

Gleanings in Prose and Verse.

GOD IN CHRIST.

“Great is the mystery of godliness; God manifest in the flesh.”—1 Tim. iii. 16.

O God, most high and wonderful Thou art,
But ne'er so high and wonderful as now,
When bending to a servant's lowly part,
With sweat of toil and sorrow on Thy brow.

Men wonder at the wonders wrought by Thee;
'Twere marvel if no marvels Thou hast done;
But of all wonders marvellous to me,
The greatest Thou—God's well beloved Son.

God's fulness dwelling in a little child!
God's power all wielded by a weary man!
God's glory in a life so meek and mild
Exalted by the lowly artizan!

O glorious King! folding in ragged cloak
Thine emblems and insignia of might,
To taste the sorrows of Thy sinful folk,
And know the darkness of their troubled night.

Through all Thy weakness and humanity
Thy royal greatness could not but appear;
For what the Father doth was done by Thee,
That faith and hope might worship in Thy fear.

But never was the glorious name Divine
By holiest law or high creative might
So glorified as in that life of Thine,
Which is the fount of mercy and of light.

O, emptied of Thy Majesty! to feel
Our burden, and our trial, and our rod,—
To Thee, in whom all fulness dwells, we kneel,
And bow before the lowliness of God.

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PRAYER.

One has very quaintly but very truly said; God looks not at the oratory of your prayers, how eloquent they are; nor at their geometry, how long they are; nor at their arithmetic, how many they are; nor at their logic, how methodical they are; but he looks at their sincerity—how spiritual they are.

WHERE GOD IS NOT.

A teacher, when talking to his pupils one day about God being present in heaven above and the earth beneath, asked if any of them could tell where *God is not*. “Yes,” said a little boy; “he is not in the heart of the sinner; for, you know, the bible says, ‘*God is not in all their thoughts.*’”

A RULE.

As a golden rule, not merely in reference to parties of pleasure, but for general adoption, I would say, “Parents, associate with your children, and you will avert or render powerless half the temptations that await them.”