

when they encamped at Elim, where there were 'twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees.' (Exod. xv. 27).

9. It adds to the pleasure of a journey to have it fair overhead. And this is the happiness of them that walk in Wisdom's ways, that all is clear between them and heaven. There are no clouds of guilt to interpose between them and the Sun of Righteousness, and to intercept His refreshing beams; no storms of wrath gathering to threaten them.

Our reconciliation to God, and acceptance with Him, makes everything pleasant. 'How can we be melancholy, if Heaven smile upon us? 'Being justified by faith, we have peace with God' (Rom. v. 1).

10. It adds likewise to the pleasure of a journey to be

furnished with all needful accommodations for travelling. They that walk in the way of God have wherewithal to bear their charges, and it is promised them that they shall 'want no good thing' (Ps. xxxiv. 10). If they have not an abundance

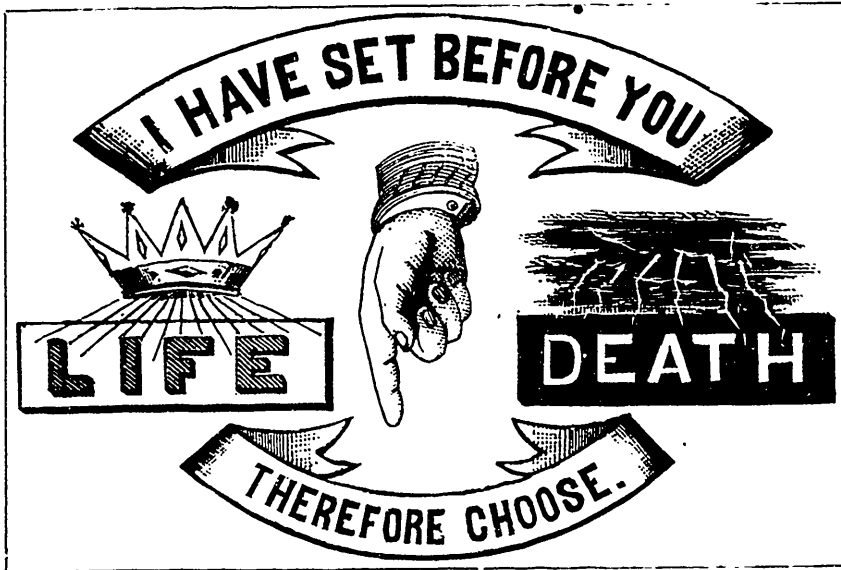
of the wealth of this world, which, perhaps, will but overload a traveller, and be an incumbrance rather than any furtherance, yet they have good bills; having access by prayer to the throne of grace, wherever they are, and a promise that they shall receive what they ask; access by faith to the covenant of grace, which they may draw upon, and draw from an inexhaustible treasury. 'Jehovah-jireh, The Lord will provide.'

11. It adds something to the pleasure of a journey to sing in the way. This takes off something of the fatigue of travelling, exhilarates the spirits. God has put a song, a 'new song, in the mouths' of His people (Ps. xl. 3), 'even praises to their God,' and comfort to themselves. He hath given us hearts to be cheerful, and has made it our duty to rejoice in the Lord always.

It is promised to those that are brought to praise God by the hearing the words of His mouth, that they shall 'sing in the ways of the Lord' (Ps. cxxxviii. 5), and good reason, 'for great is the glory of the Lord.' How pleasantly did the released captives return to their own country, when they 'came with singing unto Zion!' (Isa. li. 11).

12. It helps to make a journey pleasant to have a good prospect. The travellers in Wisdom's ways may look about them with pleasure, so as no travellers ever could, for they can call all before them their own, even 'the world, and life and death, and things present, and things to come;' in this state, 'all is yours,' if you be Christ's (1 Cor. iii. 22). The whole creation is not only at peace with them, but at their service.

They can look before them with pleasure; not with anxiety and uncertainty, but a humble assurance; not with terror but joy. It is pleasant in a journey to have a prospect of the journey's end; to see that the way we are in leads directly to it, and to see that it



cannot be far off; every step we take is so much nearer it, nay, and we are within a few steps of it. We have a prospect of being shortly with Christ in Paradise; yet a little while, and we shall be at home, we shall be at rest; and whatever difficulties we may meet with in our way, when we come to Heaven all will be well, eternally well!

Reader, what road are you travelling?

Disappointment.

We are often disappointed in *circumstances*.

We are often disappointed in *saints*.

We are often disappointed in *ourselves*.

But NEVER disappointed in God.

"Hope thou in God;" He perfectly understands us.