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HE CARETH FOR THEE.

“Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you.”—1 PETER v. 7.

What can it mean? Is it ought to Him
That the nights are long and the days are
dim?

Can He be touched by the griefs I bear,
Which sadden the heart and whiten the hair?
Around His throne are eternal calms,
And strong, glad music of happy psalms,
And bliss unruffled by any strife,
How can He care for my poor life?

And yet I want Him to care for me,
While I live in this world where the sorrows
be.

When the lights lie down on the path I take;
When strength is feeble, and friends forsake;

When love and music that once did bless,
Have left me to silence and loneliness;
And life-song changes to sobbing prayers—
Then my heart cries out for a God who cares.

When shadows hang o'er me the whole day
long;
And my spirit is bowed with shame and
wrong;

When I am not good, and the deeper shade
Of conscious sin makes my heart afraid;
And the busy world has too much to do
To stay in its course and help me through,
And I long for a Saviour—can it be
That the God of the universe cares for me?

Oh, wonderful story of deathless love!
Each heart is dear to that heart above;
He fights for me when I cannot fight;
He comforts me in gloom of night;
He lifts the burden, for He is strong;
He stills the sigh and awakens the song;
The sorrow that bowed me down He bears,
And loves and pardons because He cares.

Let all who are sad take heart again;
We are not alone in our hours of pain;
Our Father stoops from His throne above
To soothe and quiet us with His love.
He leaves us not when the storm is high,
And we have safety for He is nigh;
Can it be trouble which He doth share?
Oh, rest in peace, for the Lord does care!

—*The Christian.*

CAN THEY WHO ARE NOT SPIRITUAL TEACH THOSE WHO ARE?

In the February article under this heading we showed, we trust, with sufficient clearness, that a pastor, however desirous, could only teach spiritual truths up to the measure of his experience, and that, therefore, one who was a seeker of the gift of the Holy Ghost, or who professed unbelief in the Pentecostal experience, could not teach another who walked in the Spirit concerning the nature of that walk. But, as intimated in the same article, this fact did not preclude such an one from proving a helpful teacher in other matters.

For example, a minister, if he is a well-read man and a faithful student of the Scriptures, will certainly bring out many a thought and concealed fact connected with the letter of the Bible which the listener, through lack of time or education, could not otherwise acquire. That this is no small gain all will readily admit.

Again, presuming that his experience of converting grace has been clear, his teaching concerning this thing may also be clear, and the hearer can rejoice with unfeigned joy in his teaching and aid him both directly and indirectly in his