ordinary layman. The duty of asceti cism, exercised of course in accordance with common sense as well as conscience, if set forth without any shrink ing timidity, and enforced with some show of reason, will, without doubt, in time arouse the spirit of self sacrifice and manhness that is by no means wanting in Scotch people; but it is high time to urge the practice of fast ing, not as a counsel of perfection, or as a piece of advice of uncertain value, but as an obligation on all Church people according to their several capacities. A person accepts the rules of his club or society, and loyally does his best as a man of honour to uphold their authority. Let the clergy stir up the same spirit of faithfulness to the Church's rule of fasting by urging the duty courageously and firmly, and at the same time with "the sweet reason ableness' -to use the phrase of a wellknown writer-which was one of the main characteristics of Him in whose honour and after whose example the Lenten fast is enjoined.

He Chose This Path for Thee.

He chose this path for thee; No feeble chance, no hard, relentless fate, But love, His love, hath placed thy footsteps here. He knew the way was rough and desolate, Knew how thy heart would often sink with fear. Yet tenderly He whispered, "Child, I see This path is best for thee."

He chose this path for thee,

Though well He knew sharp thorns would touch thy feet,

Knew how the brambles would obstruct the way, knew all the hidden dangers thou wouldst meet, Knew how thy fate would falter day by day, And still the whisper echoed, "Yes, I see This path is best for thee."

He chose this path for thee,

And well He knew that thou must tread alone Its gloomy vales, and ford each flowing stream. Knew how thy bleeding heart would sobbing moan,

" Dear Lord, to wake and find it all a dream." Love scanned it all, yet still could say, "I see This path is best for thee."

He chose this path for thee;

What needest thou more? The swe-ter truth to

That all along these strange, bewildering ways O'er rocky steeps, and where dark rivers flow, His loving arms will bear thee "al' the days;" A few more steps, and thou thyself shall see This path is best for thee.

-T. H. Wilson.

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