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The Adorable Christ.

BY LLEWELLYN A. MORRISON.

Is it any wonder
That men love the pleading
Christ, whose arms are under
Every bruised and bleeding
Fellow,—helping, healing,
Soothing, sanctifying,
Impotence revealing,
Life and grace supplying ?

Every angel pinion
His protection shareth
And o'er his dominion
Mercy's blessings beareth;

Each kind hand, down-resting,
Hath a balm within it
All his own, attesting
Brotherhood infinite.

Whereso kindness enters,
Dire disease engaging,
There his calm centres—
Pain and plaint assuaging;
Every true contrition
Hath divine anointing;
Hospital and mission
Are of his appointing.

Where a will, upreaching,
Is a soul's secureness,—
Or Priscilla, teaching,
Wins a heart for pureness,—
Or a fragrant action
Hath delight to bind it :
Each pure benefaction
Hath the Christ behind it.

So I bless and praise him
In glad exultation !
I rejoice to raise him
Thankful adoration !
Every good he lendeth
Makes redemption clearer;
Every song he sendeth
Bringeth heaven nearer.

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To take up the cross of Christ is no great action done once for all; it consists in the continual practice of small duties which are distasteful to us.—J. H. Newman.