

she sets before them, in the beautiful life of her son Nunzio Sulpizio, a heroic example of the Christian workman's patience. His sufferings immeasurably surpassed those which fall to the lot of most mortals. yet his patience never once failed. The world, it is true, will laugh at the example, and amongst the poor there may be found some who will treat it as foolishness. But it is a foolishness which takes from suffering its sting, and to which Christ has promised an eternal recompense.

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## ST. JOHN EVANGELIST.

### THE NEW LESSON.

The golden sun kissed Asia's burning sand,  
And lingered there as though it fain would rest  
Where Earth was hallowed by a Saviour's steps.  
A group of youthful hermits strayed among  
The wooded vales, made fertile by man's art,  
And, as they walked, they held with earnest tones  
Their converse, till the slanting beams grew faint,  
And twilight threw her shadowy veil around,  
O'er hill and dale, o'er sand and purple lake.

And, coming o'er the distant crimson'd hills  
Resplendent with the blood of dying day,  
They see an old man, bowed with weight of years,  
His hoary locks uncovered to the breeze,  
The golden sunlight shining on his brow,  
And floating o'er like aureole of bliss.  
And at his near approach the youths grow gay ;  
They greet him with a thousand words of love,  
And midst their questions and his sweet replies,  
He says: "What would my children ask to-day?"