

gun, and seized a lighted match, "I'll give you just five minutes to make up your minds in; and if you don't surrender, I'll blow every one of you into the other world."

The death of their captain brought the pirates to their senses, and they threw down their weapons and agreed to give themselves up.

In two days from that time Captain Spinnet delivered his cargo safely at Havana, gave the pirates into the hands of the civil authorities, and delivered the clipper up to the government; in return for which he received a sum of money sufficient for independence for the remainder of his life, as well as a very handsome medal from the governor.

DR. CHALMERS AND THE BEGGAR.

DR. CHALMERS placed the highest estimate on the value of every fleeting hour; and being very busily engaged one forenoon, in his study, a man entered, who at once propitiated him under the provocation of an unexpected interruption by telling him that he called under great distress of mind.

"Sit down, sir; be good enough to be seated," said the Doctor, turning eagerly and full of interest from his writing-table.

The visitor explained to him that he was troubled with doubts about the divine origin of the Christian religion; and being kindly questioned as to what these were, he gave, among others, what is said in the Bible about Melchisedec being without father and without mother, &c. Patiently and anxiously Dr. Chalmers sought to clear away each successive difficulty, as it was stated. Expressing himself as if greatly relieved in mind, imagining that he had gained his end,

"Doctor," said the visitor, "I am in great want