

**WILLIAMS, Rev. Isaac.** Born in 1802; wrote two or three of the Oxford "Tracts for the Times," and was the author of some four hundred poetical pieces and translations of many old hymns. The hymn selected is—

"Lord, in this thy mercy's day."

**WILLIAMS, Rev. William.** Was born near Llandovery, Carmarthenshire, in 1717; and has been called the Watts of Wales. After receiving a good education, he began to study medicine; but while listening to the burning words of Howell Harris in Talgarth churchyard, his soul was stirred, and he was won for Christ. He threw himself into the work of an evangelist, and until his 74th year gave all the power of his vigorous intellect, warm and rich imagination and poetic genius, to his Divine Master's service. In the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist connection he laboured incessantly half a century, and working with such men as Rowland and Harris, he became a power in the church.

"O'er the gloomy hills of darkness,  
Look, my soul, be still and gaze."

The inspiring words of this hymn were written long before the beginning of foreign missionary enterprises, while its author was traversing the mountains of Wales, and looking for the dawn of a brighter gospel day. Welshmen sang the hymn as a prophecy and their hearts were gladdened with hope, years and years before the church began her aggressive march into heathen lands. Williams was as much celebrated for hymn writing in his native tongue as for carefulness in preaching the gospel. The language of his truly majestic hymn is in keeping with a fine religious trust and experimental faith.

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**WORDSWORTH, Rev. Christopher.** Born in 1807; nephew of the poet, William Wordsworth. Was educated at Winchester School, and Trinity College, Cambridge. Possessed of great natural powers, he became the head master of Harrow, and afterwards Bishop of Lincoln. He published many historical and theological works, and from his collection of hymns, the beautiful one, acknowledging with gratitude the mercies of God, has been taken:

"O day of rest and gladness."

**WREFORD, Rev. John Reynell, D.D.** Was educated for the ministry, but in consequence of the failure of his voice was obliged to retire from the duties of the pulpit, and devote himself to tuition, in which he was very successful. He is the author of many poems and poetical works, as well as of the patriotic hymn selected.

"Lord, while for all mankind we pray."

**YOUNG, Andrew.** A native of Edinburgh. His father, David Young, was upwards of fifty years a successful teacher. Andrew Young passed through a literary and theological course of study in the University