

Our readers will no doubt prefer St. Augustine's translation to any other. It is as follows :

" My heart hath been strengthened in its trust in the Lord, and my God hath raised up my strength and my glory. My mouth has been opened against mine enemies, and I have rejoiced in thy salvation.

" For there is no one holy as the Lord, there is none just as our God, there is none holy but thou.

" Glory not in thy self, and speak not otherwise : let no proud and haughty word come out from thy mouth, for it is God who is the master of knowledge, and who formeth and leadeth his designs.

" He hath loosened the bow of the mighty, and the weak have been clothed with strength :

" Those who have bread in abundance have become languishing, and those who were hungry have been raised above the earth, because she who was barren hath become the mother of seven children, and she who had many children hath remained without vigor.

" It is God who giveth death and bringeth back life ; it is he who leadeth to the grave and bringeth back therefrom.

" The Lord maketh poor or rich, lowereth or raiseth up whom he will.

" He raiseth up the poor from the ground, and lifteth up the wretched from their dung-hill to make them sit with the princes of his people, and to give them for their inheritance a throne of glory.

" He giveth to him who maketh a vow wherewithal to fulfil it, and he hath blessed the years of the just man, because man is not mighty by his own strength.

" The Lord will disarm his enemy, the Lord who is holy.

" Let the wise man not glory in his wisdom, nor the mighty in his power, nor the rich man in his wealth ; but may he who would glory, glory in knowing God and doing justice in the middle of the earth.