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Thee God in the depth
Of eternity chose,
And formed thee all fair
As His glorious spouse.

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Hail, Virgin most wise !
Hail, Deity's shrine !
With seven fair pillars
And the table divine.

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O new star of Jacob !
Of angels the Queen !
O gate of the saints,
O mother of men !

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Hail, Solomon's throne
Pure ark of the law !
Fair rainbow ! and bush
Which the Patriarch saw !

 AS PROTESTANTS SEE US.

IT is too bad that Protestants find difficulties at every turn when they begin to examine our religion, and it is annoying as well as amusing to hear them ask questions which show the strange views they form of our faith. But the stranger their views the easier it is usually to point out to them what is really of faith and what is purely devotional. For every one who holds back, for a while, because of some fancied objection to our devotional practices, another is drawn to like or to examine the faith by these same devotions. What reasonable man can object to "St. Anthony's Bread" as a proper means of helping the poor, in a spirit of Christian charity? It is not strictly Scriptural to believe that one's prayers are reinforced by alms deeds? Why should not prayers and alms promised be as potent with saints, if we believe they intercede for us at all, as similar promises are with men? Why may not lights and flowers be used as expressions of devotion and incentives thereto? Who will decry the use of poor boxes, in this free land where so many boast that the Church is supported by the alms of the poor? — *American Messenger*.