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THY WORD IS A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.

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Ye are my friends if YE do whatsoever I command you.

Without Me ye can DO nothing.

Know ye not that the FRIENDSHIP of the world is ENMITY to God?

Whosoever therefore will be a FRIEND of the world, is the ENEMY of God.

John xv. 14, 5; Jas. iv. 4.

WHAT a happiness it is to have Jesus for our friend! What can we want beside? The greater the distress in which we are plunged—the more zealous will he be for our rescue. All power is his, in heaven and on earth; what therefore, have his friends to fear! His love is unparalleled; and he has given the greatest possible proof of it, by laying down his life for his enemies. Greater love hath no one. What a friend must he be, who though so highly exalted,

can weep with us! Who would not trust him, love him, and seek his friendship? Oh, gracious Saviour, thou suest for our friendship, first and most of all, and sayest, "Give me, my son, thy heart." "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden; I will give you rest." "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." "I am come to seek and save that which is lost." He even entreats—for Christ beseeches you through us—"Be ye reconciled unto God." What does this mean but, "Become his friends; for he is already ours?" If there be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth—there can be no greater joy than that of the shepherd himself, who calls upon all to rejoice with him, on finding the sheep which was lost. Oh how wisely do those act, who cause the Saviour this joy!

What friend can be compared with thee,
My Saviour who such love hath shown,
All other confidants I flee,
And choose thee for my friend alone.
My life, my all to thee resign,
That I may be entirely thine.

FRUIT.

SEVERAL have recently professed faith in the Lord Jesus, in our west end meetings, and others are earnestly enquiring the way of LIFE. John 14: 6.