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"PROVE ALL THINGS: HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD."—1 Thess. v. 21.

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ASSURANCE.

Mr. Hazzard: A lady from England headed me the letter I have copied below. I do not know that they have ever been published in this country, so I have the author. "If they come over your heart to they have done over you, who will tell us of your great distress?" The following extract occurs which appears in the letter, will furnish the best evidence to one of the great evils of the present day. "Worthy Conference," an evil which, having its rise in hearts set fully assured of acceptance in Christ, may be checked in some of its works, but cannot be wholly removed. "The world has been crushed out of the heart except by the joys resulting from the "Full Assurance of Faith"—such faith no realises Christ as a present Saviour from the dominion and power of sin, as well as from future condemnation.

The last Epistles of John, v. 1-18.

Can it be right for me to go
On in this dark, uncertain way:
Say "I believe" and yet not know
Whether my sins are put away?

Not know my trespasses forgive
Until I meet him in the air,
Not know that I shall get to Heaven
Until I wake and find me there.

Not know my state, 'till on my brow
Seems the celestial diadem:
Why surely the world will know
That I'm a pardoned sinner then.

Most clouds and darkness veil my brow
Until I dwell with saints in light?
And most I walk in darkness now
Because I cannot walk by sight.

And shall I just begin to say
"Father, thine every word is true,"
And cast my doubts and fears away
When all the world will own it too?

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Who bids me love and trust him now?
Is this the way to use the Word,
Given to guide me home before?

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And tell of grace so rich and free,
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