

THE CLEANER.

"Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves."—Ruth 2; 7.

Thos. Somerville, Editor. "LET THERE BE LIGHT."

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THE LITTLE MAID.

2 Kings v.

What great events—what mighty things,
To trifles owe their birth ;
As noble rivers flow from springs
Half hidden in the earth.
This truth in that sweet tale is seen,
Whose freshness ne'er can fade,
Of leperous Naaman, cured and clean,
All through his little maid.

Though mighty he, and braver none,
And she a captive slave,
Yet could this weak, dependent one,
For him a blessing crave.
She Israel's holy prophet knew,
Her mind on God was stayed,
And words of faith and love he drew
From this same little maid.

She had but breathed her warm desire,
Her faith in God expressed,
When He conveyed the spark of fire
Into her master's breast.
He who on winds the seed can wing
To soil whence springs the blade,
To Naaman's heart His word could bring,
Spoke by the little maid.

The Leper to the Prophet went,
God's power and grace were seen,
And Naaman soon in worship bent ;
He'd washed and He was clean.
Thus by the weak was God made known,
His glory He displayed,
Through seed which He Himself had sown
By her, the little maid.

1 Corinthians i. 25-29.

You have something yet to learn
if you are a Christian, and yet are
not prepared to die.

THE FATHER'S HOUSE.

John xiv.

The Lord is leading His disciples
away from earth to associate their
minds with Himself up in heaven ;
all that He was, is borne witness to,
in spite of His rejection, as Son of
God, Son of David, Son of man.—
The Greeks come up to worship Him ;
then He states—If I am to take this
place I must die. He takes the
ground of having given up having to
say to His disciples, *as on earth* ; and
He tells them " If I wash thee not,
thou hast no part with me." His
having part with men, as men on the
earth, is all over : all have turned
against and rejected Him. He is
doing entirely another thing : instead
of bringing blessing down to them,
He is taking them up there. The
key to it all is, " part with Me."—
He gives us our portion on the ground
that He is thus going away. " Let
not your heart be troubled." How
were they to get the comfort of God ?
Not now by seeing Christ, but by
believing in Him for what He is.—
Therefore He says, " Ye believe in
God, believe also in ME." You must
believe in ME. I am going to pre-
pare a place for you, I have brought
you by redemption into the same
place as I am Myself. He is your
God as He is mine ; your Father as