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more abundant," to which my heart is prone enough,—but of Jesus, and resignation to the will of God. These things feed my soul: others excite hopes, which a breath of cold air sweeps away; and, moreover, they are productive of conflicts. What I want is to abide wholly in Jesus.

TO MRS SIDNEY GURNEY.

May, 1856.

I should have written to you before, dear Mrs Gurney, to thank you for your kind letter, had I not been *very* weak. Bronchitis and fever brought me so low, that at one time I thought that my Heavenly Father would soon take me home,—a blessed prospect: yet such was the prostration of body and mind, that my chief consolation was to know that Jesus held me fast, and would never let me go. But now it seems to be God's will to raise me up again. To what? I seem to hear a voice saying to me, "I called thee, unworthy as thou art, to be a fellow-worker with my beloved Son: now I call thee, unworthy as ever, to the higher privilege of *suffering* with Him." Welcome, the cup of bitterness! because Thou, my Saviour, wilt come with it, and fill it with Thine own sweetness. I am sure that, if it pleases God to lay me aside from work for some time, or altogether, you will pray that I may possess my soul in patience, and "be still." May the Lord bless you and your house. My Christian regards to Mr Gurney.

TO MRS * * * * *

May 23, 1856.

..... It is not any mysterious feeling of my own, or any present sufferings (for I have none but weakness), that led me to speak of my future life as one of suffering. It is, rather, that I anticipate separation from my beloved flock. My doctor recommends me,