



### THE TOPAZ-THROATED HUMMING-BIRD.

**T**HERE are more than four hundred kinds of the "flying-gems" called Humming-birds, but only seven kinds live in Canada. The Topaz-Throated Humming-Bird is one of the most splendid of the whole race. In every part the plumage is composed of scaly-formed feathers, and in every position its brilliant colours receive a change of tint differing from that last seen, and exceeding in splendour anything with which we could compare it. Its general colour is a rich brownish orange, in some lights appearing of the deepest crimson, and in others, of a brilliant ruby colour tinted with gold. The throat is of a topaz yellow, and the tail is a golden green shaded with red.

The nest is only about an inch in diameter, and as much in depth. The eggs are two, and of a transparent fineness. The young ones take their food by putting their bills in the mouth of the parent bird.



### FAITH.

LOOKING out of his window one summer evening, Luther saw on a tree at hand, a little bird making his brief and easy disposition for a night's rest. "Look," said he, "how that little fellow preaches faith to us all! He takes hold of his twig, tucks his head under his wing, and goes to sleep, leaving God to think for him."