

thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter," John 13: 7. Some one has likened our lives to those beautiful Aubusson tapestries that adorn so many Eastern palaces. They are all woven on simple looms from woollen threads. The workman sits behind and weaves the beautiful designs on the reverse side. The pattern is at his hand, and he weaves on, quite unconscious of the beautiful picture that is being formed on the right side. Look at the reverse side, and it seems nothing but a tangle of threads

and thrums and ends, without any meaning or order or beauty. So it is with our lives. We are weaving them on the reverse side here below. But we follow the pattern set before us in Jesus Christ. One day God will reveal to us the picture of our lives on the right side, and when we see it, we shall fall down at His feet and say, "Oh Lord, forgive my murmurings and complainings, and accept my inmost thanks for the way Thou hast led me, and the path of life Thou didst mark out for me in wisdom and love."

POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS

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The heart is often a better guide than the head. v. 14.

It is wiser to follow conscience than companions. v. 15.

Sacrifice is the measure of love. v. 16.

Fidelity is the fruit of love. v. 17.

Decision is strength and safety; indecision is weakness and danger, v. 18.

Affliction is sent, not to destroy, but to develop. v. 20.

Prosperity and adversity will pass, but God's love remains. v. 21.

Wherever God sends us, He goes before to provide for us. v. 22.

Thousands are in the way of saying, Will you go to an evangelistic meeting? Then I will go. Will you take the sacrament? Then I will. Will you teach in the Sunday-school? Then I will. So far, something is gained; there is a half-decision. But the spiritual life is sure at some point to demand more than this. Even Naomi's advice must not deter Ruth from taking the way to Bethlehem.—R. A. Watson.

The reply of Ruth to Naomi has been spiritualized somewhat as follows:

(1) *Whither thou goest, I will go:* it is blessed to go where God's people go, doing good in the Christian activity.

(2) *Where thou lodgest, I will lodge:* the rest of the Christian, the rest of faith, in the midst of toil, and the rest of heaven after it, are blessed.

(3) *Thy people shall be my people:* the Christian associations in this world and in the

world to come are the most delightful and honorable.

(4) *Thy God my God:* the Christian's God, to those who choose Him, is an infinite blessing.

(5) *Where thou diest I will die:* the Christian's place of death, whether on his bed, the battlefield, or the stormy ocean, is a blessed place, for it is just the gate of heaven.

(6) *And there will I be buried:* the Christian's place of burial, on land or sea, is blessed, for from this grave there shall be the resurrection of life.—Franklin Johnson.

Professor Moulton arranges Ruth's words in the form of poetry:

THE SONG OF LIFE'S DEVOTION

Entreat me not to leave thee,
And to return from following after thee;
For whither thou goest, I will go;
And where thou lodgest, I will lodge;
Thy people shall be my people;
And thy God my God;
Where thou diest I will die:
And there will I be buried;
The Lord do so to me,
And more also,
If aught but death part me and thee.

Jehovah is indeed the God of Israel, who visits His own to bless them; but He can equally bless the children of another people, and will deal very kindly with the foreign woman who comes to take refuge under His wings, and who said to her Hebrew mother-in-law, "Thy God shall be my God." He is gracious to Israel indeed, but no less to Moab, and her that cometh unto Him, of