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CHOOSE THOU FOR ME.

THY will not mine, dear Lord, I pray,
For I could never choose aright;
My future way I cannot see,
With this my dim and earthly sight.
Plan thou for me, I humbly ask,
Whatever seemeth good to thee :
And let me simply rest in faith,
As trusting as a child should be.
I know right well I should select
The greenest path and bluest sky ;
And miss thy presence in the storms,
Proclaiming, " Fear not ; It is I."
Yes, Lord, my heart would vainly seek
A life with out a single care ;
And I should lose the soothing balm
Those only know who live by prayer.
A life without one cloud to dim
The brightnest of its radiant sky,
Would be like scorching summer heat,
And every tender grace would die.
Choose thou, since thou dost know it all,
Thy heart is kind, thy way is best ;
With joy I'll take the pleasant things,
And trust thy help to bear the rest.
—*The Defence*

THE EXPOSITOR AND THE GUARDIAN.

WE DEEM it best to bring a bit of history, of recent date, in connection with these two periodicals, before our readers.

Our purpose for so doing is in harmony with our platform, for we think it will tend to clear away some more of the obstructions to the spread of the gospel which we preach.

It is well known to most of our readers that it has not been an unusual thing to read or hear of articles written in the *Christian Guardian*, both by the editor and correspondents, which were decidedly hostile to us.

Sometimes we have sent in short replies, and sometimes not. The treatment we have received at the hands of the editor from the beginning of our special work, has been of such a character as to require us to write very cautiously and carefully if with any hope of obtaining even a partial hearing.

Hence the most we attempted to do was to skim the surface of things, and call for thorough investigation on the part of critics.

And indeed we had fully anticipated such unfair dealings, from the nature of the contest which we were instrumental in bringing on.

For as we came to realize the true inwardness of the creed life as contrasted with the walk in the Spirit, we well knew that the truth of Christ's teaching would be exemplified in this contest. "The time cometh when he that killeth you will think that he doeth God service." We are fully aware that the spirit of this extreme statement must be exhibited in every conflict between spirituality and loyalty, till the end of time.

This our contention has been made good with respect to the Holiness creed movement, as we have abundantly shown in object lesson form.

But this same spirit will be evinced towards us by the churches generally, and can only be kept dormant by lack of aggressive work on our part.

It is a part of our legitimate work to impress this fact upon the consciousness of all who would live godly, for two reasons, first, it will enable those who desire to live