

his execution, said:—"Let us be glad and rejoice, for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. Could I ever have thought that the fear of suffering and death could be so taken from me. Lord!" he exclaimed, "Thou hast brought me within two hours of eternity, and this is no matter of terror to me more than if I rose to go to lie down on a bed of roses; now I am so near the end of my time I desire to bless Thee Lord; death is to me as a bed to the weary. Yonder," he remarked on hearing the drums beat for his execution, "yonder is my welcome call to the marriage. The Bridegroom is coming, I am ready?"—*Dr. Thomas Guthrie.*

A BAD BARGAIN.

A Sabbath-school teacher, when making some remarks on the passage, "Buy the truth and sell it not," observed that he who buys the truth, at whatever cost, makes a good bargain. He then asked his youthful charge, if any of them remembered an instance in Scripture of a bad bargain. "I do," said one; "Esau made a bad bargain when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage." "I do," said a second; "Judas made a bad bargain when he sold Jesus Christ for thirty pieces of silver." "And I do," said a third; "our Saviour says that he makes a bad bargain who, to gain the whole world loses his own soul." It was a child who said it, but the testimony is true. Of all bad speculations there never was one so ruinous as that of bartering our souls for the profits and pleasures of the world.

WHAT WILL YOU SAY, SIR.

While Hopu, a young Sandwich Islander, was in this country, he spent an evening in a company where an infidel lawyer tried to puzzle him with difficult questions. At length the native said:

"I am a poor heathen boy. It is not strange that my blunders in English should amuse you. But soon there will be a larger meeting than this. We shall all be there. They will ask us all one question, namely: 'Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ?' Now, sir, I think I can say, Yes. What will you say, sir?"

When he had stopped, all present were silent. At length the lawyer said that, as the evening was far gone, they had better conclude it with prayer, and pro-

posed that the native should pray. He did so; and as he poured out his heart to God, the lawyer could not conceal his feelings. Tears started from his eyes, and he sobbed aloud. All present wept too; and when they separated, the words, "What will you say, sir!" followed the lawyer home and did not leave him till they brought him to the Saviour.

A PRESIDENT'S GOOD ADVICE.

The Indianapolis "Journal" publishes a letter from President Harrison to his young grandson, then at school. He says:

"Although learning is a great advantage, there is something still better; that is, to be good. I had much rather that you should want learning and be a good man, than to have all the learning in the world and be a bad man.

"You must, therefore, never do a bad act. Never tell a falsehood even if it be to shield yourself. If you do anything that is wrong, do not hesitate to confess it at once. I will cease to love you if I hear that you are in the habit of telling fibs."

HOW TO HAVE PEACE.

A friend once asked Professor Franke how it was that he maintained so constant a peace of mind. "By stirring up my mind a hundred times a day. Wherever I am, whatever I do, I say, 'Blessed Jesus! I have truly a share in Thy redemption; Thou hast forgiven my sins, and art guiding me by Thy Spirit. Thine I am; wash me again and again.' By this constant converse with Jesus I enjoy serenity of mind and a settled peace in my soul."

A little boy had two cents given him by a friend, one for his missionary box and one for himself. He lost one of them, and concluded it was the missionary cent that was lost. There are a great many children of larger growth who, if they lose some part of their income, also conclude that it is the money which was to be devoted to religion or charity that has been lost.

God gives food to every bird, but he does not bring it to the nest; in like manner he gives us our daily bread, but by means of our daily work.