

ing this miracle one of the soldiers and the whole family of Diogenes became converted to the faith. But Eudoxia's martyrdom was only deferred, for in the year 147 she was beheaded by order of Vincentius, who succeeded Diogenes, and who was equally with him an implacable foe of the Christians.



## THE SWEETEST WORD.

"I WILL not leave you desolate," John 14.

No sweeter word than this can find a tongue,  
When strength and courage fail with harp unstrung —

"I will not leave you desolate" —

A precious word which poets love to sing,  
To trembling age a word most comforting —

"I will not leave you desolate."

When loving friends and social joys depart,  
And troubles come to overwhelm the heart —

"I will not leave you desolate":

When night is coming on that hides the sun,  
And weary limbs remind you "day is done" —

"I will not leave you desolate."

A precious word which poets love to sing.  
The service ended — as a sweet "amen" —

"I will not leave you desolate":

Ling'ring awhile until the Father call,  
I catch the vanishing recessional —

"I will not leave you desolate."

— W. T. SLEEPER.

If our Blessed Lord had only desired us to *watch* we might have supposed ourselves strong enough to resist temptation by our own exertions, but He without our vigilance would be useless. He Himself watched with us.

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