

MY REFUGE.

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Thoughts suggested by a Sermon in Princeton Presbyterian church by Rev. J. Addison Henry, D. D.

In all my blindness be my sight,
In all my weakness be my might;
In every loss be Thou my gain,
Be Thou, dear Lord, my ease in pain.

Watch close beside me while I sleep,
Be thou my comfort when I weep;
Be Thou my guard, my guide, my stay,
That from Thee I may never stray.

O "Rock of Ages," let me hide
Within Thy wounded, pierced side,
Thou art the refuge of my soul
When angry billows o'er me roll.

Thou wast rejected, scourged and scorned,
And cruel thorns Thy brow adorned;
O "Friend of sinners" man of grief,
'Tis through Thy cross I find relief.

For me that heavy cross was borne,
For me that thorny crown was worn;
My Father, God, how can I show
The debt of gratitude I owe?

Thy "still small voice" in accents sweet,
Says "lay thy life at Jesus' feet;"
I come, I kneel, I hide in Thee,
Thou "Rock of Ages, cleft for me."

THE MOTHER AND HER BIBLE.

It is related of the mother of Bishop Jesse T. Peck that on one occasion, returning from a neighbour's to find her humble home on fire, she rushed into the burning building, and coming out with her eyebrows singed, she exclaimed, "I have got my Bible, the rest may go!" Referring to this incident in the presence of a large company of friends at his residence, a few months before his death, the Bishop took up that Bible, saying, "Here it is—the book out of which five sons studied theology under the tuition of my godly mother."

Speaking of a frequent excuse the *New York Christian Advocate* says ironically:—"If you don't like the minister you have no duties to perform. Not lik-

ing the minister absolves you from all responsibility. The fact that you 'don't like the minister' releases you from your vows. If you are a trustee, you need not take any further interest in the financial affairs of the congregation. The fact that the people entrusted you with certain duties, which you engaged to perform, is neither here nor there if you 'don't like the minister.' Of course you needn't pay anything if you 'don't like the minister.' Certainly not. The easiest of all ways to get rid of supporting the Church and its ordinances is simply to say, 'I don't like the minister.' Of course you need not go to the prayer meeting. Why should a man pray if he 'doesn't like the minister'?"

There are a hundred things which you cannot do, and which you are not called upon to do; but you can always do what is your duty here and now. There are a thousand places which you might conceivably fill; but the fact remains that at the present moment you are only called to fill one place. Do the one thing; fill the one place. He who sees all things and all places will take care of the rest.

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