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The pulley - G. Herbert

To read Herbert is to enter the world of religion - a world where breathed the true spirit of christianity. To know Herbert is to know a real devout who lived with God and for God. Herbert was born in 1593 with a silver spoon in his mouth in a noble Welsh family at Montgomery castle, Wales. He had a fairly distinguished academic career and came out of the university with flying colours. For some time he worked as Reader in Rhetoric. But after that Herbert lived in a valley of indecision. "To be or not to be - that is the question". Should he shine as a man of the world, live a court life, and mount the ladder in the society? - or should he accept a service in the church and dedicate himself to God? Herbert was in a fix. His mind was full of conflicts. The call of tall worldly ambitions and the call of humble divine service - to which should he respond? After wavering for a long time Herbert put his premium on the latter. At the age of thirty seven Herbert was placed over the little church of Bemerton and became a Rector there. How he lived there among plain people, hoping at things and blessing all people - can be gathered from the well-told life-story of Herbert by Isaac Walton. During the last three years of his life he worked intensely as a man of the church and a religious poet. Then at the age of forty his life was cut short by consumption. All his life he had to battle against disease, yet his great spiritual strength shone through his physical weakness. Just before his death Herbert gave some manuscripts to a friend and gave his humble message:

"Deliver this little book to my dear brother Ferrar and tell him he shall find in a picture of the many spiritual conflicts that betwixt God and my soul before