

patience and forbearance; of your own obduracy and deadness of heart. But He came into the wilderness to seek you, and He has found you, and saved you. You feel how His patience should now support yours; how His mercy to you should make you compassionate them. Stand as He did, and knock patiently at the door of their hearts. Wait long, as the husbandman, for the precious fruit. The fallow ground upon which you have entered, needs breaking up. The thorns must be gathered out. Determine within yourself that, by God's grace, you will be faithful in your work.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

### Thou with Me.

ANYWHERE with Jesus;

Tho' he leadeth me

Where the path is rough and long,

Where the dangers be;

Tho' he taketh from me

All I love below,

Anywhere with Jesus

Will I gladly go.

Anywhere with Jesus—

For it cannot be

Dreary, dark, or desolate,

Where He is with me;

He will love me always,

Every need supply;

Anywhere with Jesus,

Should I live or die.

### The Hindoo Boy's last prayer.

'Do you know,' said a poor boy in an hospital in India, to a lady who visited him, 'what I've been thinking of all the morning?'

'Of how soon you will see Jesus?' replied the lady.

'Yes,' he answered. 'I've been thinking that I began this Sunday a poor sick boy in the hospital, surrounded by wicked men and sinful talk, and I think I shall be at home before night. I think I've begun a Sunday that will never end. I don't think I shall ever have another week-day.'

In the evening she visited him again, and found him lying with his eyes closed, sinking rapidly, but calmly. Stooping over him, she whispered, "'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me"

(Ps. xxiii. 4). 'Dear Willie, is Jesus with you?'

'Oh yes.'

'Have you any fear?'

'No, none; I have been wondering why they call it a dark valley. I have found the light growing much brighter every day since I first believed; and now it's so bright I must shut my eyes.' After praying, he said, 'That is my last prayer; now it shall be only praise for ever and ever.'

Dear reader, have you ever prayed? For it is only those who learn to pray on earth who will praise Christ in heaven. Will you not then say to Jesus, 'Lord, teach me how to pray?' For then you and the poor Hindoo boy will sing the praises of Jesus together in the better land.

### Wants of the Missionary Cause.

1. *More thought*.—So few think about the great work and urgent claims.

2. *More prayer*.—So few pray believingly and continuously for its growing prosperity.

3. *More men*.—So few well qualified persons offer themselves for missionary labor.

4. *More money*.—So few give according to their ability, and according to the claims of a perishing world.

"Give, give; be always giving:

Who gives not is not living.

The more we give,

The more we live.

### An Old Sermon on Charity.

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One says, "*I will give to-morrow*." No. Give now: you may not be alive to-morrow. Another says, "*I am poor, and need all my means*." Yes, you are poor and destitute, but it is of love to Christ and souls, and of faith and mercy. A third says, "*I wrong no one. I only keep my own*." No; you wrong both God and your brethren; for you had nothing when you came into this world, and God gave you all that you might be his steward to others, and that you might have the reward of dispensing your goods faithfully. In seeking to appropriate what really belongs to many, you are a robber of them and of God also. "*I must provide all that I can for future necessities; and I do not know how much I may yet need*." Why, then, do you spend so much on what is sinful and superfluous? "*I wish to do well to my children, and to leave them in comfortable circumstances*." But must the consideration of their comfort make you regardless of God's glory, and prevent you from obeying God's commandments. If so, the money which you leave them will not have his blessing, and will likely be their ruin, by