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Amidst the whirl and din of life,  
 There is a word with meaning rife,  
     Contented!  
 Pleasure and pain, though sundered far,  
 Sorrow and gladness, by it are  
     Cemented!

In earnest strife, in weary toil,  
 The harassed mind will oft recoil  
     Distracted!  
 But sweet content, should it appear,  
 The mind endures the strain, how'er  
     Protracted.

This peace of God—contentment rare—  
 Provided is (with utmost care  
     Protected),  
 For us, who in His likeness grow,  
 That we, its lustre back may show,  
     Reflected.

How free this gift words cannot tell,  
 By all may be, though sick or well,  
     Accepted.

Alas, for man, this bliss of his  
 How few receive! by most it is  
     Rejected.

O might this boon, this perfect gift  
 Of God to man, by none be left  
     Neglected.

That all might know, of human kind,  
 Midst loss and gain, their peace of mind  
     Perfected.

A SHINING PROMISE.—“I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron; and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know (not guess) that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.”—*Isa.*

VOLUME ELEVEN.

The fact that the EXPOSITOR OF HOLINESS has passed its first decade is worthy of especial note. According to all business principles it should not have survived so long, for it is a question if the money which has come to the office during these ten years as *bona fide* subscriptions for the magazine has been more than enough to pay the printer's bill, and yet we have been enabled to devote our whole time to its publication and the legitimate work connected therewith, whilst our Master, in whose interests it is printed, has supplied all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

All business laws have been set at naught in its management. Every effort to *boom* its circulation has been abortive as far as securing a permanent list of subscribers is concerned, for gradually the permanent subscribers have become narrowed down to the members of the Association and their immediate friends. Its real increase has been the increase of the special movement of which it is the exponent; and such to all human appearance will be its future history.

We have a conviction, however, that in the near future it will be sent broadcast for one or more issues to a large number in order to bring the completed history of the work of the decade before the Churches in some compact, general form of statement. But even this, whilst we expect it to be done in the interests of the work of the Association, will not, in all likelihood, repay the cost of such expansion. As heretofore, it will be an evangelistic enterprise and not a business venture.