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## The Loving Kindness.

Not always the path is easy;  
There are thickets hung with gloom,  
There are rough and stony places,  
Where never the roses bloom.  
But oft when the way is hardest,  
I am conscious of One at my side,  
Whose hands and whose feet are wounded,  
And I'm happy and safe with my Guide.

Better than friends and kindred,  
Better than love and rest,  
Dearer than hope and triumph,  
Is the name I wear on my breast.  
I feel my way through the shadows,  
With a confident heart and brave.  
I shall live in the light beyond them,  
I shall conquer death and the grave.

Often, when tried and tempted,  
Often ashamed of sin,  
That, strong as an armed invader,  
Has made wreck of the peace within,  
That wonderful loving-kindness,  
Patient and full and free,  
Has stooped for my consolation,  
Has brought a blessing to me.

Therefore my lips shall praise thee,  
Therefore, let come what may,  
To the height of a solemn gladness,  
My song shall arise to-day.  
Not on the drooping willow  
Shall I hang my harp in the land,  
When the Lord himself has cheered me  
By the touch of his pierced hand.  
—Margaret E. Sangster.

## Good Advice From New Brunswick.

"The Home Department has been adopted by many of our schools through the province, but a large number, about seven hundred and fifty, have not yet

started one. We often hear them say: "Our field is too small, and the Home Department is only meant for large villages or cities, where there are more people than in our neighbourhood." But we are glad to say that a department can be started with one member, and surely there must be one in the neighbourhood, who for some reason or other cannot attend the regular school session, and who would be greatly helped, and can we not say, may be won to Christ? We are sure that if the superintendents or pastors will only look over their congregation they will see one, yes, more than one, who ought to be a member of the Sunday-school through the Home Department."

A correspondent expresses a wish for blackboard exercises on the lessons, which have more picture and less printing. A good many teachers prefer the printing, because almost anybody can make the letters, while few can make the drawings. For those who wish the drawings, however, the blackboard exercises in the Primary Department towards the end of The Banner each month, may be used. As, for instance, those on pages 115, 117, 119, and 121 of the February Banner.

One of the most valued of our exchanges is The Sunday-school International Evangel." It has a fine staff of contributors, among them B. F. Jacobs, the foremost lay Sunday-school workman in the world, and our own Dr. Potts, who contributes every week an article on the spiritual and ethical aspects of the Sunday-school lessons. We would be happy to quote these, but we go to press before they reach us.