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"A LITTLE WHILE."

A little longer will that unseen Hand hold up
Time's curtain, ere it falls before the changing scenes
Which make up these mysterious acts of life.
A little longer must we drink the bitter cup
And live to understand what all its anguish means,
And why we have to meet this hard, unequal strife,
Struggling till the battle ends, with brave
yet meek endeavour.
Fight on! dear ones, "a little while,"—
'tis not oh! not for ever.

A little longer must we bear them ere we lay
Our burdens down, and turn to His cool shades to rest,
And all the sorrows of this weary earth forget.
"Could ye not watch with me one hour?"
"Watch and pray"
Till the great Reaper gathers in His harvest, lest

He find you sleeping then,— a little longer yet—
Till the Cross changes for the Golden Crown that fadeeth never;
Then bear thy cross "a little while,"— 'tis not, oh! not for ever.

A little longer must we see those whom we love
Carried from our sight, in Death's cold embrace to sleep,
And weep o'er that low mound where our beloved lies.
Yet we know that faithful souls shall meet us above—
The Harvest-home waits till after God's angels reap,
When all who fell asleep in Christ shall first arise.
Then soul and body re-united, never more shall sever,—
Rejoice! sad hearts—"a little while"—
'tis not, oh! not for ever B.

A SURE PAYMASTER.—Anne of Austria, Queen of France, remonstrating with her bitter enemy, Cardinal Richelieu, observed: "My lord Cardinal, there is one fact which you seem entirely to have forgotten. God is a sure paymaster. He may not pay at the end of a week or month or year, but I charge you remember that He pays in the end."

Who spends before he thrives, will beg before he thinks.

Miss Miller

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