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SAVIOUR OF MANKIND.

Saviour of mankind, Emmanuel ;
 Who, sinless, died for sin; who vanquished hell,
 The first-fruits of the grave ; whose life did give
 Light to our darkness; in whose death we live;
 O, strengthen Thou my faith, correct my will,
 That mine may Thine obey, correct me still,
 So that the latter death may not devour
 My soul, sealed with thy seal; so in the hour
 When Thou whose body sanctified Thy tomb,
 Unjustly judged, a glorious judge, shalt come
 To judge the world with justice, by that sign,
 I may be known and entertained for Thine.

—*Drummond of Hawthornden.*

LAY DEVOTION.

A layman, in the modern sense of the term, is one who has laid himself, or has been laid under no special vows of devotion to the service of God. He is, however, a Christian and a church member, bound to glorify his God and serve Him with all that he has and is. In many churches of the Reformation, rich laymen have taken a prominent part, and have materially contributed to the spread of the Gospel, and the maintenance of spiritual life within the communities in which their lot has been cast. The Elder and Deacon, although officers of the Church, and not lay in the strict sense of the term, are generally designated by this name, in order to distinguish