CHERAW GAZETTE.

POETRY.

"WE MUST PART."

BY CHARLES SPRAGUE ESQ.

I ENEW that we must part -day after

day. I saw the dread Distroyer win his way; That hollow cough first rang the fatal knell As on my ear its prophet-warning fell ; Feeble and slow thy once light footsep grew, Thy wasting check put on death's pallid hue,

Thy thin, hot hand to mine more weakly clung,

Each sweet 'Good night' iell fainter from thy tongue ;

I knew that we must part-no power could Save

Thy quiet goodness from an early grave ; Those eyes so dull, though kind each glance they cast,

Looking a sister's fondness to the last; Thy lips so pale, that gently pressed my cheek,

Thy voice-alas! thou couldst but try to

speak ; All told thy doom, I felt it at my heart, The shaft had struck-I knew that we inust part.

And we have parted, MARY-thou art gone!

Gone in thy innocence, meek suffering one Thy weary spirit breathed itself to sleep So peacefully, it seemed a sin to weep, In those fond watchers who around thee

stord, And felt even then, that God, even then, was good.

Like stars that struggle through the clouds of night,

Thine eyes one moment caught a glorious light.

As if to thee, in that dread hour, 'twere given

To know on earth what faith believes of Heaven;

Then like tired breezes didst thou sink to rest,

Nor one, one pang, the awful change confessed. Death stole in sofiness o'er that lov'd face,

And touched each feature with a new-born grace ;

On check and brow unearthly beauty lay, And told that life's poor cares had passed away.

In my last hour be Heaven so kind to me, I ask no more than this-to die like thee.

But we have parted, MARY-thou art dead !

On its last resting place I laid thy head, Then by the coffin-side kneit down and

burned :

Ah ! then I felt that thou hadst past away. That the sweet face I gazed on was but

clay; And then came Memory with her busy throng

Of tender images, forgotten long, Years hurried back, and as they swiftly

parified, as the precious metals are purged answer to this question. For it speaks no ded it." from their dross in the heated furnace .- of God alone, nor of man alone, but of God among you, that they which are approved man, for the sake and merits of his son: it 5 ay Le made manifest."

DR. PAYSON'S MINISTRY.

Letter from Dr. Payson to a minister of the Gospel who had sent him a narrative of Presbytery; from Spragues Lectures.

Portland. May 29, 1824.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have just received the "Narrative, &c," which you were so kind as to send me, and for which I return you many thanks .-would be equally acceptable to you. But I am just recovering from a long and severe illness, and am still too feeble to make much use of a pen; and were 1 in usual heal h I could write nothing which would be of any service to you. I will, however, in compliance will your request, state a few facts

relative to my ministry. I have been connected with this society ed in Boston, entitled, " The Robels." about thirteen years. We have had no

general revival, but there has been some religious attention during the whole period of my ministry. The smallest number which has been added to the church in any one year, is eighteen ; the largest, eighty_ tablished inquiring (or, as they are called in his features regular, and his dark blue eyes would be well for those who are ready to promp'ly to the claims that are made upon four; annual average, about forty. 1 es. the Narrative, anxious) meetings soon af. small and lively. In recovering from the cast censure on any who evince fatigue in all his hours and all his strength. And you think we should go to the bottom?--the tvarrative, auxious) meetings soon at meetings soon a without interruption, (except on account one of them, but this peculiarly rather consider the example of our Lord, and to yourself, a Christian professor, a member part of the way down? of ill health for a few weeks,) unto the pres- rendered the expression of his countenance remember that no maracles will be wrought of the church, from the same obligation to ent time. We conduct them precisely as more remarkable than in any degree lessen- to suspend the tendencies of nature. hey are conducted with you, and have ed the effect of its uncommon sweetnessfound them exceedingly useful. The num- His voice excelled both in melody and com- lated to pr duce an agreeable variety, by ber of inquirers has often been small, but pass; and in its fine modulations were hap. giving a greater opportunity for different in. we have always had some, and the num. piy accompanied by that grace of action dividuals to speak. It is usually the sign of strength, are asked? Or is there so little close to the edge. ber has increased or diminished, as the which he possessed in an eminent degree, a good spirit present at a meeting. We church has been more or less engaged in and which has been said to be the chief have lately observed this trait in revivals.prayer. We have found no means so much requisite in an orator." To have seen him Deep-toned devotional feeling is not full of blessed to keep religion alive n the church when he first commenceed, one would have words; but rather concise, if not abrupt.as fasting and prayer. Ever since my settlement, the church has set apart one day lowing :g but as he proceeded, his heart vation will testify the Christian reader that quarterly for this purpose. On these occasions, our first great object is to obtain just A prother's larewell kiss and larewell look; views of our sins. With this view, the kneel at the throne of Jehovah, and be in few words, and to make a prompt con- your religious and benevolent meetings ?- meinber that you are daily going to the From those veiled orbs no glance responsive tod are mentioned; the duties we owe to seech in agony for his fellow-beings. each are pointed out, and the inquiry, "how far have you performed these duties during knelt a lo g time in profound silence, and

tade in the spiritual world. One thing we cry out with the jailor of Philippi, "What beautiful it is in the brightness thereof. It for diversity of topics, and each one expects | that Stevens and Wilson walked out togethare taught, that believers stand in need of must I do to be saved !" (Acts xvi. 30.) compasseth the heavens about with glory, something for his own case. Nor are they er to the high hills, a few miles from where seasons of severe trial, that they may be The Bible, and the Bible alone, gives an and the hands of the Most High have ben- contented with one pasture in a week. they lived; for Stevens was anxious to take

Paul siys, "For there must be heresics and man at once,-of God reconciled to BREVITY IN SOCIAL AND PUBLIC RELIGIOUS

of the Son of God, which answers to the can undoubtedly attest to similar ones. fluence of the Holy Spirit, which acts the as well as our more public meetings, should will his people say, but that he is in lolent,

only call to him for help .- 15id.

WHITFIELD.

preaching is extracted from a work pulish-

There was nothing in the appearance of this extraordinary man which would lead before him .-- "He was something about weak; by which we would in imate that their effect : After he had finished his prayer, he noted for prolixity.

means which we can devise to set our sins of the tomb pervaded the whole house. is also employed. Then, as the Jewish sky of the morning; and swept their dull minutes, without haste. And let it be re- weekly meeting of prayer and simple ex- the counsel of your friend. You neglect the head of the scape goat, and confess over the building, in fearful augury membered that this was an occrsion of the hortation is known; whose wants ariest no the means of grace and break the Sabbathof the storm. seek to enter in, and shall not be able." to a solemn renewal of our covenant with across the floor. "It passed for a moment, would by no means assume that these in- by the exclamation, none care for our souls. the bottom? Remember the stone yonder, my dear friends, I see thousands sitting at. ded that a judicious attention to this subject tentive, with their eyes fixed on the poor might add greatly to the enjoyment of Chrisunworthy preacher. In a few days we tian intercourse, and tend to promote the shall meet at the judgment seat of Christ. interests of the Zion of God. We shall form a part of that vast assembly which will gather before his throne, and every eye will behold the Judge. With a voice whose call you must obey and answer, he will inquire whether on earth you strove ed clergyman,-no matter where,--I ob. to enter in at the straight gate-whether served painted on the door, in large letyou were supremely devoted to God- ters,whether your hearts were absorbed in him. My blood runs cold when I think how many of you shall then seek to enter in

speaks of the very thing which in our heavi. It was Mr. Whitfield we believe, who their sick and their dead--if he is not of- hill in the neighbourhood. It was a fine ness we long to hear of. Whatever may said of one of his brethren who was prolix ten at the Sunday. school-if he is not day, and, as they stood to admire the prosbe the wounds we are suffering from, it has in the conference-room, that he prayed him ready to patronize by his presence and pect, the thought struck Stevens that, pera balm and a medicine to heal them. As into a good frame, and then prayed him out voice, every little circle of benevolent en- haps he might make an impression upon the good Samaritan poured oil and wine in- of it. The feelings the celebrated Metho- gagement which springs up in his parish, the mind of his cousin, by persuading him to the wounds of the bleeding and fainting dist preacher experienced where probably and to give his "speech," or his "praver," to come to the edge of the precipice. The an extensive revival of religion which had Jew, so do the Scriptures apply a like rome. not peculiar to himself in their character .- or the reading of the "report," at the anni- following dialogue then began : prevailed within the limits of the Albany dy to our wounded hear's, even the blood Thousands of Christians at the present day versary of the society, in which A, B, or wine, and the announcing and sustaining in Now, conference and prayer-meetings, is not all this, with many et-ceteras, what to the edge for a moment.

> part of the sweet and healing oil. In a be conducted in the manner best calculated or too fond of his books, or indifferent to it is ; I will not venture any farther. word, the Bible sets before us the divine to diffuse the benign spirit of religion their interests?

Emanuel, God with us, who is not ashamed through the community. To this end we Ab, yes! I concluded, as I entered my to the edge for a minute, if we take care to call us brethren,-who places himself at consider it important, that the addresses own house, these ministers ought to be very not to slip ? Come. And he pulled him our head, like a valiant captain, to cheer and prayers should be short. People may careful of their time. How cautious should by the arm. it was in my power to write something which and load us on to victory, -and who, having reason as they choose in fivor of a ca- they be of sufficing interruptions, and how himself endured temptation, knows its dan. pricious extention, to be regulated only by wise were Dr. Mather and Dr. ----, in have not taken leave of my senses. Don't ger and its power, and is therefore ready the feeling of the individual performing the boldly throwing the responsibility of such you see that it's hollos underneath, and to succour us in the hour of trial, if we will exercise. But so long as human nature is interruptions on the visiters !

constituted as it is at present, it will be wearied by being confined to listen to the dis. remembered that I had invited a couple of course of those who hold out no hope of my mercantile friends to spend the after- you think we are able to take care of our-The following description of Whitfield's speedily making a period to their work. The Saviour on the memorable night of seat by the fire, conscience had commenced

sinces of his disciples, who were worn down personal application of my own mental dis. pects in the world. I am sometimes taken with fatigue and watching, by saying that the course, as it had flown ex tempore, from giddy in the head, and even if the ground you to suppose that a Felix would tremble spirit was willing, though the flesh was the text I have mentioned. It was to this should not give way, I might fall ; however,

manner. His complexion was very fair, ture impressively demanded repose. It ister's time, and you have assented very we do el'p, it will be death to us?

Brevity, in these exercises, is also calcuthought him any thing than enthusiastic and And we believe a recurrence to this obserwarmed with his subject, and his manner the flame of piety has been oftener kindled became impetuous and animated, till forget. in his breast by the remarks or prayers of ful of every thing around him he seemed to these who endeavor to comprehend much apprentices, clerks, and fellows in business; edge of a precipice; and O, Wilson ! reclusion, than by the efforts of those who are And when these claims are met, what ex. side of a tremendous precipice : look at

".e authority of scripture example is so demanded by the wrotched condition of the half way if you should slip. Return ere so powerfully had it affected the most heart- directly in favor of brevity, that it would be population around you, and in the suburbs you go too far, or, mind my words, a day consciences of all present. Every other less of his audience, that a stillness like that needless to multiply instances. It has been of your town : the multitudes who never will come when you will heartily repent ;

Before he commenced his sermon, long, that of Solomon at the dedication of the tract; whose ragged, untaught children fill and often have I urged you to beware of the is also employed. Then, as the Jewish darkening clouds crowded the bright sunny temple-may be easily pronounced in ten the lanes; in whose neighbourhood no beginnings of sin, but you have despised

Three or more such services, at least, are every opportunity of talking with his cousin. regarded as indispensable in that space .- and persuading him to amend his ways. And then, too, if he does not visit them all That part of the country was delightful; and at their dwellings-if he does not attend on they soon mounted to the top of the highest

Stevens. Come Wilson, I want you to C is specially interested-if, thought I, he see the valley under this mountain; come

Wilson, Why don't you see how steep

S. Where can be the danger of coming

W. If you like to go yourself, go, for I might let us down in a moment ? What's the Hardly had I hung up my hat, before I use of putting ourselves in such danger ?

S. Never mind the danger? Don't noon with me, and before I had taken my selves?

W. Why I never beard you so mad behis betrayal, graciously excused the drow- a short but pungent discourse, or rather a fore : I would rather lose all the fine pros. I would not trust myself, at any rate. Is the middle stature, well proportioned and regard for him would have banished sleep You have thought, Mr. Layman, very it not madness to venture where there is remarkagle for a native gracefulness of at so eventful an hour, had not wearied na- justly and truly of the importance of a min- danger of slipping, when we know that, if

S. Well and what if we should slip ? Do

W. I would not full a single footstep guard your time from the waster? Does down that precipice for all the golden eagles God ask more of one man, or of one class, in the world. What can you be thinking of? than of another? Is it of the ministry only Just roll a stone down, and if it stops bethat all the mind, all the heart, all the fore it gets to the bottom, I will venture

to be done by lay men in comparison with S.evens pushed a large stone with his ministers, that they may indulge themselves foot, and it rolled furiously down. They with more recreation ? In how few hours, lost sight of it for some time, until it ran besides those which must be given to the bounding along the valley; and stopped necessary attention to business, can you against a heap of stones in the bottom .-despatch your daily duties to your children Stevens pointed to the stone, and then turn. and household; your poor and sick depen- ing to his friend, "You are right," said he ; den's; your Sunday-school families; your "it is a daugerous thing to venture to the onerates you from a share of the labour that stone and think not to save yourself said that the longest prayer in the Bible- enter a church, or open a bible, or read a but your repentance will be too late. Often

rolled, I saw thee, as in days of old; Sad and more sad each sacred feeling grew, Manhood was moved, and sorrow claimed

her due ; Thick, thick and fast the burning tear drops bring all our sins to Christ, and confess

started

But not forever in the silent tomb, Where thou art laid, thy kindred shall find room;

A little while, a few short years of pain, And, one by one, we'll come to thee again The kind old Father shall seek out the

place, And rest with thee, the youngest of his race :

The dear, dear Mother, bent with age and

grief, Shall lay her head by thine, in sweet relief Sister and Brother, and that faithful Friend, True from the first, and tender to the end. All, in His good time, who placed us here, To live, to love, to die and disappear, Shall come and make their quiet bed with

Beneath the shadow of that spreading tree : With thee to sleep, through death's long

dreamless night, With thee rise up, and bless the morning light.

REVIVALS.

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vivals of Rel gion.

of the most judicious and pious men that I a deplorable state of declension, and disgraceful apathy and inactivity. Why not conversion of the impenient, without these dreadful seasons of deadness and indiffer. that revivals shall be no longer needed : or if you prefer the expression, when there state of piety was kept up from year to year.

We cannot, however, limit the HoLY ONE, nor prescribe modes of operation for the Spirit of God. His dispensations are

i: all the iniquities of the children of Israel, so we attempt, in the exercise of faith, to

them as at the foot of the cross pleading I turned away-and felt that we had parted. | that pardon may be granted and scaled to God, after which, in a number of prayers, we plead for all the blessings of the cove. aant. Days thus spent have been exceedngly profitable. But my weakness forbids me to say more. Indeed, I have written thus far rather to show my readiness to comply wi h your request, than with a hope that any thing which I can write will be profitable. I rejoice in wod's goodn'ss to you, and should my life be spared shall like to hear from you often.

That God may continue to bless your labors, and make you far more faithful than I have been, is the prayer of

Your friend and brother. EDWARD PAYSON.

BE PATIENT OF THE SCRIPTURES. Let us beseech Him that "through pay tience and comfort of the Scriptures we mahave hope." (Rom. xv. 4.) For unless there be patience, there can be no comfort. Extract from a letter by Dr. Alexander | If a medicine is to do us good, we must take putlished with spragues Lecturers on Re. | it. If we read the Bible in the spirit of patience, it will bring to us a knowledge of But it has often occurred to me-and I ourselves. It describes and lays bare evehave heard the same sentiment from some ry evil propensity, every weakness, every wandering, to which the heart of man is have known-that there must be a state of hable. It comes home to our business and the church preferable to these temporary to our bosoms. It puts its finger on the excitements, which are too often followed by dark spot within us, and plainly and loudly utters in the ears of every one those dread. ful words, "Thou are the man." As you nim at having a continuous lively state of love truth, as you prize the welfare of your piety ; and an unceasing progress in the souls, do not shrink from that touch, howev. er painful : do not shut your cars against those warning words, however hursh. Be ence? Why may we not hope for such a patient of Scripture truths. Place yours state of increasing prosperity in the church, self honestly, after prayer to God, in the light of those passages of the Bible, which fall the most piercingly on your besetting shall be a perpetual revival? Richard Bax- sin. Look at yourselves narrowly by that Why, that when you are too poor to buy a employer. He has work to do; work that ter's congregation seems for many years to light : it will scatter any fogs which may be have approximated to what is here sup. covering the hollows of your conscience, be rolled to hell in his chariot pillowed and quickly and well. Every lost hour throws posed; and perhaps that of John Brown and will lead you from the darkness of conof Haddington, and Dr. Romaine of Lon. tented ignorance into the pure and mardon. And in this country, I have known a veilous brightness of God. Begin with pavery few congregations in which a lively tience of God's holy word, and you will asstredly get in time to the comfort of it. Hare.

OUR ONLY HELP.

Let us only be persuaded that our kindled against you. See there !" said he, marred, or retarded, or postponed, or abaninseruable, and it is our duty to submit to strength at the best is but weakness; let us pointing to the lightning which played on doned, is not the loss of dollars, but of the his wisdom and his will; and to go on be brought to feel that we are laboring un- the corner of the pulpit, " Tis a glance from prace, the comfort, (may I not say ?) of the steadily in the performance of our own du- der a sickness which none save God can the angry eye of Jehovah ! . Hark !' con- salvation of souls. 1y. If He, the Sovereign, chooses to water | heal, that we are threatened by dangers, tinued he, raising his finger in a listening This reflection was quite enough to ex-

soul and am lost. "You, O false and hollow Christians, of But when I recovered from the surprise, what avail will it be that you have done and began to reflect upon the subject, and, many things--that you have read much in above all, when I came to apply it to my the sacred word-that you have made long own case, and try it by the golden rule, I prayers-that you have attended religious became convinced that, when all things duties, and appeared holy in the eyes of were considered, there was nothing in such men ? What will all this be, if instead of a hint, whether given orally or by permaloving him supremely, you have been sup. nent advertisement, that ought to be offenposing you should exalt yourself to heaven sive to any one. Here, thought I. is a by acts really pulluted and unholy ? -

hoard your silver ? Wherefore count the has no more right to waste an hour of his price you have received for him whom short stewardship, than the apprentice has you every day crucity in your love of gain ? to idle away the time which belongs to his drop of cold water, your beloved sen may must be done; work that must be done cushioned about him."

His eye gradually lighted up as he pro- not only the minutes it absorbs, but all ceeded, till towards the close it seemed to those that are lost in taking up and recomsparkle with celestial fire.

your hopes of happiness, I beseech you to may involve the loss of a day's work. and repent .-- Let not the wrath of God be even destroy the work entirely as to its oriawakened. Let not the fires of eternity be ginal design. And such work as his, if

straight gate, for many I say unto you shall able. To repeat the Lord's prayer delib- in the virtues of industry and temperance. dutiful to your parents ; you use bad lan. erately does not require more than two till they are apprenticed to the tread-mill or guage ; you avoid me, and go with evil "See that enblem of human life," said minutes; and many of the proyers in scrp- the workhouse; who, in a word, might ex- company; and where is all this to end he, as he pointed to a sharlow that was fitting ture would not occupy a minute each. We press the cause of their continued misery, think ? At the top of the precipice, or at and concealed the brightness of heaven stances are to be absolute rules to Christians And here are you, after deciding so much how it rolled down faster when once it was from our view-but it is gone. And where at the present day; but we think they show to your satisfaction that a minister has no set going. Again, I say, beware of the bewill ye be, my hearers, when your lives have in favor of the general practice of making time to waste or lose, preparing to give a ginnings of sin ! Trust no longer your passed away like that dark cloud ? Oh, religious exercises short. We are persua-

Christian Watchman.

From the Sunday-School Journal. In lately passing the study of an esteem.

BE SHORT--TIME IS PRECIOUS.

and shall not able. Oh, what plea can similar device to save himself from the cn. your sign-you make before the Jadge of the whole croachments of visiters, but I had never car.h ? Can you say it has been your seen it imitated before, and as the glaring whole endeavor to mortify the flesh with its inscription first met my eye, there seemed aff ctions and lus's; that your mind has to be something impolite and inhospitable been one long effort to do the will of God? in thus meeting a man at your very door No ! you must answer. I made n:yself easy | with an unceremonious request to stay no in the world by flattering myself that all longer than could be helped; if not with an would end well : but I have deceived my intimation that the time given to the interview would be was ed.

man, whose time is not his own. Ile is "And you, rich mas, wherefore do you the servant of Christ and his church. He his work back; every interruption costs him

mencing his work where he left off. An "Oh, sinner !" he exclaimed, " by all hour's diversion from a duy fairly tegun,

Stevens saw with concern that his couhis church by occasional showers, rather which He alone can ward off, that He, and attitude, as the distant thunder grew louder cuse the rudeness I had been disposed to sin was going farther and farther, from than with the dew of his grace; and this none else, can deliver us trong the burthen and louder, and broke in a tremendous imagine in the motto. But I could not the right way; yet in spite of all he could more at one period, and in one continent. of our sorrow; let us be made to acknowl- crash over the building. " It was the voice help pursuing the thoughts that it excited. say, Wilson would spend an hour or two than at other times and places, we should edge these truths, and the Scriptures will of the Almighty, as he passed in his anger." The minister is bound to serve his people an evening with his friends at the tayern. ejoice and be grateful for the rich effusions become a well-spring of delight to us. For As the sound died away, he covered his in the Lord. In an important sense, his "Let every man look to himself" he of his Spirit in any form and manner; and they, and they alone, show our Maker to face with his hands, and knelt beside his time is theirs, and they have given him no would say; "if others get tipsy, V never before it can be safely depended on .should endeavor to avail ourselves of these us in the character in which we shall then pulpit, apparently lost in inward and intense sinecure. They throng to the church, and drink more than does me good. Why Hart precious seasons, for the conversion of sin. feel that we want him. We shall no lon. prayer. The sorm passed rapidly by, and expect to see him there; not only to lead some of my neighbours are there every ners, and the edification of the body of ger ask with the confident lawyer, or with the sun bursting forth in his might threw their devotions, but to instruct and benefit night, and half the day too; while I go

most sublime importance; a time, when, if ear but those of the official "overseers of the day. You go more frequently to the pub-His text was, " Strive to enter in at the ever, a long prayer would have been suit- poor;" who are not taught or encouraged lic house, than formerly; you are not so whole afternoon to mere external hospitality. own heart ; for the heart is deceitful above You invite these men, not because they are all things, and desperately wicked. of the poor, the lame, or the blind, but be. In spite of this remonstrance, Wilson cause they are your customers. You will went from bad to worse, and it was not till entertain them at your table, and give them he had lost the little character he had, and

the accidental rousing of your conscience, theft, that he looked back with bitterness on would never have imagined that you, too, his past life. If any one had told Wilson, may be defrauding God and his church, when he first began to frequent the tavern. and your fellow men, of much of the time that he would at last be taken up for steal. which is so justly theirs, according to your ing, he would not have believed a word of own vows, s if you were hired for their it. Now all that Stevens had said came service. Awake, then, to your duty : be into his mind. He would have given the honest; be consistent; and on your parlour, world to retrace his steps ; he would have 1 believe the good Cotton Mather had a your table, your carriage, your bed, set up been thankful to have been the poorest beg-

> BE SHORT-TIME IS PRECIOUS.

THE BEGINNING OP SIN.

James Sievens and Thomas Wilson were cousins, and as they had been schoolfellows for many years, and spent the greater part of their time together, they were much at. tached to each other, though they were of very different dispositions. Stevens had been steady from a school boy : his parents were poor, but they brought up their son to fear God, well knowing that, " the fear of the Lord is better than riches." " In the house of the righteous is much treasure, care which God has over his people. In but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble." Wilson was very thoughtless, and did not over the wicked city of Jerusalem, doomed like to be restrained in his pleasures. He to destruction for rejecting his great salvawas hard to be convenced, and liked to have tion, and says, " How often would I have his own way at all times. When at school gathered thy children together, even as a he got many a task for going beyond the hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, boundary of the play ground always think- and ye would not." In the motto, and pering that he could return before the school. haps in other places in the psalms, there is bell would ring. When he became a rather an allussion to the wings of the young man, he indulged in many things cherubim shadowing over the mercy-seat, that were wrong, persuading himself that which were the delighful emblems of the trifling errors were of no consequence, and

Wouldst thou from evil ways be freed, From sin's contagion spotless be, Look at first upon the little seed, And then upon the spreading tree.

"The smallest sin within thy heart, If unrestrained by grace divine, Will widely spread through every part, And all thy faculties entwine."

gar at the top of the precipice down which

he had faller ; but no ! he had, as it were, plunged headlong to destruction, for in a little time ho was transported for life bey. ond the sea. And all who despise the beginnings of sin may look forward to a similar end ; for, though " to the Lord our God belongeth mercies and forgivenesses," yet " the face of the Lord is against them that do cvil." 'These shall go away into cver. lasting punishment, but the righteous into life cternal .- Youth's Friend.

WINGS.

Hide me under the shadow of thy wings .-Psalm xvii. 8.

" Wings" signify protection-the tender Matt. xxiii. 37, our blessed Lord weeps. protection of grace over God's Israel. It that he could leave off a had habit any time is at the Divine mercy-seat which we now approach, to rough Jesus, that the poor sinner must seek safety from the punishment due to his sins, and then in the shadow of God's wings shall be rejoicc. He will be the subject of his constant love and his care.

Other refuge have I none, Hangs my helpless soul on thee ? Leave, ah ! leave me not alone ! Still support and comfort me ! All my trust on thee is stay'd ; All my help from thee I bring : Cover my defenceless head With the shadow of thy wing.

Faith, like gold, must be tried in the fire

Corn Meal.

hours of your time, and had it not been for was plunged into the dreary prison for

