

The Jewish nation would conduct themselves towards the Messiah, precisely as the builders did towards this stone, and would reject him; but God would select him to be the corner-stone, which should support and sanctify the whole church.—*Dr. Smith, and Michaelis.*

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### Poetry.

#### THE BIBLE.

What is the world?—A wildering maze,  
Where sin hath track'd ten thousand ways,  
Her victims to ensnare;  
All broad, and winding, and aslope,  
All tempting with perfidious hope,  
All ending in despair.

Millions of pilgrims throng those roads,  
Bearing their baubles, or their loads,  
Down to eternal night:  
—One humble path, that never bends,  
Narrow, and rough, and steep, ascends  
From darkness into light.

Is there a guide to show that path?  
The BIBLE:—He alone who hath  
The Bible, need not stray:  
Yet he who hath, and will not give,  
That heavenly Guide to all that live,  
Himself shall lose the way.

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#### BIBLES FOR THE WEST INDIES.—

During the past year the British and Foreign Bible Society have sent out and distributed among the liberated slaves in the West Indies *one hundred thousand* Bibles. The only condition required was a certificate that the individual could read.—*Boston Recorder.*

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#### ADMIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES.

—I very frequently used to retire into a solitary place on the banks of Hudson's river, at some distance from the city, for contemplation on divine things, and secret converse with God.  
\* \* \* I had then, and at other times, the greatest delight in the Holy Scripture of any book whatsoever.

Oftentimes in reading it, every word seemed to touch my heart. I felt a harmony between something in my heart, and those sweet and powerful words. I seemed often to see so much light exhibited by every sentence, and such a refreshing food communicated, that I could not get along in reading; often dwelling long on one sentence, to see the wonders contained in it; and yet almost every sentence seemed to be full of wonders.—*Jonathan Edwards.*

SOLITUDE.—Happy is the man who betimes acquires a relish for holy solitude, and accustoms himself to bear the yoke of Christian discipline in his youth; who can sit alone and keep silence, and seek wisdom diligently where she may be found; in the scriptures of truth and in the writings of the saints. From these flowers of paradise, he extracts the honey of knowledge and divine love; and therewith fills every cell of his understanding and affections. The winter of affliction, disease, and old age, will not surprise him in an unprovided state. Precious beyond rubies are the hours of youth and health; O let none of them pass unprofitably away!—*Bishop Horne.*

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