

order of Life. 'The infinite and loving Father speaks to us in the closing and opening years. 'The exalted and compassionate Saviour calls us to himself, that he may guide us to Life — to Life eternal, and more abundant — to Life which shall endure when the passing years shall be no more, and time itself shall be no longer.

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“ ACKNOWLEDGE HIM.”

“ In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy path.”—  
PROV. iii. 6.

Oh ! when thy course through life is bright,  
 Thy path bestrewed with flowers,  
 When skies unclouded greet thy sight,  
 And sunny all thy hours ;  
 When happiness thy cup o'erflows  
 High sparkling o'er the brim,  
 Think on His hand who all bestows —  
 Oh, then, “ acknowledge Him.”

But should adversity's dark day  
 Succeed thy cloudless heaven ;  
 Should Joy's sweet cup be dashed away,  
 And Sorrow's chalice given ;  
 Should thy torn heart in anguish sigh,  
 While tears thine eyes bedim,  
 Oh ! *yet* a Father's love descry —  
*Still, still* “ acknowledge Him.”

Thus, 'mid thy joys, and in thy woes,  
 To Him thy soul direct,  
 And from life's dawning to its close,  
 He will thy steps protect ;  
 And when earth's fleeting scenes before  
 Thy fading vision swim,  
 Supported by a heavenly power,  
 Thou 'lt *still* “ acknowledge Him.