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"Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves."—Ruth 2; 7.

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JESUS CHRIST TO-DAY AND EVER.

Jesus Christ to-day, to-morrow,
Yesterday, and evermore !
Jesus Christ, the man of sorrows,
Thee we worship, Thee adore :
For the love, the wondrous grace,
Jesus Christ shall have all praise.

Jesus Christ, the Man in glory,
Once a stranger here on earth,
Came to teach the wondrous story
Of the new, the second birth,
Came to die on Calvary's tree,
That the sinner may go free !

Jesus Christ, once marred and smitten,
Thou hast died but not in vain,
E'en Thy Father's face was hidden.
In Thy greatest need and pain !
None to understand Thy part,
None to take it much to heart.

We rejoice and Thou rejoicest,
For Thy suffering, Lord, is o'er,
On Thy Father's throne now seated,
Thou wilt reign forevermore.
Glad Thy coming draweth nigh,
Soon we'll meet Thee in the sky.

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DARKNESS AND LIGHT.

Some years ago there was a young lady of fashion who occupied with her friends and the gay world around her, cared nothing for the future. She was remarkably talented and beautiful, and so fitted to be the centre of a large circle, that on-lookers would have said she possessed all that could be desired. But "she that liveth in

pleasure is dead while she liveth" 1 Tim. v. 6, shows us very plainly that God's estimate is other than man's. Satan has so arranged the world that we may become enamoured of the place wherein he is god and prince, John xiv. 30; 2 Cor. iv. 4, and forget about death, judgment, and eternity; but the Lord Jesus has entered his realm, He has spoiled the goods of the strong man, Matt. xii. 29, and, by His death on the cross, made a way of escape for those who were under the devil's dominion.

It is so blessed to know what God's will for a sinner is. Jesus said, "This is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life." John vi. 40. Shall I tell you how God had His way with this poor young lady? He made His voice to be heard in her soul; I cannot now tell you by what means, but suddenly she became miserable. She frequented no more places of worldly amusement, she gave up all she had heretofore cared for, and was such a recluse that her friends thought her the victim of some delusion, or that she had lost her reason. Far from it. "He that departeth from evil is accounted mad," (Isa. lix. 15, margin,) by the world, but in heaven "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God