

than nervous impressions. In any case, however, the mandates of the will are transmitted along the motor nerves more slowly than impressions by the sensitive nerves; and hence it would be about one hundred and fifty years more before he could withdraw his finger, after he had discovered its condition."—*Ex.*

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"Not as I will."

**B** LINDFOLDED and alone I stand  
 With unknown thresholds on each hand;  
 The darkness deepens as I grope,  
 Afraid to fear, afraid to hope:  
 Yet this one thing I learn to know  
 Each day more surely as I go,  
 That doors are opened, ways are made,  
 Burdens are lifted or are laid,  
 By some great law unseen and still,  
 Unfathomed purpose to fulfil,  
 "Not as I will."

Blindfolded and alone I wait;  
 Loss seems too bitter, gain too late;  
 Too heavy burdens in the load  
 And too few helpers on the road;  
 And joy is weak and grief is strong,  
 And years and days so long, so long:  
 Yet this one thing I learn to know  
 Each day more surely as I go,  
 That I am glad the good and ill  
 By changeless law are ordered still,  
 "Not as I will."

"Not as I will:" the sound grows sweet  
 Each time my lips the words repeat.  
 "Not as I will:" the darkness feels  
 More safe than light when this thought steals  
 Like whispered voice to calm and bless  
 All unrest and all loneliness.  
 "Not as I will," because the One  
 Who loved us first and best has gone  
 Before us on the road, and still  
 For us must all His love fulfil,  
 "Not as we will."

—*Canadian Monthly.*