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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1831 edition. Excerpt: ...ROBERT TURNBULL. Behold! a scene of love, And holiness sublime, To lift the soul above This narrow earthly clime A lovely little child at prayer Her parents standing by, Gazing upon their infant fair With deep delighted eye. A holy halo fills the place, A light divine, a heavenly grace! Her faces heavenly glow, Her dark and pensive eye, Her alabaster brow, On which black ringlets lie. Her little hands upturned to heaven, Her body gently bent, All mingling like the hues of even With mellow sun-beams blent, Give to the scene a magic glow. Which only, happy spirits know. This is a sight to wake, Of past delights the dreams, Like music on the lake, Or dying sunny gleams To raise the sigh for beauty flown. Which time can neer restore, To draw the tear for gladness gone, For music heard no more And conjure up a vision grand, Of beautiful, but vanished land. This too should rouse our faith, And bear the soul away, Above the shadowy earth To climes of cloudless day, For this is heaven begun in time, ! A prelude of that bliss Which matchless, endless and sublime No tongue can eer express A glory from the world above, A gun-beam of eternal love! O well may angels gaze Upon the lovely sight, And well to heaven may raise The song of deep delight: For richer incense neer arose From Eastern shrines to God, And lovelier scene did neer repose In Indias bright abode. This is a triumph of that love That shines afar from worlds above! MIRACULOUS SHOWER OF STONES, RECORDED IN JOSHUA, CHAP. X. A Glorious day was that for Israel, in which they drove the kings and the hosts of the Amoritish confederacy from before the walls of Gibeon--a day worthy of endless renown--a day, the memorial of which might be conceived to have formed a guarantee sufficient to have..

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