

"IN HIS KEEPING."



Second Day.

"Lo, I am with you alway."

WHY so cast down, when thou knowest Me near thee?
Is not My Presence sufficient to cheer thee?
Strength in thy weakness, and comfort for sadness,—
Power is in Me to turn mourning to gladness:
Rise, drooping heart, for, by night and by day,
Lo! I am with thee, am with thee alway. . . .

Look onward! look up! there are joys set before thee!
Light is beyond the dark clouds that hang o'er thee!
Let hope with thy patience be sweetly combining
To drive from thy soul every thought of repining:
Soon shall around thee shine heaven's bright day—
And thou shalt be with Me, be with Me for aye.

—Cheer.