

wilderness journey. It is altogether probable that they were tempted to question whether they were in the right way, a part of the time at least. They had some very cloudy days and many a rough obstacle lay in the way before them. They were subject to pinching deprivations at times and had numerous enemies to contend against. It would be a long story to tell of all the vexations and vicissitudes through which they had to pass, and they doubtless thought they had good reason for doubting whether the Lord was ever with them, leading them in the right way. And yet, if they really believed that he was leading them, they could not reasonably have avoided the conclusion that it must have been the right way they were walking in, for God always leads his people in the right way, however wrong it may seem to them. Now, as individuals, and as followers of the Lord, we may be sure he leads us in the right way. True, the way is not always to our liking. It would be strange indeed if with such imperfect natures as we have, we should always think that the way we are obliged to tread is just right. In fact we are often inclined to think that it is not. It is too rough in some places, to suit our natural tastes and desires. We frequently get discouraged, and are then in just the mood to think that some other way would be better for us. How we complain! What hard thoughts we indulge in! But after all is it not much better, vastly better, to be led by our great Lord than to be led by our own weak minds? What sincere Christian, when he calmly thinks about it, wants to dismiss the Lord's leadership? Before we submitted to his leadership, did we not have a harder road to travel than we now have, under him? Yes, indeed! There is only one right way for us to walk in, and that way is the Lord's way, and he knows every inch of it and is supremely competent to lead us in it. He goes before us and we are to follow Him.—*Witness.*

#### HOW JESUS MADE A DARK HEART LIGHT.

“SOME years ago,” says Bishop Whipple of Minnesota, “an Indian stood at my door, and as I opened the door he knelt at my feet. Of course I bade him not to kneel. He said: ‘My

father, I only knelt because my heart is warm to a man who pitied the red man. I am a wild man. My home is five hundred miles from here. I knew that all of the Indians east of the Mississippi had perished, and I never looked into the faces of my children that my heart was not sad. My father had told me of the Great Spirit, and I have often gone out in the woods and tried to talk to Him.’ Then he said so sadly, as he looked in my face: ‘You don’t know what I mean. You never stood in the dark and reached out your hand and could not take hold of anything. And I heard one day that you had brought to the red man a wonderful story of the Son of the Great Spirit.’ That man sat as a child, and he heard anew the story of the love of Jesus. And when we met again he said, as he laid his hand on his heart, ‘It is not dark; it laughs all the while.’”—*Selected*

#### HYMNALS!

WE HAVE a quantity of Association Hymnals, such as appeared in the July number of the EXPOSITOR, on hand and which will be sent to all parties desiring them. Price, at the rate of fifty cents per hundred.

Professor Drummond has written a new booklet which is attracting much attention in Great Britain. It is intitled, “The City without a Church,” and is based upon the declaration in Revelation: “I, John, saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. . . . And I saw no temple therein. And His servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be written on their foreheads.” An exchange says: “The whole argument of this profoundly Christian utterance may be summed up in sentences which Professor Drummond himself quotes from an Oxford University preacher: ‘The old Jerusalem was all temple. The mediæval church was all temple. But the ideal of the new Jerusalem is—no temple, but a God-inhabited society.’” The phrase, “a God-inhabited society,” is the most apt, significant and suggestive that we have seen for many a day. There is wrapped up in those few words the essence of the whole Gospel of Christ as it should be applied to society.