

all your sins, comfort you in all your sorrows, and, as your heart and flesh fail, to be the strength of your heart and your portion for ever.

Dear friends who have believed through grace, try to live out your blessedness more, that those around you may see how true is the word of your God—that the righteous shall hold on his way and grow stronger and stronger, that while the outward man perishes, the inward man is renewed day by day.

Happy believers, well may the thought of "Friends ahead" delight your soul, for yet a little while and you will have come "unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels; to the general assembly and church of the firstborn which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant."

Surrey,

S. R.

Christ Before You.

"It is one of the traditions of the age of chivalry, that a Scottish king, when dying, bequeathed his heart to the most trusted and beloved of his nobles, to be carried to Palestine. Enclosing the precious deposit in a golden case, and suspending it from his neck, the knight went out with his companions. He found himself, when on his way to Syria, hardly pressed by the Moors of Spain. To animate himself to supernatural efforts, as it were, that he might break through his thronging foes, he snatched the charge entrusted to him from his neck, and flinging it into the midst of his enemies, exclaimed—'FORTH, HEART OF BRUCE! as thou wast wont, and Douglass will follow thee or die!' And so he perished, in the endeavor to reclaim it from the trampling feet of the infidels, and to force his way out.—Even such will you feel your own position to be, when encountering the hosts of heathenism. Your Master's heart has flung itself in advance of your steps. In the rushing crowds that

withstand you, there is not one whom that heart has not cared for and pitied, however hostile and debased, unlovely and vile.—It is your business to follow the leadings of his heart, and to pluck it, as it were, from beneath the feet of those who, in ignorance and enmity, would tread it in the dust."—*Dr. Williams.*

Salvation.

Salvation! what a glorious plan,
How suited to our need!
The grace that raises fallen man
Is wonderful indeed!

'Twas wisdom form'd the vast design
To ransom us when lost;
And love's unfathomable mine
Provided all the cost.

Strict Justice, with approving look,
The holy covenant seal'd;
And Truth and Power undertook
The whole should be fulfill'd.

Truth, Wisdom, Justice, Power and Love
In all their glory shone,
When Jesus left the courts above,
And died to save his own.

Truth, Wisdom, Justice, Power and Love
Are equally displayed;
Now Jesus reigns enthron'd above,
Our Advocate and Head.

Now sin appears deserving death,
Most hateful and abhor'd;
And yet the sinner lives by faith,
And dares approach the Lord.

MILTON.

There is one sure way of giving freshness and importance to the most commonplace maxims—that of reflecting on them in direct reference to our own state and conduct, to our own past and future being.—[Coleridge.

In order to learn, we must attend: in order to profit by what we have learnt, we must think—that is reflect. He only thinks who reflects.—[Coleridge.