

we are led through the length and breadth of Palestine. Christ appears in history as the source of all the greatest developments of all social good among mankind. The reform of personal character was His one aim. With Him the man was great—the institution small. There was but one way with Him for renovating society, and that was by the purification of its individual members. This principle is at the root of all reform, because it deals with men individually.

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## GOD'S ANVIL.

PAIN's furnace heat within me quivers,  
 God's breath upon the flame doth blow,  
 And all my heart in anguish shivers,  
 And trembles at the fiery glow ;  
 And yet I whisper, As God will !  
 And in His hottest fire hold still.  
 He comes and lays my heart, all heated,  
 On the hard anvil, minded so  
 Into His own fair shape to beat it  
 With His great hammer, blow on blow ;  
 And yet I whisper, As God will !  
 And at His heaviest blows hold still.

He takes my softened heart and beats it,  
 The sparks fly off at every blow ;  
 He turns it o'er and o'er and heats it,  
 He lets it cool and makes it glow ;  
 And yet I whisper, As God will !  
 And in His mighty hand hold still.

Why should I murmur ? for the sorrow,  
 Thus only longer lived would be ;  
 Its end may come, and will, to-morrow,  
 When God has done His work in me ;  
 So I say, trusting, As God will !  
 And, trusting to the end, hold still.

He kindles for my profit purely  
 Afflictions glowing, fiery brand,  
 And all his heaviest blows are surely  
 Inflicted by a master-hand ;  
 So I say praying, As God will !  
 And hope in Him and suffer still.