

a father and a friend.—Two things occurred while he was at Exeter, worthy of attention. The first is that while here, he believed that a great spiritual change had taken place in his soul, even the new birth. The truly devout character of Mr. Groves, the earnest and unwavering obedience he gave to the dictates of scripture, and the scrupulous fidelity with which he carried out into practice the principles he professed,—these, and such circumstances as these, would lead Kitto to look more thoroughly and more intensely into his own soul, and to hold more frequent and serious communings with the inward man. As his biographer well remarks, probably this change had taken place at an earlier period of his life—and several circumstances lead to this conclusion—but it was not till he entered the genial atmosphere of Mr Grove's house, it became so developed as to attract his own attention. It is to this period, however, that he always assigns his conversion to God. The second thing is, that while here, he was introduced to the Church Missionary Society, London; and was for a time, engaged as a printer to them. His object, however, was merely to learn the art of printing, and then to go out as an assistant to one of the Missionaries, on some of the Foreign stations. But the one favorite idea of his life, broke in upon him here, as well as elsewhere, and nearly upset all his arrangements. Whenever there was a spare hour or two that there was no employment for him at the office, instead of waiting on, as other workmen did, till employment came, Kitto was home to his lodgings, seated down at his table, and drowned either in reading or writing. Besides, engaged in the same employments, he frequently sat up till 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning; and although he appeared punctually at the office at the appointed hour, yet he often appeared jaded and worn out. The result was that he was dismissed from the mission, after being seriously reasoned with, but to no effect. Through the kind offices of Mr. Groves and other friends however, he was restored to his situation, and continued so long as to go out to Malta with some of the missionaries.

It was on June 20th, 1827, that Kitto embarked at Blackwall in the *Wilberforce*, and sailed for Malta. His companions were Dr Korek, a German physician, who had lately taken orders in the Anglican Church, and Mr Idownicky, a converted Polish Jew. He arrived at Malta on the 30th of July, and left it January 12th, 1829; so that he was upon that island more than 18 months. The employment in which he was engaged in Malta, does not appear to have been very definite; at least it does not seem to us to be very definitely brought out by his biographer. Printing, circulating tracts, and publishing a few Arabic works seem to have taken up the greater part of his time; and he was regularly occupied from half-past seven in the morning till four in the afternoon. But Kitto's old predilections again mastered him, as they had already done at Islington; for he was soon at his late readings and compositions; and the same consequences ensued. He was found fault with, but was unwilling to acknowledge a fault; and the final result was, that the Society intimated to him, that they had no further need of his services. Back he came to England, as poor, as unsettled, and as much unprovided for as ever. Most honourably, however, did the Society act towards him; for when they gave him his discharge, they at the same time presented him with £30. It was while sailing along the Mediterranean, and while residing at Malta, that he first discovered to his friends his great power in picture-writing. His numerous letters from Malta abound with many specimens of this; they are not very remarkable for anything else; for, the information they communicate as to