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WHO is on the Lord's side?  
Who will serve the King?  
Who will be His helpers  
Other lives to bring?  
Who will leave the world's side?  
Who will face the foe?  
Who is on the Lord's side?  
Who for Him will go?  
By Thy call of mercy,  
By thy grace divine,  
We are on the Lord's side,  
Saviour we are Thine!

## Waiting

"Patience, lad, patience!" was the farewell admonition of an old missionary, who had retired, worn and battle-scarred, to a youth who was setting out in high hope to a distant field of labor. "Patience, lad, patience!" summed up the result of the veteran's experience; for in spiritual sowing, whether in the mission field or in the well kept gardens of the Christian home or the Sabbath School, seed-time and the harvest are often far sundered.

Quiet waiting becomes, with the farmer, a habit. The seed once sown and carefully covered in, he goes his way. What more can be done? Anxious thoughts and worry will make no whit of difference in the growth of it; and so, as James put it, "The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until it receive the early and the latter rain."

For, while he is waiting, God is working. God's sun is shining, God's rain is falling; night and day are coming in their turn, and the lengthening season; chill winds, too, lest the growth be too lush and rank. And

by and by there is the reaping, because God has been true to Himself and because the husbandman has trusted Him.

Those who teach the Word of God may surely trust the promise that it shall not return unto him void. So they do, doubtless, in a certain undefined and general way—otherwise they would have no heart to continue sowing; but not always with the assured confidence that gives spring to the farmer's footsteps, as he scatters the precious seed grain upon the fields. That confidence will come to us, and the patience that waits and worries not, if we will but remember that God is as anxious for the good seed to spring up as any parent or teacher can be, and that His Holy Spirit is no less present in the potency of life and growth, where the seed of the Word is sown, than are the forces of nature within and around the grain cast into the ground.

## The Bible as an Educator

It is safe to say that no one, or no hundred books, have done as much to form the literary style of the writers of the English language as the Bible.

It is equally true that no other educative force has been so potent, even from the mere point of view of enriching the vocabulary, not to speak of the exalting of moral conceptions. The process has been so silent and all-pervasive, that we become conscious of it only when brought into contact with languages, whether of rude or of civilized people, in which the word of God has yet to be translated. The difficulties that beset the translator are the measure of the influence which the Scriptures have had in expanding and elevating language and thought.