

and across that turbid stream, and to his fearful followers he cries, *O Israel, fear not; for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by my name. When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shall not be burnt. Death shall be swallowed up in victory. Jesus Christ hath, indeed, abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light.* He has taken away the sting of death, that is, unpardoned sin. The monster's spectre indeed still haunts the dark valley through which the believer must pass, and brandishes his broken and harmless dart. But faith can sing the conqueror's song, even within the grasp of this once terrific, but now powerless and vanquished foe.

It is by meditations like these that the repulsive power of death is gradually overcome, and the timid believer begins again to feel the strong attractions of the heavenly world. Nature, indeed, will never feel a complacency in death, considered by itself; but its terrors diminish as they are more closely examined, while the glories that lie beyond loom up higher and brighter, so that, to use the language of an eminent saint, "the river of death appears as an insignificant rill, that can be crossed at a single step, whenever God gives permission." As it muses, the soul waxes strong in the Lord and the power of his might, and with holy confidence exclaims, —

One hour, and the dark storm goes by;
 One step, and on the heavenly shore,
 I stand beneath a cloudless sky,
 And drink in joy forevermore.

My fifth and last illustration supposes the moon placed, as before, between the earth and the sun. But in addition to this, it supposes a number of other bodies in contact with the earth, (as Fig. 6,) which exercise a very powerful attraction