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"Occupy Till I Come."

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Luke xix. 13.

A sacred trust my Lord to me has given :
The pounds are His, to use them is my
task.
Whether 'neath skies all bright or tempest
riven
His service leads, it is not mine to ask ;
He tells me not how long the time shall be
Till He shall deem it best to call me
home :
I only hear Him saying unto me,
"Occupy thou until I come."

He does not say that I may choose my toil,
And only do the things that please me
best ;

Nor does He tell me when I've served
awhile,

That I may lay his armor by and rest ;
But He asks for calm endurance to the end,
Alike through joy or pain, through light
or gloom,

And promises to be my guide and friend,
So I must occupy until He come.

How dare I, then, enwrap the precious
pounds

In folds of uselessness, and lay aside !
On every side rich fields of toil abound,
Where they may be increased and glori-
fied.

I may not understand why He to me
Gives but perchance one talent, while to
some

He gives the five or ten, yet faithfully
Must I still occupy until He come.

Why should it matter whether one or ten,
Since all are His, and but a trust retained
To use for Him, until He come again
To see how much my toil for Him has
gained.

But it DOES matter whether I, at last,
Among the faithless meet a bitter doom,
Or hear Him say to me, "Well done ; thou
hast
Been faithful till I come."

Corinth, Ont.

Love never goes back because it hears
a lion roar.