Under the Cross.

Strong was the fearful temptation that tried me. Power from the Strong One unasked was denied me, Yet, in the strength of the promise, I hide me Under the cross.

There shall the cords of my anguish be broken, There shall the sweet words of pardon be spoken, I of heavens fovor shall get a fresh token Under the cross.

Justice e'en now for my doom is appealing. Hark! rrom the white throne the sentence is pealing, Strike not, but spare, while the sinner is kneeling Under the cross.

Tears of contrition that sentence is bringing: Yet the full life-tide of joy is uprising. Oh! can ye wonder now that I am singing Under the cross.

True, when the light of the morrow is dawning, Fears may return, and the foe'o subtle fawning; Yet I shall ever be safe as this morning Under the cross.

Jesus, I think of my weakness with weeping; Be Thine own power the sheltered one keeping. Shield me; but, oh, let me never be sleeping Under the cross.

Keep me from sinning O God, I implore Thee; Give of Thy strength to the weak one before Thee Jesus, my Jesus, I love-I adore Thee Under the cross.

There would I be while the leve-light is gleaming Out of Thine eyes. and the life-blood is streaming Over my conscience. Oh! who could be dreaming Under the cross.

There would I be when earth's comforts are flying There, when the young heart forgets all its sighing, Keep me, O Holy One, living or dying, Under the cross.

Siftings.

The sooner we begin a religious life, the more pleasant it will be; it is best traveling pretty early in the morning.—Henry.

While just government protects all in their religious rites, true religion affords government its surest support. - Washington.

The great art in preaching is simplicity. Our Lord, in his preaching, speaks of tilling the ground, of mustard-seed, of sheep, and trees, etc.; thus making use of common and simple similitudes.

A church that has grown up to take care of itself has defeated the end of its existence; but a church that takes care of itself by taking care of the whole commu. i ty is in the line of is very original genius. -Christian Union.

How many of you that follow Christ in Lent will gradually lose the savor of his presence and the sense of your duty to him as these days set apert for Christian consideration and memory wax and wane and pass away?-Christian Union.

If on a cold dark night you see a man picking his way up a rickety pair of stairs where one of God's poor children live. with a heavy basket on his arm, you need not stop him to ask him if he loves the Lord. Whether he is an Orthodox, a Catholic, or a heathen, he is lying up a treasure in heaven .- Golden Rule.

Let dissolution come when it will, it can do the Christian no harm, for it will be but a passage out of prison into a palace; out of a sea of trouble into a haven of rest; out of a crowd of enemies to an innumerable company of true, loving, and faithful friends, out of shame, reproach and contempt, into exceeding great and eternal glory.-Bunyan.

There are a great many men who follow Christ in the book. They follow Christ in the creed: but He is not in the creed. He is among the poor and the obscure; He is among men; He lives in them; and he that followeth Christ must follow him by doing good unto the least and the greatest of these that need Him as unto Christ.—Christian Union.

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