

golden crowns! Let me go!" and raising her hand above her head, she exclaimed, "Victory through faith in His blood!" Then her arm fell, and her spirit ascended to that happy home of light and love and joy and song.—T. G. G.

TRUSTING GOD.

We have to go through the difficulties and trials of the way, and wait on the Lord as to them. We must face them, but wait upon Him when the path is not clear, patience having its perfect work. It makes us feel our dependence, and teaches us to wait on Him, and He brings out the result of His power and wisdom through men's perverseness, conscience being exercised, man manifested, and then His grace. We must not, cannot hurry these things, for He must deal with reality and conscience. It is a great thing to trust His love, and to walk with His secret in our hearts. We go through these things, seeing the difficulties, and perhaps in trembling, but obedient, and led of the Lord in duty. The result He brings out in due time, and more than we looked for or expected. The Lord said, "And now I go My way to Him that sent Me, and none of you asketh Me, Whither goest Thou? but because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless, . . ." All this requires confidence; patience must have its perfect work, and diligence too is needed, in crying to the Lord. See even the Lord Himself all night before choosing the apostles, and with strong crying and tears in Gethsemane; perfect obedience and entire dependence—J. N. D.

It is not the chief end of man to achieve what the world will applaud as success. It is our main business in life to show ourselves true men, loving righteousness, hating evil, and willing to take such measure of present happiness and success as flows from obedience to the truth. There is unconquerable strength which begins with the confession of weakness. There is a serene and lofty repose of soul which is reached alone through conflicts and through scars. There is a pure and sacred joy which springs from the deepest sorrow and suffering. The great loss which we have most need to deplore is the loss of earnestness to do right, the loss of strength to resist temptation, the loss of faith in the everlasting principles of truth and duty. The poorest man in the world has something to live and to die for so long as he preserves the integrity of his own conscience. The most successful man in the world is the man who gives himself most earnestly to the cause of God and truth, and who never bates one jot of heart or hope in his good work, whatever difficulties and delays he may have to meet.

A right state of the affections towards God is the whole secret of light and knowledge. It is like a clear atmosphere in material things, for the affections may be called the atmosphere of the soul.

God knows the difference between the idle waiting of the desire to escape His will, and the honest waiting of a willing heart to have His will made plain, in order to do it. "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."—Psalm 37; 7.

Lord, Thou canst conquer self, and Thou alone,
Set up within my soul Thy glorious throne,
Let every thought, wish, expectation, be
Brought in subjection, by Thy love to Thee.