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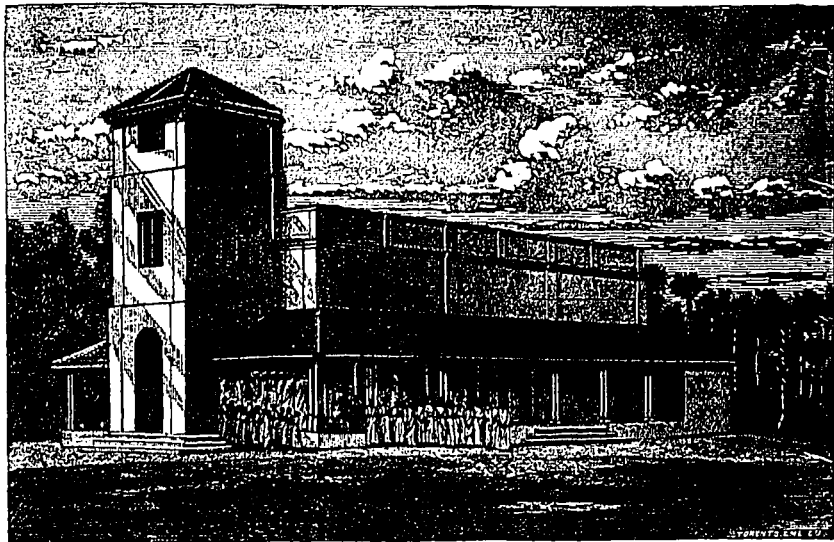
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"Oh, take me Nearer to Him."

"The mother of the faintly lost her reason some time ago. It is sad to see her, but most wonderfully she remembers what she wrote of Ladhana about the Lord Jesus, and is so longing for Him, who says to me, 'Please show me the Lord Jesus. He will cure my heart, sing of Him.' I did so, and she listened thoughtfully, and then said, 'Oh, take me nearer to Him, the very nearest you can, I am so ill.' Letter from Miss C. Theude, India."

TAKE me nearer to your Jesus;
 Scarce I know of whom I speak;
 But my life is very weary,
 And my heart is very weak,
 And you say that He can help me,
 That the Christ of woman-kind
 Will not spurn my simple pleading,
 He my sorrow will not scorn.

Take me nearer if you love Him,
 To His throne, you know the way;
 Let your stronger faith support me,
 Teach my lips the words to say,
 Help, oh! help me find His presence,
 For my feet in darkness grope,
 I may die and never find Him,
 Christ my last, my only hope!

Take me nearer to the Healer!
 For my soul is sick with sin,
 And I need the strong Life Giver,
 Who can make me new within,
 And I need the tender Shepherd,
 Who will lift me to His breast,
 And content my longing spirit
 With His love, and home, and rest.

Take me nearer, ever nearer!
 For I faint beneath the weight
 Of the burdened life I carry,
 And I dread to meet the fate,
 Which must come, or soon or later,
 With its swift and stealthy tread,
 To enshroud my soul in darkness
 With the cold and silent dead.

Take me nearer to your Jesus!
 And the blessing yours shall be
 Of a soul that near to perish
 From the captor is set free;
 And another star in glory
 So shall shine to Jesus' praise,
 And another heart shall love Him
 Through the bright eternal days.

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