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"If all the sins which men have done, In thought or will, in word or deed, Since worlds were made, or time begun, Were laid on one poor sinner's head, The stream of Jesus' precious blood Could wash away the dreadful load."

I remember an anecdote of a certain preacher who thus apostrophised Virtue in his sermon :- "O Virtue! would'st thou but appear on the earth in all thy heauty and loveliness, surely all men would love thee." To this an Orthodox minister replied:-" Virtue did once appear bodily on the earth, in all its beauty and loveliness, and its possessor was condemned and crucified." Can you tell me who these preachers were?