

## Leaves of Antiquity:

## OR THE POETRY OF HEBREW TRADITION.

(Translated from the German of Heider.)

## The Songs of the Night.

WHEN in his youth, David sat upon the plains of Bethlehem, the spirit of Jehovah passed over him, and his soul was opened to hear the songs of the night. The heavens proclaimed the glory of God, and all the stars united in a chorus. The echo of their harps reached the earth—to the ends of the earth, rolled on their silent song.

"Light is the countenance of Jehovah!" said the descending sun, and the crimson twilight answered him: "I am the fringe of His garment."

The clouds towered above them and said, "We are His evening pavilion," and the water of the clouds uttered in the evening thunder, "The voice of Jehovah moves upon the clouds; the God of glory thunders—the God of glory thunders on high!" He rides upon my wings!" murmurs the rustling wind; and the silent air responded, "I am the breath of God—the tissue of His quickening presence."

"We hear songs of praise," said the fainting earth, "and must I be still and speechless?" "I will bathe thee," answered the falling dew, "that thy children, newly refreshed, may rejoice—that thy sucklings may blossom like the rose."

"We blossom gladly!" said the enlivened field; and the full ears of grain rustling, replied, "We are the blessing of God! the army of God against the extremity of hunger."

"We bless you from above," said the moon; "We bless you!" answered the stars. The grasshopper chirped and whispered, "He blesses me also with a little drop of dew."

"And quenches my thirst," answered the hind. "He refreshes me," said the bounding roe.

"And gives us our food," dreamed the deer; "And clothes our lambs," bleated the flock.

"He heard me," croaked the raven, "when I was forsaken." "He heard me," answered the goat, "when my time came, and I went out and brought forth."

The turtle-dove cooed, and the swallow and all the birds afterwards slumbering, said, "We have found our nests, our habitations; we dwell upon the altar of God, and sleep under the shadow of his wings, in silent rest."

"In silent rest!" answered the night, and prolonged the lingering tone. Then crowed the announcer of the morning dawn: "Lift up the gates, the doors of the world; let the King of Glory enter in. Awake ye men, and praise the Lord, the King of Glory is come!"

Up rose the sun, and David awoke from his dream so rich in psalms; and so long as he lived, the tones of this harmonious creation lingered in his soul, and were daily breathed forth from his harp.

## The Morning Dawn.

Hast thou beheld the beautiful Aurora? She shines forth from the chamber of God—a ray of imperishable light—the comforter of mankind.

When David once, persecuted by his enemies, sat one dreary night upon Mount Hermon, playing that most melancholy of his psalms: "Lions and tigers howl around mine ear, the bands of the wicked surround me, and I see no helper!" lo, the morning dawn appeared. With glittering eyes she sprang up, the early hunted hind, and darted upon the mountains, and spoke to him as an angel upon the hills: "Wherefore grievest thou, that thou art forsaken? I burst forth from the dark night—from the most gloomy darkness comes the morning!"

Consoled, his eyes hung upon her countenance, while she led forth the sun which arose with his mighty wings, a healing power to the world. Gladdened, the tones of the Psalmist's song became changed, and he called it the song of the morning dawn—'The early hunted hind.'

In after-times also, he often sung this psalm, and thanked God

for the afflictions that over-clouded his early youth. And always with that psalm the morning dawn beamed into his dark soul.

Daughter of God, holy Aurora, thou lookest daily down, and sanctifiest the heavens and the earth—sanctify daily, also, my heart for thy silent dwelling.

## Editorial Department.

Our last number was delayed two or three days beyond the proper time for publication, in consequence of a delay in obtaining paper, which the publisher had ordered.

The awkward separation and transposition of the pages of our last paper resulted from the absence of the printer who usually attends to the printing of the Calliopean.

We cannot account for the irregularities complained of by some of our subscribers. The publisher says he has correctly addressed, and regularly mailed all the numbers. Hereafter the paper will be issued promptly on the 9th and 24th of each month; except when these dates occur on the sabbath.

AGAIN we remind our correspondents, that no article, however excellent, can have place in our columns, while the author's name is unknown to the editress. We have received several articles of great intrinsic worth; but anonymous.

We desire to express our warmest thanks to our numerous friends, who have taken an interest in our undertaking, and through whose kindly influence the Calliopean has already an extensive circulation.

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