

where above in the tracts of Heaven, in His own peculiar appropriate eminence, whence He surveys all things, He has an existence true and eternal."

CHRIST THE DOOR.

"If thou desirest truly to see God, take to thyself means of purification worthy of Him, not laurel fillets interwoven with wool and purple, but wreathing thy brows with righteousness and with the leaves of temperance, set thyself earnestly to find Christ. For I am," He says, "the door" which we who desire to understand God, must discover, that He may throw the gates of Heaven wide open to us. For the gates of the word being intellectual, are opened by the key of faith. No one knows God, but the Son, and He to whom the Son shall reveal Him. And I know well that He who has opened the door, hitherto shut, will afterwards reveal what is within, and will shew what we could not have known before, had we not entered in by Christ, through whom alone God is beheld."

GOD'S LOVE.

"God, of His great love, comes to the help of man, as the mother-bird flies to one of her young that has fallen out of the nest, and if a serpent open its mouth to swallow the little bird," the mother flutters round, uttering cries of grief over her dear progeny, "but God the Father seeks His creature, and heals his transgression, and pursues the serpent, and recovers the young one and incites it to fly up to the nest."

CHRIST AND HIS WORK.

"It was not without divine care that so great a work was accomplished in so brief a space by the Lord, who, though despised as to appearance, was in reality adored, the expiator of sin, the Saviour, the clement, the Divine Word, He that is truly most manifest Deity. He that is made equal to the Lord of the Universe, because He was His Son, and the Word was in God, not disbelieved in by all when He was first preached, nor altogether unknown when, assuming the character of man, and fashioning Himself in flesh, He enacted the drama of human salvation, for He was the true champion and a fellow-champion with the creature, and being communicated most speedily to men having dawned from His Father's counsel quicker than the sun, with the most perfect ease, He made God shine on us. Whence He was, and what He was, He showed by what He taught and exhibited, manifesting Himself as the Herald of the Covenant, the Reconciler, our Saviour, the Word, the fount of life, the giver of peace, diffused over the whole face of the earth, by whom so to speak, the Universe has already become an ocean of blessings."

GOD'S NOBLE HYMN.

"A noble hymn of God is an immortal man, established in righteousness, in whom the oracles of truth are engraved. For where, but in a soul that is wise, can you write truth? where love? where reverence? where meekness?"