

THE CLEANER.

"Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves."—Ruth 2; 7.

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BREAD UPON THE WATERS.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. xi.

'Mid the losses and the gains;
'Mid the pleasures and the pains,
'Mid the hopings and the fears,
And the restlessness of years,
We repeat this passage o'er—
We believe it more and more—
Bread upon the waters cast,
Shall be gathered at the last.

Gold and silver, like the sands,
Will keep slipping through our hands;
Jewels, gleaming like a spark,
Will be hidden in the dark;
Sun and moon and stars will pale,
But these words will never fail,
Bread upon the waters cast,
Shall be gathered at the last.

Soon, like dust, to you and me,
Will our earthly treasure be;
But the loving word and deed
To a soul in bitterest need,
They will not forgotten be,
They will live eternally—
Bread upon the water cast,
Shall be gathered at the last.

Fast the moments slip away,
Soon our mortal powers decay,
Low and lower sinks the sun,
What we do must soon be done;
Then what rapture, if we hear
'Thousand voices ringing clear,
Bread upon the waters cast,
Shall be gathered at the last.

CONVINCED.

A man once said to a servant of the Lord, "I am such a helpless,

miserable sinner, there is no hope for me. I have prayed, and resolved and tried, and vowed until I am sick of my unavailing efforts." "Do you believe that Christ died for your sins, and rose again?" was the reply. "Of course I do." "If He were here on the earth in bodily and visible form, what would you do?" "I would tell Him that I am a lost sinner." "What would you ask of Him?" "I would ask Him to forgive and save me." "What would He answer?" The man was silent. "What would He answer?" The man was still silent.

At last the light came into his eyes, and a smile of peace stole over his face, as he whispered, "He would answer, 'I will!'" and the man went away believing, rejoicing with joy unspeakable, and full of glory, and since that time has been working faithfully for the Christ who saved him for nothing.

ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.

It is very wonderful to contemplate the way of the grace of God to a poor sinner; the depths from which it rescues him, and the heights in which it sets him. If we look only at ourselves, even after the knowledge of this grace has filled our hearts with peace and joy, we can never understand why a holy