

to Heaven, there to meditate on the great perfections of his Lord, and to join with all the glorious attendants around the Heavenly Throne, in endless songs of eternal praise.

M. P.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRAYING AND SAYING PRAYERS.

In the year 1839, the Rev. J. M. travelled on the Stamford Circuit, and lived four miles from the Falls of Niagara, where there is Museum, kept for the entertainment of persons visiting the Falls. At the Conference in 1840, Brother M. was appointed to labour some two hundred miles east. Before leaving the Stamford Circuit he promised to take his children to the Museum, to see the natural and artificial curiosities it contained. He did so, and the sight proved to be a source of much gratification, and furnished them with a variety of topics for innocent and amusing conversation. At the close of the day, after Mrs. M. had heard them say their prayers, they were as usual put to bed. Shortly afterwards the mother thought she heard one of the children crying, she went to the bedside, and found it to be John, about seven years of age. She asked him why he cried, and John replied, "When I said my prayers to-night, I did not think upon the Lord: I was thinking upon what I saw at the Museum to-day." Some persons suppose that the minds of young children are not susceptible of religious impressions—consequently it is of no use to give children early religious instruction. The late Mrs. M. was not of this class; she believed that as

soon as her children learned to talk, they should learn to pray: hence, in addition to pious example, she began to give them early religious instructions; and before she was taken from them, she had the happiness to know that the seed thus sown had not only taken root, but was beginning to spring up and bear fruit. John, only seven years of age, had not only a correct idea of a Supreme Being, but of the nature of the worship which that worship requires of all his intelligent and accountable creatures, which is spiritual. "When I said my prayers to-night, I did not think upon the Lord." How many of us stand re-proved before the Lord, by this simple and honest confession of little John. How often have we said our prayers without praying? M.

On Tuesday Evening next, the 11th inst., the Anniversary of the Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath Schools in connexion with the West City Circuit, will be held in the Richmond Street Church. A Report of the Schools will be read, and several Addresses delivered. The friends of Sabbath Schools in the city and vicinity are invited to attend. Services will commence at half-past seven, P. M.

Our list of Subscribers is increasing, and we respectfully urge all interested in the promotion of Sabbath Schools to afford us their aid in still further extending our list. Short articles, appropriate to the *S. S. Guardian*, will be received and inserted.