

RUSSELL, Rev. Arthur Tozer. Was born at Northampton, in 1806, and studied at Cambridge. He is the author of "The Life and Works of Thomas Fuller," "Memoirs of Bishop Andrews," and various other works in prose and verse. He is also the author of "Hymns for the use of the Church of England."

"Another year has fled."

RYLAND, Rev. John, D.D. Born at Warwick in 1753. His father was the Rev. John Collett Ryland, pastor of the Baptist Church at Warwick, a profound scholar. The father early trained his son in the knowledge of Greek and Hebrew, while from his pious mother young Ryland received, as Doddridge had done, scriptural instruction from the Dutch files that adorned their fire-place. In 1871, he succeeded his father in the ministry at Northampton, and co-operated with Carey, Fuller, Sutcliffe and others, in originating the Baptist Missionary Society at Kettering, in 1792. Mr. Ryland's name appears on the Committee, and his signature attests the first humble list of subscriptions, amounting in all to £13. 2s. 6d. His early productions were poetical, composed at different times, from his 20th year to that of his death.

"Sovereign ruler of the skies."

SHEPHERD, Mrs. Annie Houlditch. Was born at Cowes, Isle of Wight. Her father, the Rev. Edward Houlditch, held for many years the living of Speen, Berkshire. By marriage she became Mrs. Shepherd. She was possessed of a vigorous intellect, which had been much enriched by culture. She was the author of several works, but her reputation rests chiefly on her hymn book, entitled "Hymns adapted to the comprehension of young minds." These compositions, sixty in number, are admirably adapted for interesting youthful readers in the precious truths of salvation. The hymn selected is the favourite children's hymn—

Around the throne of God in heaven
Thousands of children stand,
Children whose sins are all forgiven,
A holy, happy band,
Singing glory, glory, glory.

SHIRLEY, The Hon. and Rev. Walter. Was born in 1725; the friend of Whitefield and the Wesleys, and the brother-in-law and friend of the Countess of Huntingdon. He was converted under the ministry of M. Venn, took orders, and began to preach in the Church of England. Afterwards he received the living of Loughrea, in Galway, where he laboured for many years. He greatly loved his parish in Ireland, and was influenced by warm zeal for the conversion of souls. His piety and humility grew with advancing years, and he felt the power of the experience he so sweetly sang:

"Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross I spend;
Life and health and peace possessing,
From the sinners' dying friend."

Like the Apostle John, when no longer able to go into the pulpit, he was unwilling to cease preaching, and used to send for his neighbours, and sitting in his chair, preach the everlasting gospel to as many as could hear him.

"Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing."