

How different the spirit of the honoured father and mother of a missionary who is now among the heathen. They had a darling boy. They laid their hands on him, carrying out in full the spirit of the vow which they made at his baptism, in hearty and acknowledged consecration to the work of preaching Jesus to the dying myriads in China. "My son, (it was often said by them to him), this study, or that study, will aid you to labour in China." "You should not do this or that, you should not go here or there—it may hinder your going to China." Thus the dear boy came to regard the telling the love of Jesus to the people in China as "the chief end" for which he was born and educated, and to spend his whole life. And he became a Christian while many of his school-mates remained unbelievers and children of the devil; he studied theology, though he saw many companions choose lucrative, and to the world more honourable employments; and he went as a missionary, to the surprise of many who thought his talents would have graced some of the large congregations of our land. All just as naturally as a seed becomes a germ, and a germ becomes a stalk, and a stalk becomes a tree, in the branches of which the birds of the air come and lodge, and by the sweet fruit whereof they and their young are fed. Here was a man whose "household" were his friends. His father and mother accepted the cross which his Saviour laid upon him. And they will share his recompense, and be partakers of his eternal joy.—*Record O. S. Presby. Church.*

"Joy, much joy may we have of Him: but take His cross with Himself cheerfully. Christ and His cross are not separable in this life, howbeit Christ and His cross part at heaven's door, for there is no house-room for crosses in heaven. One tear, one sigh, one sad heart, one fear, one loss, one thought of trouble, cannot find lodging there: they are but the marks of our Lord Jesus down in this wide inn, and stormy country, on this side of death. Sorrow and the saints are not married together; or suppose it were so, heaven would make a divorce. I find His sweet presence eateth out the bitterness of sorrow and suffering. I think it a sweet thing that Christ saith of my cross, 'Half Mine,' and that he divideth these sufferings with me and taketh the larger share to Himself; nay, that I and my whole cross are wholly Christ's. O, what a portion is Christ! Oh, that the saints would dig deeper in the treasures of His wisdom and excellency."

"I know that as night and shadows are good for flowers, and moonlight and dews are better than a continual sun, so is Christ's

absence of special use; and that it hath some nourishing virtue in it, and giveth sap to humility, and putteth an edge on hunger, and furnisheth a fair field to faith to put forth itself, and to exercise its fingers in gripping it seeth not what."

"Dear brother, let Christ be dearer and dearer to you; let the conquest of souls be top and root, flower and bloom, of your joys and desires on this side of sun and moon; and in the day when the Lord shall pull up the four stakes of this clay tent of the earth, and the last pickle of sand shall be at the nick of falling down in your watch-glass, and the master shall call the servants of the vineyard to give them their hire, ye will esteem the bloom of this world's glory like the colours of the rainbow, that no man can put into his purse and treasure; your labours and pains will then smile on you."
—*Rutherford.*

"WHO IS LIKE UNTO THEE?"—A saying of old Fuller's was quoted in Dr. Marsh's presence:—"He that falls into sin is a man; he that grieves at sin is a saint; he that boasts of sin is a devil." Dr. Marsh replied, "Only one thing more; He that forgives it is God."

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, &c.

THEOLOGICAL HALL.

Next Session will be opened (D.V.) with a Lecture by the Rev. Dr. King, on Tuesday, the 3rd November, at half-past seven o'clock, p. m., in the College Hall. Students are requested to make their arrangements so as to be forward at the beginning of the Session.

CALL FOR MISSIONARIES.

At least two Missionaries are immediately wanted by the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, one for the New Hebrides' and the other for the Coolies of Trinidad.

The Board of Foreign Missions request Ministers, Preachers and Students to consider carefully this call, and entreat the prayers of all our people that it may not be made in vain.

Letters of enquiry will meet with immediate attention from

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Sec'y.*

Dr. Geddie and Mr. Gordon acknowledges gratefully the receipt of the Boxes sent per "Chanticleer," in November last. These embraced goods from Poplar Grove Church, chiefly for the Erronangan Mission and Mr. Gordon, as well as contributions from Messrs. Fenerty, Blackwood & Sutherland, J. S. McLean and C. D. Hunter; also a package from W. J. Stairs, Esq., for Dr. Geddie. The large Box from the congregation of Rev. A. Sutherland, for Rev. D. Morrison and Fate station, was among the goods sent per "Chanticleer"