

"Oh, no! Here is one bond, and I will read it to you. It is in the old family Bible and reads as follows: '*I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.*'"

His wife inquired, "Do you call that a bond?"

Yes," he replied, "it is the Word of God, and cannot fail."

God's bonds are better than ours.

"His oath, His covenant and blood,
Support me 'neath the swelling flood;
When all around, my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay."

Dr. Brown, in his "*Horae Subsecivae*" tells of a Scottish believer, who was questioned by her pastor regarding the ground of her faith as follows: "Janet, what would you say, if after all He has done for you, God should let you drop into hell? "E'ens (even as) He likes," answered Janet: "if He does, He'll lose na'ir than I'll do," meaning that He would lose His honor for truth and goodness. Therefore the Lord cannot leave His people in the hour of their need.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, NO NEVER, NO NEVER FORSAKE,"

Says Dr. Adam Clarke. "God's ability is so necessarily connected with His *willingness*, that the one indisputably implies the other; for, of what consequence, would it be to tell the Church of God that He had the *power to do* so and so, if there were not implied an assurance that he *will* do what His power *can*, and what the soul of man needs to have done."

Show me a token for good, cries the humble, sup-