

HITHERTO

Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying,
Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.
(1 Samuel 7:12)

When our soul is much discouraged
By the roughness of the way,
And the cross we have to carry
Seemeth heavier every day;
When some cloud that overshadows,
Hides our Father's face from view;
Oh! it's well then to remember
He has blessed us hitherto.

Looking back the long years over,
What a varied path! And yet,
All the way His hand HAS led us,
Placed each hindrance we have met;
Given us the 'pleasant places';
Cheered us all the journey through;
Passing through the deepest waters,
He has blessed us hitherto.

—L. Oakley.

'Casting all your cares upon him; for he
careth for you.'—1 Pet. 5:7.

