

earthly concernment arouses us from our reverie, and we wake and behold it is a dream.

"No book but God's own has been so honoured to lift up the cross amid the far-off nations of mankind. The Italian has read it under the shadow of the Vatican, and the modern Greek amid the ruins of Athens; it has blessed the Armenian trafficker, and it has calmed the fierce Malay; it has been carried up the far rivers of Burmah, and it has drawn tears from the dark eyes in the cinnamon groves of Ceylon. The Bechuanas in their wild woods have rejoiced in its simple story; it has been as the elixir of palms and fountains to the Arab wayfarer; it has nerved the Malagasy for a Faithful's martyrdom, or for trial of cruel mockings and tortures more intolerable than death. The Hindoo has yielded to its spell by Gunga's sacred stream; and, crowning triumph! Hebrews have read it on the slopes of Olivet, or on the banks of Kedron; and the tender-hearted daughters of Salem, descendants of those who wept for the sufferings of Jesus, have wept over it for themselves and for their children."

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## THE ANGEL OF HIS PRESENCE.

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"And the angel of His presence saved them."—ISA. liii. 92.

Oh! how sweet it is to hide

In my Saviour, to abide

In His arms of love, which on the cross for me extended wide,  
With the angel of His presence for my guardian and my guide.

How His love my spirit fills!

Till my utmost being thrills!

He will ever keep from evil, and preserve my soul from ills;  
Yes! the angel of His presence every doubt and terror stills.

Oh! how truly I am blest,

And of every good possessed,

While His presence still goes with me, and will always give me rest,  
Even the angel of His presence to be my spirit's guest.

He will never let me stray;

A glowing cloud by day,

And a bright and fiery pillar upon my nightly way,  
The mighty Covenant Angel will always with me stay.

When this mortal life is o'er,

And the chains of earth no more

Can detain my ransomed spirit upon time's ragged shore;

Lo! the angel of His presence will save me evermore.