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"That will make your cheerful feet,

"In swift obedience move;

"The devils know and tremble too,

"But Satan cannot love."

Brethren, we feel concerned for the cause of God; we feel concerned for your spiritual prosperity. We know the Grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared unto all men, (Jews and Gentiles,) teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world," &c. You are its disciples. How do you progress in the school? Are you growing in Grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST? We know there may be a form, without the power of true Religion. True Christians may be too formal; that is, they may have little but the form, and sometimes too small a share of that. O lamentable! that the children of a King, the King of Heaven, should be groveling here below, fond of these tri-

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