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cross and preach the cross and live the cross we shall learn how to purify our own lives. Nay, surely not, as we desire to live for Christ, the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth—the truth of our own failure amongst other things—and will lead us from grace to grace; from our present low level to a higher, and show us how through the Cross we shall be privileged to gain the light.

S. A. JOHNSTON.



### The Secret of Peace.

**P**EACE! how the sad heart feels the irony,  
 Cruel the language sounds!  
 And yet, even in War there may be peace,  
 When doubts and questions cease;  
 While, as of old, the voice of Jesus sounds:  
 "Peace; it is I!"

A beloved face no longer gladdening  
 The heart, which for it longs!  
 Another, on the land or on the sea,  
 In danger it may be!  
 Yet "in the night" Christ "giveth to us songs,"  
 And FAITH can sing.

So while the desolating conflict moves  
 Onward towards its end;  
 Bereaved and anxious hearts find peace and rest  
 Upon the Saviour's breast:  
 Knowing, while severed from the earthly friend,  
 God lives and loves!

WILLIAM OLNEY.