

There have been hearts to love me, and eyes to smile on me,
There have been hours of sweetness, where pleasant pastures be,
There have been quiet places where the voice of God was heard,
And hope, and strength, and courage, were given with His word ;
And buoyantly the pathway my homeward feet have pressed,
And the day has brought its brightness, and the night has brought
its rest.

I can but sing of mercy, for God has led me on,
And I have known His kindness in all the years by-gone ;
And I do not fear the future, whate'er its weal or woe,
Since He will walk beside me, wherever I may go ;
His strong arm will enfold me, His love shall make me blest,
And the day will bring its brightness, and the night will bring its
rest.

I know there lies before me a shadow of deep gloom,
The rolling of the waters, and then the silent tomb ;
The rush and then the darkness, the gloaming, and the night,
But the Guide will stay beside me, and His smile will give me light ;
And I will say with gladness, as I die upon His breast,
" The day has brought its brightness, and the night has brought its
rest."

WALKING HEAVENWARD.

WALKING through the woods sometimes, the air around us seems filled with a strange perfume ; we look about to discover the cause, and find some delicate blossom, crushed by our footsteps, breathing out its life, thus first making us aware of its existence.

So it is often reserved for the touch of sorrow to express from our crushed and bleeding hearts a perfume whose fragrance shall linger around all our life-path, and gladden the waste places through which we pass with its sweetness.

Mid the darkness, we are drawn close to the heart of Christ, and taking the cup from His hand, we find that He has extracted from the draught its bitterness, and drinking it for His sake, it becomes sweetened to our taste.

His presence lightens all our way, and holding Him by the hand, on the "stepping-stones of our dead selves," we shall presently rise up to a nobler, purer life, a life "hid with Christ in God."

The reason so many are befogged on the question of entire consecration is that they parley with the enemy, and want to compromise the case.