

*and I unto the world."* We are risen with Christ, and His cross stands as the measure of separation between us and the world.

*A pilgrim through this lonely world,  
The blessed Saviour pass'd  
A mourner all His life was He,  
A dying Lamb at last.*

That tender heart that felt for all,  
For all its life-blood gave;  
It found on earth no resting-place,  
Save only in the grave.

*Such was our Lord—and shall we fear  
The cross with all its scorn?  
Or love a faithless, evil world,  
That wreath'd His brow with thorn?*

*No! facing all its frowns or smiles,  
Like Him, obedient still,  
We homeward press through storm or  
calm,  
To Zion's blessed hill.*

In tents we dwell amid the waste,  
Nor turn aside to roam  
In folly's paths, nor seek our rest  
Where JESUS had no home.

*Dead to the world with Him who died  
To win our hearts—our love,  
We, risen with our risen Head,  
In spirit dwell above.*

*The British Herald.*

### A WILLING SAVIOUR AND UN- WILLING SINNERS.

"Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life"—JOHN v. 40.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the only almighty, and loving Saviour of fallen, guilty and lost mankind. He came into the world to save, he died on the cross to save, he is exalted in heaven to save, and "he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him"—Heb. vii. 25.

And his love is as great as his power; he is as willing as he is able. Do you doubt this? Then why did he come into this world at all? why the labours of his life, and the sorrows of his death? and why this language of his lips, "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life?"

Yes, life, eternal life will be found by all

who come to the Lord Jesus Christ, and seek for that inestimable blessing, that saving, sovereign and crowning good.—"This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"—1 John v. 11. 12.

But coming to Christ is indispensable to the obtaining of eternal life by Christ. "Come," he says, "and I will give you rest." "Come unto me and drink," and in no wise shall any be cast out who do come. The Spirit says come, the Church says come, and all hearing the word are authorised to repeat it until the whole world shall hear. All who come shall live, but all refusers are doomed to die, and to perish for ever.

O then, for the grace of a willing heart and mind to listen to the Saviour's voice, believe in his name, and trust in his blood and righteousness for forgiveness, cleansing and acceptance in the sight of God! Surely each possessor of that grace will say—

"Now, Lord, I would be thine alone,  
And wholly live to thee;  
But may I hope that thou wilt own,  
A worthless worm like me?"

Yes; though of sinners I'm the worst,  
I cannot doubt thy will;  
For if thou hadst not loved me first,  
I had refused thee still."

But on the other hand, how infinitely deplorable is an unwillingness to come to Jesus Christ for life—life eternal! No groan is deep enough to deplore it, no power of language is sufficient to depict it—the ignorance, insensibility, ingratitude, madness and wickedness, of such unwillingness here, and the frightful consequences hereafter. Ye backward, unwilling, delaying sinners, will ye hear and heed the Saviour's language of rebuke and lamentation, as with mournful attitude, having heart streaming eyes, he says, "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life."—*Gospel Trumpet.*

If good people would but make goodness agreeable, and smile instead of frowning in their virtue, how many would they win to the good cause.—Archbishop Usher.