with a weak man among the strong, or as with a sick
man among the healthy, or as a lamp despised: so that
I know not what to do. "He that is ready to slip with
his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him
that is at ease," Job xii. 5.

Great. But, brother, said Mr Great-Heart, I have it
in commission to comfort the feeble-minded, and to
support the weak. You must needs go along with us;
we will wait for you; we will lend you our help; we
will deny ourselves of some things, both opinionative
and practical, for your sake; we will not enter into
doubtful disputations before you; we will be made all
things to you, rather than you shall be left behind, 1
Thess. v. 14; Rom. xiv.; 1 Cor. viii. 9-13, ix. 22.

Now all this while they were at Gaius's door; and
behold, as they were thus in the heat of their discourse,
Mr Ready-to-Halt came by, with his crutches in his
hand, and he also was going on pilgrimage.

Feeble. Then said Mr Feeble-Mind to him, How
camest thou hither? I was but now complaining that
I had not a suitable companion, but thou art according
to my wish. Welcome, welcome, good Mr Ready-to-
Halt, I hope thou and I may be some help.

Ready. I shall be glad of thy company, said the other;
and, good Mr Feeble-Mind, rather than we will part,
since we are thus happily met, I will lend thee one of
my crutches.

Feeble. Nay, answered he, though I thank thee for
thy good will, I am not inclined to halt before I am
lame. Howbeit, I think, when occasion is, it may help
me against a dog.

Ready. If either myself or my crutches can do thee
a pleasure, we are both at thy command, good Mr Feeble-
Mind.

Thus therefore they went on. Mr Great-Heart and Mr
Honest went before, Christiana and her children went
next, and Mr Feeble-Mind came behind, and Mr Ready-
to-Halt with his crutches. Then said Mr Honest,
Hon. Pray, sir, now we are upon the road, tell us