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

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THERE IS A THRONE OF GRACE.

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I know there is a throne of grace,
The cross has put grace there,
It reigns supreme through righteousness,
The contrite need not fear.

I know there is a throne of grace,
For Christ is on the throne ;
God's glory rests on His blest face,
My soul trust Him alone.

I know there is a throne of grace,
The Bible tells me so,
It bids me come with boldness there,
And leave my every woe.

I know there is a throne of grace,
For there I've mercy sought,
Obtained the pardon and the peace
Which Jesus for me bought.

I know there is a throne of grace,
For there I've gone in grief,
And spread before the Lord my case,
And found His kind relief.

I know there is a throne of grace,
And there must I repair,
Until I see Him face to face,
His throne of glory share.

Yes, while I live, I'll call on God,
And trust Him if I die ;
And in His grace, through His shed blood,
He'll set me soon on high.

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GRACE.

In the midst of a world of misery and selfishness, there came One who displayed not law nor judgment, but grace. But the light shines in dark-

ness, and the darkness comprehended it not. Like the adder that hears nothing, the world goes on as blind as it is deaf. No; you who are "full" now Jesus has no charm for you; but you, disciples, are weeping now, the sorrow and the sin of man distress your spirit: you shall rejoice. When God has His way, you, who cannot be satisfied with the husks, shall be filled. "Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets." You have your portion with Christ here, you shall have it with Christ in heaven. You suffer with the suffering One, you shall have glory with the glorified One. But the others!—they shall have what they seek. For the full there shall be a famine by and by, for they have lost God. If you can laugh in such a world as this, you shall weep when God's time of blessing comes. They are of the world, and the world loves its own. "So did their fathers to the false prophets."

Are the times altered? Is Christ's character changed? It is not a whit more agreeable to the flesh. And if you can find your joy, ease, and pleasure in the world, Christ could not, and you have not His Spirit. He that will be its friend, is the enemy of God. Can the disciple of