#### Youth's Corner.

VACATION-JOURNEY IN SWITZERLAND. Continued.

Their passage across the Lake had taken off much of the fatigue of their day's travel, so that the boys felt fresh enough for a good deal of lively recreation at Kandersteg, which was announced to as a variety in the frozen monotony of the be their resting-place till the following day. They found out all sorts of playthings: pebbles, plants, berries, kids-all furnished them with occasion for amuse- from which, at the depth of three thousand care how long this life of mountaineering Leuk, with some dots like man's habitcontinued. They were not unwilling, however, to assemble for their late dinner; and by bed-time they had all tired themselves out sufficiently to make a night's

rest quite acceptable. On the following morning, after prayers, the boys looked grave at the mist on the mountains which hid the prospect, and the cold drizzle which was falling. But when their landlord told them that it did not signify, "the old gentlemen only had not yet taken off their night-caps," they began to be content; and true enough, ere long the sun pierced the gloom, and the party set out on their ascent. Sometimes it seemed, as if they were going right towards a steep rock which forbid all further progress: but when they were close to it, they discovered a narrow path cut out by man's labour, and which the people called a bridle-road. Our lowlanders could scarcely believe, that any body could trust himself on so dangerous a path on horseback: yet such is the common practice among the mountaincers; and their beasts are so surefooted that, not only men but, women feel as safe in making use of them, as if they were walking on foot. Many a time, the windings of the road were so sharp that Mr. Kapff, who brought up the rear of the party, lost sight of the van entirely as they turned the corner; it was as if they were falling down the precipice one after another: then he called out, and the advanced guard shouted an answer to say that all was safe. Sometimes the answer came from almost right over head: then the van was seen walking as on an upper terrace, in a direction opposite to the line in which the rear were marching: and in a minute after, the zigzag of the road had completely changed the direction of their journey again. The effect of this mode of travelling upon the party was wonderfully composing; the boys were uncommonly still, and their Tutor had time for silent meditation, in which he compared their journey with the leadings of divine wisdom. Often a believer's way seems to be hedged up, but at God's bidding he goes forward, and behold, a path is cut out for him where he did not expect it: yet he must be content to let it take him by many windings; often he thinks he is going backwards, not perceiving that he has gained a higher footing, and that he is still proceeding to gain a higher yet, and that soon the prospect will open before him, and he will perceive plainly that he looks from an elevation down to earth, and aloft towards the nearer heaven. So our travellers, after two hours' climbing, arrived upon some level land, where an extensive prospect presented itself, and they seemed to forget all their fatigue. But then again received lasting benefits from that ex- fered up a most encouraging and suitable the picture of life was drawn in another cellent institution. Oh! that this might prayer for the poor child and the disconform before them. While they were regaling their eyes, mists began to gather up children in the way they should go, by his countenance and uplifted hands. below them and hid the prospect there: -- like a mighty host they seemed to be flying upwards, and soon the travellers were surrounded by it, and separated from all but the small extent of mountain which their feet were treading. Their solitude was only just interrupted by the chiming of the bells fastened to the necks of the cattle as they were browsing on the mountain-side. So the pilgrim on the road to Zion, sometimes, is overtaken with darkness, and would fear as if he were frowned upon and forsaken: but let him listen; and may be he will hear the sound of the bells on the garment of his great High Priest,\* concealed indeed behind the veil which hides the Holiest of Holies from human eye, but all that time pleading on the behalf of the pilgrim, as he is praying in the Court without, and soon to turn and convey to him sensibly a bless-

Their climbing commenced again, and it was not long before the mist changed into snow - snow in the month of August! that was a new thing to the boys; they were quite delighted with this adventure. and more particularly when their guide told them, this fall of snow promised good weather. They had now ascended nearly six thousand feet, and made their halt at a poor hut only used for summer habitation, but where they found plain provision enough to make a meal for hungry travellers. In the mean time the sky really cleared up, and when they stepped out of the door of their hut, they were struck with the sight of Altel, a mountain five thousand feet higher yet than where they were standing, raising its hell?" head of snow and ice like silver. Upon its glittering side they discovered one dark spot: they wondered what it could bc, till they were told that it was a chamois-hunter, seeking his prey on those dangerous and solitary paths; and it was

Lxodus xxvjii. 35.

employment, even as scilors become to a him, shall be cast out? Do you not besea-faring life. After climbing another heve this?" thousand feet upwards, the party were surprized and animated by the discovery of a lake on that height: it was the Dauben, which is frozen over during eight months of the year, and would present nothing cheering, if it did not serve mountain-heights. A much more enlivening sight presented itself, when they arrived on the edge of a steep precipice ations, which were announced to them as the neat bathing-place at which they might promise to themselves quite as stylish a dinner as they were prepared to pay for. The question now arose, as it had done when they commenced their ascent, where was the path for their feet? That also was discovered, as they followed their guide in the zigzag direction which, nearly a hundred years ago, Tyrolese workmen had cut with their pick-axes, after blasting the rock with gunpowder. They were two hours descending, before their weary limbs could rest under the shady trees of the bathing-esablishment.

To be continued.

#### THE GOOD MINISTER. (Concluded.)

On his arrival at his own house, he come and hear you preach." found a poor woman waiting for him. She was one who had tasted that the Lord is gracious—one who had often listened with pleasure whilst he spoke of the Saviour's love.

It was not, however, now on her own account she came, but for a beloved taken into everlasting happiness." child, a boy seven years old, who was dangerously ill. Had she fully known the minister's sympathising spirit, she not'.' would have boldly come to him, and said, Sir, he whom thou lovest, is sick;" for, like his gracious Redeemer, the great Shepherd of the sheep, this faithful minister "gathered the lambs in his arms, and carried them in his bosom." His benevolent heart was filled with joy, on seeing the Saviour's image formed in any by the Spirit of God, but he felt peculiar | cerity." delight when he found it in a youth.

I make this remark, because the poor upon him, although her little son earnestly wished to see him; from a groundless fear, that it would be deemed too great a them.' liberty to request a minister to visit a poor child. At length, however, she came to his house, told him all her sorrows, and received a kind promise that

he would call upon her in the afternoon. At the appointed time, this good man entered the habitation of the sick child. mother was reading to him; and his brother and sister were weeping by his violent bruise, in consequence of a fall know better, Sir upon the ice, and that an abscess which almost to a skeleton.

and one of, I trust, not a few, who had chief of sinners from hell." He then ofand endeavour to make them like young shewed how deeply he felt interested in a child knew the Holy Scriptures, which knees, the minister took from his pocket are able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus."

The minister having scated himself on a chair, close to the bed side, the following conversation took place, which was nister's gift in his hands, and with tears taken down, at the time, by a person of pious gratitude in his eyes, exclaimed

"Do you know me, my dear child?"

"Yes, sir; you are the minister."
"Where did you ever see me?"

"In the pulpit."

"Did you understand what you heard me say there ?"

"Yes, Sir; and I remembered it long time; but I have forgotten it now. yon shall die?"

"Yes, Sir; I think I shall die, and very soon, too."

How do you feel about dying?"

" Very unhappy."

"Why so? what sins have you committed?

"Oh! sad sins; I cannot tell you, Sir, they are so bad!"

"Nay, I hear of many great sins; tell me what your sins are."

The poor little boy was now too much affected to speak; at length, however, he exclaimed, with many tears, "Oh! Sir, I have not loved God, nor Christ, nor my Bible, as I ought to have done. I have often been disobedient to my mother, and quarrelled with my play-fellows. There some young person who is unacquainted is no sinner so great as I am. I am afraid with divine things; if so, permit me to I shall go to hell."

"Why are you afraid you shall go to perience of this pious child. O remember,

Because I read in the Bible that all that I am one.

"Do you not know that Christ died for sinners, and that his death is sufficient to procure pardon for our sins? And do strument, in the hand of God, of leading you not know that he invites all, sinners, some of its young readers to seek the Lord

"Yes, Sir; I believe it a little, but not so much as I ought."

"Can you tell me who the Lord Jesus Christ is?"

'The eternal Son of God." "Where is Christ now!"

"At the right hand of God." "Then, my dear child, you must pray to him, and trust in him to forgive you your sins. But come, now, you shall teach me. We are all sinners-I am a ment, and it was as if they would not feet below, they saw the pleasant green of sinner as well as you -- how must I hope to be saved?—do you tell me.'

"Christ only can save; if he cannot, I know nobody else that can."

"Well, what must I do to be saved?" "You must pray to God to forgive you your sins, for it is only by believing on Ilim that any can be saved. O, Sir, I want to have my sins forgiven, that is what I want.'

"My dear child, the Lord Jesus Christ died, that all who repent of their sins and believe in him might find mercy. He says, 'him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out'."

"Yes, I remember these words in the Testament. O Sir, I sadly grieve that I ever offended God; but I hope to go to heaven if I die-yet I wish to live.

"Why do you wish to live?" "I wish to live that I may serve God, and sing hymns; and I should like to

"But if it should be the will of God that you should die?"

"If it should be the will of God to take me, I should not be sorry; nay, I should be more glad to go than to stay here, if only, through Jesus Christ, I might be

"Your Saviour said, 'suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them

"Yes, that is in the Testament, and it gives me some little comfort. I am not so much afraid to die as I was when I sent for you; I should like to die and go to God.

"Well, trust in the blood of Jesus, and your hope will not be disappointed; for he will receive all who seek him in sin-

"O, I wish to go to him, and not only that myself, but that all should go to him. woman was for some time unwilling to call It quite grieves me when I hear children curse and swear; it gives me pain, and I pray for them that God would forgive

"Why do you think God has afflicted you so?"

"On account of my wickedness."

"My dear child, God afflicts us in mercy, therefore hope in Him. You will, I trust, soon be with your Saviour. No child that prays to God, and that loves He was sitting up in his bed; his pious and relies on the blessed Redeemer, will ever be suffered to perish.

"Well, if you are sure of that, I shall bed side. On conversing with the good believe what you say. Indeed, I ought woman, he learned that during the last to have known that myself, for do you winter, the little sufferer had received a know I am seven years old. I ought to

The minister then exhorted the child had afterwards formed, had reduced him to be of good comfort. "Think," said he, "on the love of Christ to children. This little boy was one of the many Trust your soul to his care, and rechildren who attended the Sunday-School, member that he died to save even the ate family, whilst the afflicted sufferer Timothy, who, as St. Paul tells us, "from the petitions. Having risen from his a small Bible, and with an affectionate look, presented it to the child.

No sooner had the good man left the cottage, than the little boy took the mi-Next to the gift of his dear Son. would I thank God for this blessed book.' He then read in its inspired pages of the love of our Lord to little children, and afterwards raising himself in his bed, he thus addressed his brother, a fine lad of fourteen years of age :- "Here, my dear Benjamin, receive from my dying hands this blessed book: it is my last gift to "You seem very ill:—do you think you. O, value it"—he would have said, for its divine Author's sake"-but here his tender frame sank under the exertions he had already made, and his little head fell senseless on the pillow. After some time, however, he recovered a little. The words "Precious Bible,"--" Precious Jesus," were almost continually on his lips; and after two days he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, his Saviour, and his

Thus died, at the age of seven, this dear child of God, young in years, but prepared for glory! and doubtless, his happy spirit was instantly borne in triumph to heaven, as an instance of the efficacy of the Saviour's blood. Perhaps this account may fall into the hands of urge such an one to meditate on the exmy young friend, that you must be the happy possessor of grace in this life, or sinners shall go there; and I am sure there can be no glory for you in that which is to come.

Happy indeed shall I be if the account of this pious child should prove the ineven the worst, to come to him for salva. In their youth, and to determine, through

vote the best part of their lives to the best and happiest of services, and the greatest and best of masters.

his visits from house to house, study to lead sinners to Him, of whom it is written, "there is no salvation in any other; for there is no name under heaven, given the content of the cont for there is no name under heaven, given among men, whereby we can be saved: thus did he watch for the souls of those committed to his care—as knowing that he must one day give an account. And thus did the Master whom he served, give him the unspeakable joy of seeing that his labour was not in vain: but that there were many of whom he could say, "Ye are our rejoicing, as we also are yours, in the day of the Lord Jesus."

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