

THE SOWER.

THE OPENED EYE.

Blind men maintain that this short life
Is all that we shall ever live,
And in the face of tears and strife,
Cry, "Only this can pleasure give!"

The eye that Christ has open'd sees
This present life already dead,
But sees beyond another is
Set brightly flowing in its stead.

This eye perceives that deadly sin
Runs in the very veins of man,
And more, that he can never win
To holiness, do all he can.

Himself is vile, unfit for bliss,
To which he never will attain,
But when his years are told, from this
He' ll pass into a world of pain.

It sees him passing, it perceives
The swiftness of his flight to be
Beyond the swallow's and he leaves
The circling seasons presently.

Oh, that all eyes might be touched soon
By Christ, the ever-gracious Lord!
For with new sight another boon,
SALVATION FREE, he doth afford.