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BIOGRAPHY.

LIFE OF THE REV. WILLIAM TENNENT.

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THE writer of these memoirs was greatly interested by these uncommon events ; and, on a favorable occasion, earnestly pressed Mr. Tennent for a minute account of what his views and apprehensions were, while he lay in this extraordinary state of suspended animation. He discovered great reluctance to enter into any explanation of his perceptions and feelings at this time ; but, being importunately urged to do it, he at length consented, and proceeded with a solemnity not to be described.

“ While I was conversing with my brother,” said he, “ on the state of my soul, and the fears I had entertained for my future welfare, I found myself, in an instant, in another state of existence, under the direction of another being, who ordered me to follow him. I was accordingly waded along, I know not how, till I beheld at a distance an ineffable glory, the impression of which on my mind it is impossible to communicate to mortal man. I immediately reflected on my happy change, and thought, Well, blessed be God! I am safe at last, notwithstanding all my fears. I saw an innumerable host of happy beings, surrounding the inexpressible glory, in acts of adoration and joyous worship ; but I did not see any bodily shape or representation in the glorious appearance. I heard things unutterable. I heard their songs and hallelujahs, of thanksgiving and praise, with unspeakable rapture. I felt joy unutterable and full of glory.

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Destroy thy lovely youthful prime,
The brighter beauties of thy mind
Shall not be lost, but more refin'd :
Thy sprightly sense, thy feeling heart,
Thy manners free from tinsel art,
Thy love to virtue's sacred cause,
Thy strict regard to all her laws,
Thy cheerful air and smile serene
In which the peace of heav'n is seen ;
These charms shall still, as now, controul
Thy own Philander's faithful soul.

For the Virginia Religious Magazine.

THE HAPPINESS OF EARLY RELIGION.

1. HAPPY the youth whose heart prefers
Religion's heav'nly road ;
Who gives his best, his earliest years
To wisdom and to God.
2. Supported by Almighty Love
His soul no terror knows :
Onward his steady footsteps move
Through hosts of envious foes.
3. In vain the world with countless wiles
Exerts her treach'rous art ;
Firm faith from all her threats and smiles
Securely guards his heart.
4. Of light and strength from day to day
He gains a fresh supply ;
Unwearied runs in virtue's way
To win the prize on high.
5. No guilty fear nor blushing shame
Disturbs his sacred rest :
Honour and praise attend his name,
And gladness fills his breast.
6. Thus blest he lives, and when he dies
Death is his richest gain :
Well pleas'd he yields his breath, and flies
With Christ his Lord to reign.

PHILANDER.

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