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Resting in God.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN.

Since thy Father's arm sustains thee,
Peaceful be;
When a chastening hand restrains thee,
It is he.
Know his love in full completeness
Fills the measure of thy weakness;
If he wound thy spirit sore,
Trust him more.

Without murmur, uncomplaining,
In his hand
Lay whatever things thou canst not
Understand.
Though the world thy folly spurneth,
From thy faith in pity turneth,
Peace thy inmost soul shall fill,
Lying still.

Like an infant, if thou thinkest
Thou canst stand;
Childlike, proudly putting forth
Thy efforts hand,
Courage soon is changed to fear,
Strength doth hesitate, opposed
To the force of those above,
Be still, good.

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Of this tender Shepherd's care;
Ask him not, then, "When?" or "How?"
Only bow.

—*Tract Journal.*

David Stoner.

"Lord, what is it that?" I think if Mr. Brum- [illegible] within fifty miles I would [illegible] to the origin which we shall pray for [illegible]

[illegible] lations, which, "if they do not come of evil, do not tend to good." He endeavoured to promote recollectedness in penitently awakened minds, that they might present themselves rightly before God in prayer, and distinctly apprehend his gracious promises. A brother itinerant testifies respecting his labours on York circuit, that "a multitude, both of men and women, believed; a great proportion of whom continue to hold fast their confidence. At least four hundred persons were added to the Lord; and though not exclusively by his instrumentality, yet he was an eminent instrument in the good which was done."

In 1825 it was deemed necessary to divide the circuit, and the work deepened remarkably. Such was the intense earnestness of Stoner's spirit that his appeals were almost irresistible. The value of a single soul was to him worth the labour of a lifetime. "Praise the Lord for one," he exclaims, "but I want thousands. It is my daily prayer. Lord lay on my heart the burden of souls. Let me feel for souls. Give me souls."

The good Joseph Entwisle shared the labours of Stoner on Bradford circuit. "The work of God still goes on," he writes in the beginning of 1825, "in this circuit souls are made to hear to repentance. What more should we need? Many souls are [illegible] to apply to God on the cross. The day times are moving through the whole country and in some places the sermons of the ministers of Christ is spread around. [illegible] Wherever we go we see the [illegible] of the Church, the [illegible] [illegible] preaching of sinners [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]