

*Lucy.*—"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

*Mrs. Arnold.*—We have but a few minutes more on our hands, but we will employ them in finding such passages of Scripture as farther explain the nature and advantages of the "poverty of spirit" which our Saviour has pronounced to be blessed. Look for the fifty-seventh chapter of Isaiah, Hannah, and read the fifteenth verse, and then go on to the sixty-sixth chapter, and read the first and second verses.

*Hannah.*—"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

"Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?"

"For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word."

*Mrs. Arnold.*—The whole of the fifty-first Psalm is descriptive of that sorrow for sin and humiliation in the sight of God which is sure to arise from the poverty of spirit approved and blessed by our Creator and Judge. Find it, Mary, and read the seventeenth verse.

*Mary.*—"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

*Mrs. Arnold.*—And now, as our time is expired, and we must close the lessons for to-day, let us conclude