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ONWARD.

Traveller, faint not on the road;
Droop not in the parching sun:
Onward, onward with thy load,
Till the night be won.
Swerve not, though thy bleeding feet
Fain the narrow path would leave;
From the burden and the heat
Thou shalt rest at eve.

'Midst a world that round thee fades,
Brightening stars and twilight life;
When a sacred calm pervades
All that now is strife;
Rich the joy to be revealed
In that hour from labor free,
Bright the splendors that shall yield
Happiness to thee.

Master of a holy charm,
Yet be patient on thy way;
Use the spell and check the harm
That would lead astray.
From the petty cares that teem,
Turn thee with prophetic eye,
To the glory of that dream
Which shall never die.

By the mystery of thy trust;
By the grandeur of that hour
When mortality and dust
Clothed eternal power;
By the purple robe of shame,
The mockery, and the insulting rod,
By the anguish that o'ercame
The incarnate God.

Faint not! fail not! be thou strong,
Cast away distrust and fear;
Though the weary day seems long,
Yet the night is near.
Friends and kindred wait beyond—
They who passed the trial pure;
Traveller, by that holy bond,
Shrink not to endure.

-The Changed Cross.

CARNALITY.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF PERFECT OBEDIENCE.

Hitherto in our writings we have been looking at this subject from the standpoint of imperfect obedience.

From the outlook of perfect obedience there is a wonderful change of land-scape; so glorious and satisfying is the whole picture, that the many points which seem of sufficient importance for lengthened consideration from the other outlook, seem now lost to view, flooded out of sight by the glory that excelleth.

From the experience of perfect obedience Scripture expressions retain their face value, and do not require to be modified by explanatory or circumscribing clauses. "Take no thought for the morrow" loses the human addition, anxious, and so radiates with unalloyed light the pure light of heaven. "Be perfect as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," stands out clear and definite, freed from the usual accompanying shadows caused by added speculations concerning mistakes and infirmities.

So, too, the Bible language concerning a new creature, new birth, preserved blameless, walking worthy of God unto all pleasing, doing God's will on earth as it is done in heaven, proving what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God, doing His will and having right to the tree of life, falls into line and speaks to the heart a simple, easily understood language that needs no learned disquisitions to make it acceptable; for they only represent different phases of realized Christian experience.

And so it comes to pass that it is a