young men. Mr Haldane, soon after his arrival in Geneva, became acquainted with one of the best of the pastors at that time in the church; and the sentiments of that minister being very vague, little, therefore, to the taste of Mr Haldane, some discussion took place betwixt them. The minister not understanding English, and Mr Haldane, at that time not speaking French with much facility, a student was brought, either at the first or at some subsequent meeting, to assist as an interpreter betwixt his two seniors. The young man was at once struck with the sound sense of the English stranger, and particularly with what justly appeared to him his remarkable acquaintance with the Word of God, and the readiness and judgment of his apt quotations from it. He communicated his impressions to two of his fellow-students, and requested them to accompany him on a visit to Mr Haldane, which they readily agreed to; and they were not less struck than their companion with the intelligence of Mr Haldane. These three talked of the interview to the rest, brought first one, and then another along with them, until the whole of the students in the Theological Institution, I believe, almost daily, either together or separately, or both, waited on Mr Haldane in the hotel in which he lodged, and eagerly received his instructions.

"During the six months of his residence in Geneva, these exercises were continued; and with such divine teaching were they graciously accompanied, that of the eighteen students who attended them, sixteen were savingly converted, and gave evidence, by their future life and labours, of the genuineness

of the change. It cannot be wrong in me to mention, because it is not concealed by the illustrious person himself, and has, indeed, been noticed, I believe, by the press, that one of these converted youths was Merle D'Aubigné.

"Who can imagine the results of the visit of this one man to Geneva; who can estimate the amount of good, direct and indirect, of which, through the grace of God, it has been productive! Had Robert Haldane lived but to accomplish this one visit, he had not truly lived in vain. It is one of the many animating examples with which the history of religion abounds, of the blessedness of doing good, of the amount of good of which one individual may become the instrument, and of this shortest, safest, and most effectual method of attempting the work of spiritual beneficence, the employment of God's own word, with judgment, assiduity, humility, and prayer."

### THE LAMB AND THE CHILD.

A little child wandered from its mother's cottage on the prairie, in search of flowers. Pleased with the pursuit, and absorbed in new pleasures, it was nearly night before she thought of returning; and then she attempted in vain to retrace her steps, and was lost in the pathless meadows. She sat down and wept. She looked in all directions, in hope of seeing some one to lead her homeward, but no one appeared. She strained her eyes, now dim with tears, to catch sight of the smoke curling from the cot she had left, but in vain. She was alone in the wilderness; and hours had passed since she had left her home. A few hours more and the dark night would be around her and stars would look down upon her, and her locks would be wet with the dew. She knelt on the ground and prayed. Her parents in the cottage were beyond the reach of her voice, but her heavenly Father, she knew, was always near, and could hear her feeblest cry. Mary had been taught to say, "Our Father;" and in this time