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An Answered Prayer.

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"O give me a message of quiet,"
I ask in my morning prayer:
"For the turbulent trouble within me
Is more than my heart can bear.
Around there is strife and discord,
And the storms that do not cease,
And the whirl of the world is on me—
Thou only canst give me peace."

I open the old, old Bible
And look at a page of Psalms,
Till the wintry sea of my trouble
Was smoothed by its summer calms.

For the words that have helped so many,
And the pages that seemed most dear,
Seemed new in their power to comfort,
And they brought me my word of cheer.

Like music of solemn singing
These words came down to me:
"The Lord is slow to anger,
And of mercy great is he;
Each generation praiseth
His work of long renown;
The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth the bowed down."

That gave me the strength I wanted;
I knew the Lord was nigh;
All that was making me sorry
Would be better by-and-bye.
I had but to wait in patience,
And keep at my Father's side,
And nothing would really hurt me,
Whatever might betide.

If you want to find some one who will probably make you one of the very best Home Department Superintendents, look around your church for some lonely member with a broken heart who needs something to do that will take her mind off herself and give her something that will help others. In this way she may find a new interest in life and live out many days of usefulness yet. This is worth remembering.