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Thy Way—Not Mine.

THY way, not mine. O Lord,
However dark it be!
Lead me by Thine own hand,
Choose out the path for me.

Smooth let it be or rough,
It will be still the best;
Winding or straight, it leads
Right onward to Thy rest.

I dare not choose my lot:
I would not, if I might;
Choose Thou for me, my God,
So shall I walk aright.

The kingdom that I seek
Is Thine; so let the way
That leads to it be Thine,
Else I must surely stray.

Take Thou my cup, and it
With joy or sorrow fill,
As best to Thee may seem;
Choose Thou my good and ill.

Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me,
My poverty or wealth.

Not mine, not mine the choice,
In things or great or small;
Be Thou my guide, my strength,
My wisdom, and my all.—*Bonar.*

Losing Scholars.

MANY a child is lost, forever lost, out of a Sabbath-school class, when, seemingly, a single visit from the teacher would have restored him to the influence of that Sabbath home.

A professed Christian, who had been long living in neglect of his church-covenant vow, was led to return to his first love, and to re-consecrate himself to Christ's service. In making confession before the church, he stated sadly, that little by little he had gone back and down from the right way, and this in full sight of his brother members—not one of whom had ever laid a hand tenderly on him, and asked him to do better.

Ah! there are many such step-by-step wanderers from the Sabbath-school fold. Let no teacher be so faithless that his scholar can speak thus of his neglect.

John B. Gough was rescued through a tap on the shoulder and a kind word from Joel Stratton; and Dr. Cuyler beautifully suggests that in the thunders of applause at Gough's triumphs in Exeter Hall, or the Academy of music, he hears the echoes of that tap and those loving words of sympathy.

The teacher who follows his Sabbath-schooler as he is led astray, or is becoming heedless and unstable, may speak a word for Jesus and that scholar's soul, echoes of which shall be heard in the song of the redeemed eternally.—*Exchange.*