

WHEN I WALK IN DARKNESS.

God doth not leave His own;
The night of weeping for a time may last,
Then, tears all past,
His going forth shall as the morning shine,
The sunrise of His favour shall be thine;
God doth not leave His own.

God doth not leave His own,
Though few and evil all their days appear,
Though grief and fear
Come in the train of earth's and hell's dark
crowd.—
The trusting heart says even in the cloud,
God doth not leave His own.

God doth not leave His own,
Tho' sorrow in their life He doth permit—
Yea, chooseth it,
To speed His children on their heavenward
way,
He guides the winds—Faith, hope and love
all say,
God doth not leave His own.

From Hymns of Church Militant.

ON PARTING.

We part, and, parting, feel a pain,
For heart from heart must sever;
But, parting, part to meet again,
And, meeting, meet for ever.
O say, we only part to meet,
Nor, parting, own a pain;
Since hearts on earth thus closely knit
In Heaven are one again.

SELECTION.

A DAY REVIEWED.

Let it be the task of every evening to review the palpable history of every day; and, if we cannot dive into the heart, we may at least take cognizance of the handy-work. We may not be able to analyze the feelings which enter into the hidden life of obedience; but we can take account of the literalities of obedience, the hasty utterance by which we wounded another's sensibilities, the pleasantries by which we enlivened a festive circle at the expense of some absent character, the tone of offence or imperiousness into which some domestic annoyance hath provoked us, the excess into which we have been betrayed amid the glee of merry companionship, the neglect of prayer and of the Bible into which we have once more been led by distaste or indolence or the urgency of this world's business—these and many more are surely noticeable things, which can be recalled by the memory and rebuked by the moral sense of the most ordinary Christian; and which, if so dealt with at the close of any day, might give to the morrow's walk a greater care and greater conscientiousness. Thus writes Dr. Chalmers. May the reading of John Newton's well-known hymn enforce the above duty, and prove a blessing to the reader whose life is not as it ought to be.

'Tis a point I long to know, oft it causes anxious thought;
Do I love the Lord or no? Am I His or am I not?
If I love, why am I thus? Why this dull, this lifeless frame?
Hardly sure can they be worse, who have never heard His name.
Could my heart so hard remain, prayer a task and burden prove,
Every trifle give me pain, if I knew a Saviour's love?
When I turn my eyes within, all is dark and vain and wild,
Filled with unbelief and sin, can I deem myself a child?

If I pray or hear or read, sin is mixed with all I do;
You that love the Lord indeed, tell me is it so with you?
Yet I mourn my stubborn will, find my sin a grief and thrall;
Should I grieve for what I feel, if I did not love at all?
Could I joy His saints to meet, choose the ways I once abhorred,
Find at times the promise sweet, if I did not love the Lord?
Lord, decide the doubtful case! Thou, who art Thy people's sun,
Shine upon Thy work of grace, if indeed it be begun.
Let me love Thee more and more, if I love at all, I pray;
If I have not loved before, help me to begin today.—British Messenger.

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