

COMMUNINGS BY THE WAYSIDE.

"Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them."

—Luke xxiv. 15.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."—Mal. iii. 16.

How sweet to talk of Him we love,
As on our way we go ;
Desiring much in faith and love
As new-born babes to grow.

For, ever as we speak of Him,
Jesus Himself draws near,
To shed His comfort on our hearts,
And dissipate their fear.

'Twas thus He did with those of old,
Who toward Emmaus went ;
The things of Christ—the wayside theme,
On which they were intent.

He hearkened, pitied, and rebuked
The doubtful thoughts they had ;
And did not leave them till He made
The wond'ring pilgrims glad.

Rejoicing that they'd seen the Lord,
And heard His voice declare,
That He who had been in the grave
Was now no longer there ;

That He of whom the prophets spoke —
The Lamb for sinners slain —
Who lived, and bled, and died for them ;
Was then alive again.

Mosaic types and words fulfilled,
And David's psalms explained,