

# THE GLEANER.

“Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.”—Ruth 2; 7.

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## A PERFECT TRUST.

Oh, for the peace of a perfect trust,  
My loving God in Thee ;  
Unwavering faith, that never doubts,  
Thou choosest best for me.

But though my plans be all upset,  
Best though the way be rough ;  
Best though my earthly store be vacant,  
In Thee I have enough.

And what though disappointment come  
They too are best for me,  
To wean me from this changing world,  
And draw me nearer Thee.

And what though sorest trials come,  
And weary days be mine ;  
Shut out from much that others have,  
Not my will, Lord, but Thine.

Oh for the peace of a perfect trust,  
That looks away from all,  
That sees Thy hand in everything,  
In great events and small.

That sees Thy hand, a Father's hand,  
Directing for the best ;  
Oh for the peace of a perfect trust,  
A heart with Thee at rest.

## WARNING TO THE WORLD.

The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His bride—the church—which is such a blessed hope to us, is fraught with terrible dreadfulness to the world. To illustrate this I want you to turn to Deut. xx. 10-12 : ‘When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and

open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee. And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it. This is now the dispensation of peace. Even before its commencement, at the birth of Christ, the angelic choir sang, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.’ It is peace made by the blood, and now proclaimed to all. ‘Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us ; we pray you in Christ’s stead be ye reconciled to God.’ This is the special character of this dispensation.

Its messengers proclaim peace to a rebel world. Before an earthly war breaks out it is the habit of nations to withdraw the ambassadors. The Lord Jesus Christ has His ambassadors in the world just now, proclaiming peace, but when He comes the ambassadors are withdrawn, the hour of the proclamation of peace is past for guilty Christendom. And this may happen at any moment. I do not suppose the old world knew the moment when Noah went into the ark and God shut him in. So, by and by, the Lord will come and receive us to Himself. The first act is the withdrawal of the ambassadors ; the