

CONSOLATION.

Be still, poor heart, be still,
 Thy God knew best ;
 The Hand which hurt will heal,
 His name be blest !
 He knows 'tis hard to bear,
 To miss your boy ;
 He knows the aching heart
 Is void of joy.

He knows the cares, the trials,
 He helped to bear ;
 He called him to His home,
 Where all is fair .
 Safe from the noonday heat—
 Safe from all harm ;
 Safely dear Willie rests
 On Jesus' arm.

His feet are walking now
 The golden street,
 His voice and hands engaged
 With those he'll meet.

"This is a glorious place !"
 We hear him say ;

"No pain, no sorrow here,
 Tears wiped away !"

"This is a glorious place,
 A place of bliss,
 Which Jesus has prepared
 For all who're His."

It won't be very long
 To meet and greet
 Our loved, departed ones
 At Jesus' feet.

We watch and wait down here,
 'Midst trials and fears,
 Our eyes fixed on that home
 Till Christ appears.
 The trumpet soon be heard,
 We'll hail the sound !
 The waiting Bride shall then
 Her Lord surround.

We shall for evermore
 Sweet praises sing,
 To Him who died for us,
 Our Lord and King !

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DEPENDENCE.

In weakness one learns dependence.

To depend on our fellow creatures is often to invite disaster, or at least disappointment. In us, necessary love, care, and strength are sometimes wanting when most needed by those who are dependent on us ; but God's love, care, and strength are unfailing. He never grows weary, and may safely be depended on at all times, and under all circumstances. Even in sorrows, we have brought about by our own folly and wrong doing, He will hear our confession, accept our heart-felt contrition, and bring us out of our distresses, Psalm cvii., in the best way suited to the glory of His great and blessed name, and to the securing of our utmost good. May we trust Him more fully and simply.—A. B.

AN HONEST AND GOOD HEART.

Luke viii. 15.

An honest and good heart is the heart that loves Christ. That man has an honest and good heart who finds Christ so precious that he would not give Him up for anything.

We may have to suffer for Christ's sake in this world ; but no suffering can take away from us any of the blessings we have got in Him.

We have all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus ; and neither death, nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

They that received the seed on the stony ground had not an honest and good heart ; for they gave up Christ in the time of persecution and affliction.

They that received the seed among thorns had not an honest and good heart ; for they tried to keep the love of money and of pleasure in their hearts