

ness." And then the turning from this "utter badness to good,"—how meagerly that sounds, compared with Paul's words, "when it pleased God to reveal his Son in me," or, "the grace of God which came to me was effectual," or, "by grace I am what I am." Why must the bold, unhesitating, radical utterances of the great apostle, touching the thoroughness of the regeneration accomplished in him, be toned down into "filling out the noble traits of his character with a larger spirit." We are sure that he himself, were he living, would describe himself as he did of old, as a sinner, saved by infinite mercy; turned from "utter badness to good."

### A VISIT FROM GOD.

"Never had I such a visit from God, since I knew him," said Mr. Grimshaw, a devoted minister of Whitefield's time, when he was attacked by an infectious disease, which he felt assured would prove fatal. He had long enjoyed the light of God's countenance, but now the angel of death stood over him, he had such a manifestation of the Divine presence as led him to make the exclamation above recorded. With such a support he could exclaim, "My last enemy has come! The signs of death are upon me, but I am not afraid. No. no!

Blessed be God, my hope is sure, and I am in his hands."

This confidence was the result of a life of faith of many years' continuance. Those who would have peace in a dying hour, and have God's visit to their soul precious then, must not spend their days at a distance from him.

Mr. Grimshaw did not look upon his precious visit as a reward of merit. He looked to Christ alone as the ground of his hope. When he looked at himself, he exclaimed, "Alas! what have my wretched services been! And now I have need to cry at the close of my unprofitable life, "God be merciful to me, a sinner!"

Let us not yield place to the idea entertained by some, that good men are disposed to exaggerate their faults. When good men are on the borders of eternity, and expect soon to pass into the immediate presence of God, they adhere in their statements most scrupulously to the truth. In the light that shines into their souls from eternity, they see themselves more clearly than ever before. Hence their despair of themselves, and their estimate of the great imperfection and utter worthlessness of all they have done. If with visions partially cleared, the best of men see how far short they have come, and form such a low estimate of their services, how must our services appear in the eye of God, who sees things just as they are.

## CHILDREN'S TREASURY.

### RULES FOR DAILY LIFE.

Begin the day with God;  
Kneel down to Him in prayer;  
Lift up thy heart to His abode,  
And seek His love to share.