

"The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord ;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride ;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

"Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, ' How long ?'
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song."
—*Samuel John Stone.*