

Oh yes ! Thou never yet had'st any trial,
 However trivial it has seemed to be,
 That did not hold the sympathy of Jesus,
 And bind His heart still closer unto thee.

Well, God loves patience ! Souls that dwell in stillness,
 Doing the *little things*, or *resting quite*,
 May just as perfectly fulfil their mission,
 Be just as useful in the Father's sight,

As they who grapple with some giant evil,
 Clearing a path that every eye may see !
 Our Saviour cares for *cheerful acquiescence*,
 Rather than for a *busy ministry*.

And yet, He does love service, where 'tis given
 By grateful love that clothes itself in deed ;
 But work that's done beneath the scourge of duty,
 Be sure to *suck* He gives but little heed.

Then seek to please Him, whatsoe'er He bids thee !
 Whether to do—to suffer—to lie still !
 'Twill matter little by what path He led us,
 If in it all we sought to do His will ?

--Standard.

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE US INTO ALL TRUTH ?

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Guidance through the inspired Word ! This seems at first sight to be a very simple part of the subject, and capable of being dismissed with a few general statements ; but a little closer thought will change all this, and show that it is needful to meet some aspects of the subject which have proved and still are proving a source of perplexity to many.

Many sincere Christians draw different teachings from the same passages of Scripture. Whole denominations are divided, in opinion concerning the teaching of the Bible, on what they consider essential truth. Even the founders of Methodism took time amidst their incessant evangelistic work to fight the battle of polemics over the meaning of certain passages of Holy Writ, and were sometimes divided into hostile camps. And no man, however intemperate in his zeal for one side or the other, would dare to say that all the piety was retained