

strong wine for our heavy hearts, in view of the rapidity of the declension in the House of God upon earth—a declension which in its impetus threatens to carry everything before it ; but faith can still speak exultingly of Him who is able to keep us without stumbling, and He has assured us, “ My counsel shall stand, and I will do *all* my pleasure” (Is. xlv. 10).

If it was given to a Moses in a day of impending ruin to pray, “ shew me now *Thy* way, *that I may know Thee*,” how blessed for us now to discover His way, His undeviating way ! As witness it prefigured in the history of Eleazer and Rebekah in the words so fraught with meaning to us, “ the servant took Rebekah and went *his way*.” And what was *his way* ? Naturally we would have looked for a graphic description of the desert journey, its dangers, and the way through them all ; but no such account meets the eye. We see the espoused one equipped for the journey in such manner that she is to be carried across at the cost of the father for whose son she had been bespoken, that father’s house having furnished full provision for the whole way. The start is made, told out in the words already quoted, “ the servant took Rebekah and went his way,” and then we read these heart-stirring words, “ and Isaac came.” Ah ! my soul ! if this was the way of the servant, simply to bring Rebekah and Isaac together, what is the way of the Servant of the Father and the Son (the Holy Ghost) to-day, but to accomplish, as accom-