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"I love them that love me, and those that seek me early
shall find me."—Prov. viii. 17.



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WHEN a loved and cherished member of a family circle is removed by death, the associations connected with his memory seem to them almost too private to be shared by those to whom his existence was comparatively indifferent, or perhaps unknown; and we should feel unwilling to give circulation to this simple record of our dear Willie's brief career, did it not seem calculated to impress on others the value of the great lesson of life, which he was enabled so early to learn, and to furnish another evidence that out of the mouths of those who are but as "babes and sucklings," our Heavenly Father is sometimes pleased to perfect his praise.

Philadelphia, Twelfth Month, 1831.

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MEMOIR.

WILLIAM B. KIMBER, son of Thomas and Joanna S. Kimber, died in Philadelphia on the 13th of Fifth Month, 1849, aged thirteen years and six months.

Although the following Memoir will be composed chiefly of extracts from the journal and papers which have come into the hands of the family since his decease, yet it seems proper to give some account of his early childhood, and of the circumstances which tended to form his peculiar character. In doing so, we must frequently allude to his younger brother, between whom and himself there early existed an intimacy and attachment which

seemed to be strengthened and improved with each succeeding year.

Willie's constitution, when he was very young, gave indications of latent disease, which, for several years before his death, had so much increased upon him, as to disqualify him for much bodily exertion; but his little brother was ever at his side, to wait on and assist him; and by kind and cheerful sympathy he thus lightened many weary hours of suffering, and privation from more active enjoyment. It may truly be said of them, that they were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in death they were scarcely divided.

Gifted with a cheerful and affectionate disposition, Willie yet suffered much, when very young, from that quickness of feeling and temper which generally accompanies such a constitution. His parents faithfully endeavoured to overcome this natural weakness, and his mother was especially earnest in her efforts and prayers in his

behalf. These opportunities were not forgotten by him when deprived of her affectionate counsel, and he alluded to them with grateful recollection in his dying hours.

Perhaps the first notice of any lastingly serious impression upon his mind, may be dated from the time when this beloved parent was removed by death; her parting injunction to him was, "to strive so to live as to meet her again in heaven;" which seemed from this time to be his principal concern. This was about the tenth year of his age; and now each succeeding year witnessed a marked improvement in his temper, and a progress in the better way. He grew more gentle and patient, and seemed to maintain a constant watch over his besetting temptations, even in little things.

This change of feeling manifested itself also in a preference for serious books, especially the Holy Scriptures, which he com-