## Under the Cross.

Btrong was the fearful temptation that tried me. Power from the Strong One unasked was denied me et, in the strength of the promise, I hide me There shall the cords of my ar There shall the coras of my anguish be broken, There shall the sweet words of pardon be spokel of heavens fuvor shall get a fresh token nder the eross.
ustice c'en now for my doom is appealing. Mark! rrom the white throne the sen ence is pealin trike not, but spare, whe he sinner is kneeling Under the cross.
Tears of contrition that sentence is bringing Yet the full life-tide of joy is uprixing.
Oh! can ye wonder now that 1 am singing
nder the cross.
True, when the light of the morrow is dawning,
Fears may return, and the foe'o subtie fawning;
Yet I shall ever be safe as this morning

Jesus, 1 think of my weakness with werping; Be Thine own power the sheltered one keeping Shield me; but, oh, let me never be sleeping

Under the cruss.
Keep me from sinning 0 God, I implore The Give of Thy strength to the weak one before Thee Jesus, my Jesus, 1 love-1 adore Thee

Under the cross
There would I be wisile the leve-light is gle aming Out of 'Thine eyes. and the life-blood is streaming Over my conscience. Oh! who could be dreamin 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 morulng.-Henry.
While just government protects all in their religious rites, trae religion affords goverument its surest support.-Washington.

The great art in preaching is simplicity Our Lord, in his preaching, speaks of till ing the ground, of mustard-seed, if sheop, and trees, ete.; thus making use of common and s!mple similitudes.
A church that has grown up to take care of isself has defeated the end of its existence; but a church that takes care of itself by taking care of the whole eommu 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 liee, 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 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 pilison 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 creec 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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