

Miscellany.

SELECTIONS.

A BENEDICTION.

"Ye shall be a blessing; fear not, but let your hands be strong."—ZECII. viii. 13.

GOD BLESS THEE TO-DAY with joy that never
Shall fade, beloved, away;
Thine be the portion that endureth ever
Through life's long, endless day.
Undying fruit shall spring from wintry hours,
Laid up before the Lord;
The rod doth blossom with celestial flowers,
According to His word.

Renew thy strength, and tread with true en-
deavour
The path thy Master trod;
Safe! for His seal proclaims thee His for ever,
Anointed with His blood.
So walk with Him, that every snare be taken
That would thy foot betray;
And own the love that called, hath ne'er for-
saken
The wanderer astray.

A little while to wait for His appearing,
And watch for Him to come;
And hear his voice of love, in tones endearing,
Welcome His loved ones home.
From faith to faith still follow Him, though
weeping,
And every whisper heed;
Sow thou the grain, and leave to Him the
reaping,
For he will bless thy seed.

Speak for the Master; He will guide thee duly
To wield the Spirit's sword;
Live for the Lord who bought thee. Serve
Him truly,
And He will bless thy word.
And all thy wealth, in Christ the Lord, pos-
sessing,
Thy soul shall rest above;
Take now His promise with my New Year's
blessing,
In token of His love.

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GOD'S OWN PEACE IN THE HEART.

THERE are two kinds of peace; there is peace of conscience, and there is peace of heart. We need the former, because sin defiles us; and the latter, because care oppresses us. It is not until we have found rest from the guilt of sin through faith in the blood of Jesus, that I can carry to Him the burden of my cares, and obtain this peace—God's own peace—in my heart. I now see Him exalted in my nature to the right hand of power; far beneath Him are those principalities and powers which would in restless malice disturb his church. Trial and care do but drive the child of God to the throne of grace, there to prove the efficacy of believing prayer. If true to this great privilege, there should be no carefulness; there may be abiding peace. This is God's peace, not because He gives it, but because He possesses it, seeing all things from the beginning, and ordering all things according to the counsel of his own will. It is God's own peace because it dwelt in the bosom of Jesus, when, "in the days of His flesh, He offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that he feared." Then what peace ensued! The world brings its business to the gates, and he disposes of it there; daily life carries its cares up to the very walls, and there meets with them; but no disturbing element finds lodgment in the heart; there all is unbroken peace.

HEAVENLY REALITIES.

"Oh, let my moments as they flee
Unfold my endless life in Thee."
"As the days of heaven upon the earth."—
DEUT. xi. 21.

Now that you have opened the door
to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as
your Saviour and King, will you not