

MARRIAGE.

*Presented, with best wishes, to Mr. J. A. M. and Miss J. B.
as a tribute, betokening love and respect, from
their ever faithful friend.*

I. LIFE'S YOUNG MORNING.

HAIL, happy morn ! Thou new-born day !
Shed, o'er the earth, thy heavenly ray !
Let Life's glad Sun of Beauty rise,
In Truth's expanse and Love's fond skies !
Shine, thou resplendent orb of light,
O'er the blest scene that greets thy sight,
And let thy beams celestial reign,
With glory, crown this golden dawn !

II. THE MARRIAGE ALTAR.

Behold ! how lovely and how fair,
Flush with Life's bloom, a bridal pair
Stand side by side, as hand in hand
They bind, with Love's most sacred band,
Their lives, their thoughts, their all to be
As sweet notes wed in harmony.

III. HEAVEN'S APPROVAL.

Lo ! Heaven smiles upon the scene
And lends her hue of lovely green,
To deck the new-wed bride and groom
With memories of a fadeless bloom.
She rears her arch of Love and Truth
And mantles o'er their virgin youth ;
To guard and tend the tender vine,
And turn the water into wine.