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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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ALL FOR THE BEST.

No one knows who wrote the following beautiful and profitable narrative, but it has been ascribed to Mrs. Hannah More. Every devout mind will realize its appropriateness.

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"It is all for the best," said Mrs. Simpson, whenever any misfortune befell her. She had such a habit of vindicating Providence, that, instead of weeping and murmuring under the most trying dispensations, her chief care was to convince herself and others, that, however great might be her sufferings, and however little they might be accounted for at present, the Judge of all the earth could not but do right. Instead of trying to clear herself from any possible blame that might attach to her under those infirmities, which, to speak after the manner of men, she seemed not to deserve, she was always the first to justify Him who had inflicted them. It was not that she superstitiously converted every visitation into a punishment; she entertained more correct ideas of that God who overrules all events. She knew that some calamities were sent to exercise her faith, others to purify her heart; some to chastise her sins, and all, to remind her that this "is not her rest;" that this world is not the place for the full and final display of retributive justice. The honor of God was dearer to her than her own credit, and her chief desire was to turn all events to his glory.

Though Mrs. Simpson was the daughter of a clergyman, and the widow of a genteel tradesman, she had been reduced, by a succession of misfortunes, to accept of a room in an alms-house. Instead of repining at the change; instead of dwelling on her former gentility, and saying,