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

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CHRIST, THE SOUL'S TRUST.

"Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." Psalm ii. 12.

My soul, trust HIM alone,
The Saviour of mankind ;
The atoning work is done,
No part is left behind ;
Then put thy trust in Him alone,
And say in faith that all is done.

He came the lost to save,
Came to the shameful tree ;
His precious life He gave,
To set the captive free ;
Amazing grace ! He shed His blood
That I might be brought nigh to God.

And, lo ! He rose again
Victorious o'er the grave ;
Death could not Him detain,
Proof of His right to save :
His resurrection testified
That, trusting Him, I'm justified.

Then why not simply trust
In Him whom grace has given ?
He is the sinner's boast,
None else in earth or heaven :
In Him alone salvation is,
The claim to have me trust is His.

Go on in trust, with joy,
Leave all for that blest One ;
Retain no earthly toy,
He 's enough alone ;
He all will be along the road,
And bring thee to His bright abode.

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A SAILOR'S CONVERSION.

My work in our Lord's vineyard has been chiefly among sailors and fishermen, and well do I remember visiting one who through ill health had been

compelled to retire from a sea-faring life. His had been a rough and stormy life both on the ocean and at home.—A heavy sea broke over his vessel one day, sweeping the decks and hurling him with terrific force against her bulwarks, at the same time causing rupture of a blood vessel, which was followed by a lingering sickness.

While visiting in his Ice City, I went to see him. He came to the door and said, "Come in and see me, Mr. J.?"

I replied, "certainly William, with pleasure."

Having heard that he was sceptically inclined, I looked to the Lord for grace and wisdom to speak faithfully and lovingly to him as to his soul's need of Christ and His precious blood for the forgiveness of his sins.

He opened the subject himself by saying with a deep sigh, "Oh, that I knew that I was free from damnation," when I at once pointed him to the finished work of our adorable Lord and Saviour whose precious blood had made full atonement for all his sins.

The Word of God entered like a ploughshare into his soul, turning up the fallow ground and causing deep conviction of sin. It was some time before he was enabled to grasp the truth, but after further exercise of soul, he turned the eye of faith to Him who had made peace through the blood of His cross, and so passed from death unto life.