

The Netter Springs.

weakness that we travel on thin ice. For then the tempter, who is far more subtle than we are, takes the advantage and we find our boasted conquest of self is sham and pretence. But the soul that, conscious of its weakness and utter helplessness, throws itself upon Jesus to be kept, can never be put to shame, for then the word and the honor of our Lord are at stake. Let us take our weakness and lay it trustingly at the feet of Jesus, not in the hope or with the prayer that He will remove it, and make us strong, but in the assurance that He will substitute for our weakness His might; for our vileness, His purity; for our falseness, His truth; for our doubts, His faith; for our defeats, His victory; and for our life, His life. And He will.

Let us not decide to do our best and trust God to help us to carry out our resolution. This has been the road to failure and defeat, so many, many times, and yet it looks so promising. We say, surely God will help the soul that has fully resolved to do its best, and He will assist it to carry out its resolution, so long as it is earnestly and sincerely made. And we have made the effort to do our best, both earnestly and sincerely, and have trusted Jesus to help us, and the result has been failure and chagrin. With shame and discouragement we have owned that we