

## Poetry.

HYMN FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1862.

God of our fathers, in whose name  
 Succeeding generations meet,  
 To-day and yesterday the same,  
 The ages worship at thy feet.  
 Thou wast the patriarchs' only guide  
 To the far land they did not know,  
 And still Christ's pilgrims seek thy side  
 And ask thee, "Whither shall we go?"  
 The prophets in their solemn line  
 Might speak no message but thy word,  
 They but thy breath, the voice was thine,  
 Their truth, the burden of the Lord.  
 Nearest thy throne the apostles sit  
 Since they Christ's flag of truth unfurled,  
 And 'tis His name that men have writ  
 In martyr fires across the world.  
 Nor are they least in heaven's esteem,  
 Nor are they last in thy regard,  
 Who showed our land thy servants deem  
 Thy blessing as their best reward.  
 Despite the frowns of priests and kings,  
 Of home, and lands, and friends bereft,  
 Yet were they rich in heavenly things  
 While Christ and conscience still were left.  
 Help us to tread the way they trod,  
 And teach their courage to our youth,  
 As children of the unchanging God,  
 And faithful servants of the truth.  
 O Thou who art the patriarch's home,  
 The prophet's light, the apostle's word,  
 The martyr's strength, to thee we come  
 To be for ever with the Lord.

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## Fragment Basket.

THE FIRST ENGLISH BIBLE.—A copy of the first complete English version of the Holy Scriptures, of extreme rarity, was sold by Messrs. Sotheby and Wilkinson, in disposing of the effects of the late Miss Richardson Currer, of Eshton-hall, Yorkshire. It is entitled, "The Bible; that is, the Holy Scriptures of the Olde and New Testament, faithfully and truly translated out of Douche and Latyn into Englyshe, MDXXXV." "Angular Gothic letter; folio; prynted in the yere of our Lorde MDXXXV., and fynished the fourth daye of October." The entire volume was superintended by Miles Coverdale, but portions of it had previously undergone revision by William Tyndall and others. The present is regarded as one of the best copies extant, being quite perfect from the first chapter of Genesis to the last of Revelation, the only portions supplied being the title, address of the translator to King Henry VII., the prologue, table of the books, and the map, all of which have been admirably fac-similed by Harris; blue morocco, extra, gilt edges, by C. Lewis. A fac-simile of a letter from Miles Coverdale to Thomas, Lord Cromwell, respecting his translation, and a portrait of William Tyndale, are also inserted. It was bought by Mr. Willis, for 250*l*.