

who have had your advantages are needed to protect the sanctities of the Home, to further the enterprises of the Church, to preserve the order of Society, and to ensure the safety of the State. Wisdom as well as love is needed. When a child is smitten with disease, it taxes all the love of the parent and all the skill of the physician to bring about the restoration. Much more in the service of the Church, and of Society, and of the State do we need the skill and wisdom, as well as the most generous devotion.

Take with you, therefore, this ideal of Christian culture, and then whilst your opportunities have been great, and your responsibilities are great—great, too, will be your work and your reward.

HITHERTO.

BY ANNIE CLARKE.

FOR the way Thy love has led us, we give thanks and sing
Praises to our Shepherd-Saviour, glory to our King.
And the future we can face rejoicing in Thy name,
For the love that blessed our past is evermore the same.

Thou hast led us, we have followed—oft with faltering feet,
By the thronging haunts of men, and up the busy street ;
Then alone with Thee, along some pathway drear and bare,
Learning precious truths Thou couldst not teach us elsewhere.

By still waters, flowing softly through the pastures fair,
Leafy shade and sunny gleam, and fragrance in the air ;
Resting, safely sheltered, till we heard Thy whispered "Come !"
And we left the pleasant pastures for a valley-gloom.

And oft-times we toiled with crosses that were hard to bear,
When our song sank into silence, praises into prayer ;
Till we trusted Thee more fully, understood Thy word,
And we cast our burdens on our burden-bearing Lord.

Up the steep and stony mountain, to its utmost height,
Where we saw Thee changed, transfigured, clothed in shining white ;
And when we would linger, heard Thee say in tender tone,
"Come with Me, I may not tarry ; will ye stay *alone* ?"

Shine and shadow, calm and storm, with changing loss or gain,
But we found a compensating sweetness in the pain ;
For we proved Thee very strong to comfort us and bless,
And we proved as ne'er before Thy heart of tenderness.

Jesus, we have found Thee true ! Thy mercy never fails,
Though we try Thee daily, sorely, ever love avails ;
Thou hast met our sin with cleansing, been a faithful Guide,
And when we have faltered, drawn us closer to Thy side.

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