

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him."—2 THESS. 4:14.

THE Christian's hope and faith lightens the darkest pathway and points to the brighter day that will surely dawn.

Night follows the day, that the weary and worn may lie down and rest, sleep comes to restore the wasted energies, and fit us for the new duties that shall devolve upon us as we face the new to-morrow.

Each to-day if lived honestly in the sight of all men fits us for a larger, fuller and more complete tomorrow than to-day possibly can be.

This life is only the short today, that has in it the blessed promise of a perfect to-morrow. How the sunshine and rain have altered during the past week; making each day dark as well as light. We could not tell how to plan for the shadows chased away the sunlight, and when we thought that all would be bright, the rain has fallen and our plans have been broken.

But to that life and land whither we are tending, there are no shadows, there will be perennial sunshine, for the Lord God giveth them light.

The land which lieth between is often dark, and the way is dreary, but we have the promise of the faithful guide to keep us in the way everlasting.

Our Heavenly Father has a love so strong and deep for us, that he has given us every promise and help possible to lead us to trust him, to lean upon him, and know that he doeth all things well.

Yet when he leads us into the dark places and the way