

My conversation low unpolished still,
Tempt not my mind to pass beyond my will.
A track may hold a surface touched with
oil

Of many colors touched in rainbow lines ;
Whilst neath the scum upon this flattered
pool,

Stagnation in but water could prevail.

Ye come and beg me go and act the fool,
Because my surface speech deficient is ;
But underneath my treasure is secure
Beyond the guess of all who seek to know ;
Imitation can but wield itself tubes
And beat against my rock a hollow sound,
Until the mind which now with ease
Stands up in pride, for well he thinks
Knowledge and truth orish out with power.

Definitions.

I

Poetical development is yet in its
fancy, and its progressive channels are as
numerous as our future extension of life.

II

Poetical genius is the ideal power of lan-
guage, and the unseen art of spiritual con-
struction.

III

That the faculties of the true poet are a
gift from God is a fact undisputable.

IV

Take up thy cross,
Thyself I mean,
And bear it for the Lord ;
Think not of dross
Excuse to screen
Thyself from truth His word.

Thy actions speak,
If not thy tongue,
That truth which ye well feel ;
When truth we seek
Thy head is weal
To think not words of weal.

Dialogues of Thought.

What is a mother ? A mother is a soul
gifted with the love of God.

What is a father ? A father is the neces-
sary being who supplies the solid food, and
materials of comfort ; whilst a mother

fashions and moulds them into real growth
and life.

Who is my mother ? My mother is the
invisible church of God.

Who is my father ? My father is the liv-
ing God. His word my food and His spirit
thereof my materials of comfort.

What is a son ? A son is a being govern-
ed by the light of direct obedience.

What is a daughter ? A daughter is a soul
robed in the finer and more beautiful charms
of nature, to attract the admiration and at-
tention of man in order to promote the com-
bined growth of flesh and spirit and re-
generation of life. Two souls thus formed
represent the children of God.

There is a promise of sustenance unknown
in power, which no natural poet can
acquire ; great thought is not always in the
sweetest rhyme ; sound and style is not the
highest sentiment, neither is sentiment of
man but a brooklet running from the great
river of God.

Let thy peace be as the peace of angels,
continual and abiding within the inmost
receptacles of the heart.

No manner of applause equals that which
follows some high and worthy effort.

Clouds and sunshine mingle before the ad-
vance of prosperity.

Sweet thought to praise will lengthen
days.

Questions and Answers.

Who are my most popular authors ? God,
His faithful followers, disciples and mini-
sters.

What is conversion ? Conversion is a
continous and permanent change or alter-
ation, tending to a complete transformation
from a lower to a higher life, as from all
fleshy lusts to the purity and development
of the spiritual elements.

Define the bible ? The bible is simply a
book, the highest and most complete of all
classics, having God as its author, His word
as its truth, perfection as its inspiration,
His spirit as its power for sanctification and
bounding throughout with endless stores of
knowledge, wisdom, and instruction neces-
sary for a proper enlightenment tending to
a speedy development in the study of man-
kind, and given purposely in order to lift up
and benefit the condition of fallen man and
to guide him out of the paths of demoralis-
ation.