Poetry.

TRUSTWORTHINESS. (From " Lyra Innocentium.")

"The child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem"

The cares, the love of parents fond Go deep, all loves, all cares beyond. Fain would they read the good and ill That neetles in our silent will, And night and day They wish and pray
That only good may there find way. But deeper lurk all breasts within The secrets both of grace and sin.

Each has his world of thought alone, To one dread Watcher only known.

And far and wide On every side
Our dreams dart on-no earthly guide. Glad may they be and calm of heart, Who, when their child too walks apart, Seek him and find where angels come

On Jesus' work, in Jesus' Home: Who, out of sight, Know all is right, One law for darkness and for light. If in pure aims and deeds and prayers His path mount high, and far from theirs, If seeking him 'mid friends below

They find him not, what joy to know He hath but turn'd Where Jesus yearn'd To be ; - where heavenly Love is learn'd! Thou who didst teach Thy mother dear, In three dim days of doubt and fear, By timely training to foreknow Thy Passion and its three days' woe

Prepare Thou still Our heart and will, And hearts that are as ours, for good and ill. THE PENANCE.

(From " Stories of the Primitive Church," by Sophia

be the more afraid to offend."*

the death of Constantine.

fault, a very violent temper; which often led him into Theodosius was coming to the Church. Ambroso actions, of which he afterward bitterly repented.

with him, some other officers also.

of the city should be put to death.

who, on account of his great piety and humility, had, the effects of his hasty anger. against his own will, been chosen to that important Scriptures, and in reading the writings of good men church-porch, praying humbly to his God. who had lived before him, and in conferring benefits to "My soul cleaveth to the dust;" so, in the words the utmost of his power.

When this holy man heard of the sentence which me, according to thy word. had been passed against the Thessalonians, he went to The people prayed and wept with him: and he Ambrose strove to appease him: until, at last, he received into Christian communion. promised to forgive the people.

The Bishop then departed: rejoicing that his in-

was about to happen.

But, as soon as he was gone, the courtiers and officers of state, began to oppose every thing which he contrite spirit, with a deep sorrow for this his great sin had said, and laboured to stir up afresh the Emperor's and with an earnest striving to serve God every day wrath against the Thessalonians. They told him, more faithfully. it was not fit so great a prince should be insulted without taking vengeance, and that the people deserved a very severe and heavy punishment. This, and much more to the same purpose, they urged upon him: until he was persuaded to break his promise to Ambrose, and to sign the sentence which he had originally passed.

It was executed in a most cruel manner. Circus, the place for the public games. Thither they as if they could be bent almost to the shape of a corkcrowded, men and women, rich and poor, with joyous screw; so that when put on the floor, his belly touches faces, unsuspicious of any evil. When they were all the ground. Suppose, then, he supported himself on assembled, a signal was given, and a body of soldiers his legs, like other animals, he would be in pain, for rushed in. Dismay filled every heart: and every he has no soles to his feet, and his claws are very countenance was pale with fear and horror. The sharp, and long, and curved, so that were his body scene, that followed, is too dreadful to describe. In supported by his feet it would be by their extremities three short hours, no less than seven thousand persons -just as your body would be, were you to throw had perished by the sword. As night closed in, yourself on all-fours, and try to support it on the ends everywhere might be heard wailing and lamentation: of your toes and fingers! Were the floor of glass, or wives mourning for their husbands; sisters, for their of a polished surface, the sloth would actually be quite brothers; children, for parents; and parents, for stationary; but as the ground is generally rough, with children. None slept: for, in every street, the silence little risings upon it, from stones, roots of grass, &c., of the time of darkness was broken by the long me- this just suits him, and he moves his fore legs in all lancholy cry of sorrow and despair.

he was grieved to the heart. He sorrowed for the and is thus enabled to travel onward, but at the same death of so many persons, most, if not all of whom, time in so tardy and awkward a manner, as to acquire were innocent: and he sorrowed that a Christian Em- him the name of sloth. Indeed, his looks and his gesperor should thus give way to wrath, and should so tures show his uncomfortable situation; and as a sigh fearfully transgress the commandments of God. every now and then escapes him, we may be entitled

Full of these feelings, Ambrose left Milan a few to conclude that he is actually in pain. days before Theodosius, who had been absent for a But mark! The sloth, in its wild state, spends its time, returned thither. The Emperor was surprised whole life in trees, and never leaves them but through at not seeing him on his arrival: but Ambrose, not force or by accident. An all-ruling Providence has content with thus only tacitly shewing his grief, wrote ordered man to tread on the surface of the earth, the him a letter, exhorting and intreating him to repent eagle to soar in the expanse of the skies, and the monof this great wickedness.

letter of this faithful servant of God, "I cannot deny: inconvenience; but the sloth is doomed to spend his that you have the fear of God I do not dispute. But whole life in the trees; and what is more extraordiyou have a violence of temper: which if any one tries nary, not upon the branches, like the squirrel and monto soothe, you quickly turn to compassion; but, if any key, nor does he hang head downwards, like the one excites it, you are made yet more angry, so that vampire, but under the branches. When asleep, he it becomes absolutely or nearly ungovernable. Would that, if there be no one at hand to soothe it, there may be no one to provoke it! I willingly trust it to the other; and after that, brings up both his legs, one for piety, overcome the violence of your temper."

ample of David and others. "It is not to be wondered it would interfere with them; and were he to let it their labours, and their works do follow them." Rev. xiv. 13. at, that man should sin: but he is most blameable, if hang down, it would become the sport of the winds. It is yet but a little while, and we shall be delivered from the he does not confess that he has erred, and humble His tail scarcely exceeds an inch and a half in length, himself before God." He adds: "I have written and its shortness is a benefit to him. before God. You are a man: and temptation has

Milan, to which place he had now returned. The the heart of the forest. Bishop met him at the door of the Church: and thus | "Thus I felt persuaded that the world has hitherto addressed him :-

over: and yet reason does not estimate the greatness described, namely, clinging to the branch of a tree." of the crime. Perhaps kingly rule is an obstacle to repentance: perhaps sovereignty prevents reflection. Yet it is well for man to feel his perishable nature, and to remember that dust is his beginning and his end. The gorgeous purple may beguile the heart: but it cannot change the feebleness of the frame, which it covers. You are our Emperor; but your throws out his legs when he walks!" subjects are your fellow-creatures. I should rather, in truth, say they are your fellow-servants: for all, who is the Lord of the high, as well as of the low? - do! Dare you, as yet impenitent, tread his holy pavement? Dare you stretch forth, unto him, hands, which are that cockney lad? Why he knows nothing! Father yet reeking with the blood of innocent victims? put him on our Jack, and how he looked! why I could Dare you receive in them the most holy body of your ride better when I was three years old! Ha! ha! ha! Lord? Dare you taste his precious blood with lips, And then he thought them clipped hedges grew so! which have spoken their rage in an unjust slaughter? Go hence. Add not a new offence to what is past. Submit to the bond according to the will of the Most and in a farmer's house he is out of his place. He High. Take it, as a medicine to restore the soul." Theodosius, honestly yielding to the admonitions

what he felt to be true, listened with reverence to the upright Bishop's plain dealing. He might have easily forced his way into the church, for there was no obstacle save a weak old man; but he knew, that he has designed them. A weaver would make a poor could not thus force his way into the presence of God. blacksmith; a carpenter would make a poor tailor; Accordingly, bowed dowed down by a sense of his sin, and yet each of them, kept to his place, may do his he acknowledged the remonstrance of Ambrose to be work well: and no one is to be blamed for the want "In the Primitive Church," says our holy and ve- just: and meekly retired to his palace, where, for of what he never had an opportunity of acquiring, nerable Reformers, "there was a godly discipline, that eight long months, he remained, shut out from the such persons, as stood convicted of notorious sin, were privileges of Christian communion. At length, on put to open penance, and punished in this world: Christmas-day, as he was sorrowing with many sighs that their souls might be saved in the day of the Lord; and tears, Ruffinus, one of his courtiers, asked the and that others, admonished by their example, might cause of his grief. "Servants and beggars," replied the Emperor, "may enter freely to join in prayer: One of the most remarkable instances of a person but, against me, the gates of heaven are shut: for well being thus put to open penance is that of the Emperor I know what the Lord hath so clearly said; What ye Theodosius, who reigned more than forty years after bind upon earth shall be bound in heaven." Ruffinus then offered to go and persuade Ambrose to receive He was a great and good man: but he had one him. Accordingly, he went: and told the Bishop that still refused to allow him to enter it: and Ruffinus re-It happened once, that, in Thessalonica, the people turned without having been able to effect a change in became unruly and disorderly. They found fault his purpose. Theodosius, whose conscience told him with those who were set over them: and not only that he had deserved even a heavier punishment murmured, but broke out into the rebelliousness of an than he had suffered, left his palace, and slowly and open insurrection. In this tumult, they killed the sadly proceeded to the church, where he found Amcommander of the Emperor's army: and slew along brose ready to meet him at the entrance. He approached him with reverence, and said: "I am come When Theodosius heard of this, he was greatly to submit myself to whatever you command." enraged: he forgot the lessons of patience and for- brose rejoiced to see, how deeply and sincerely he bearance, which he had learned from the Bible: and, repented of his sin. He desired him to do penance in his wrath, he ordered, that a number of the people in public: and induced him to promise, that, in future, he would allow the period of a month to clapse be-At this time, the Bishop of Milan, where Theodo- tween the signing and the execution of a sentence of sius often kept his court, was the illustrious Ambrose: death, that the innocent might not again suffer from

The Emperor submitted to all that Ambrose reoffice. He gave all his lands and money to the Church quired. He took off his purple robes and his jewels: and to the poor: and he spent his whole time in he clothed himself in sackcloth: he strewed ashes on preaching, and in teaching, and in studying the Holy his head; and he fell down on the pavement of the

the Emperor, and begged him to have pity on them:
the Emperor, and begged him to have pity on them:
thus continued, in prayer and fasting and humiliation,
At sea, the provisions very often fail—in the desert it
harasses the body. We know how much misery pain is
harasses the body. ocent with the guilty, and how the custom of penitents in the Primitive Church, he unbecoming a Christian it was to give way to anger came to the holy table, and there, with solemn prayers and violence. With these and many other such words, and laying on of the Bishop's hands, he was once more

Theodosius, after he was absolved, did not forget, what this penance was meant to teach him; namely, tercession had prevailed, and little thinking of what how awful a thing it is to sin against God, who is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity.

All the rest of his life, he shewed a humble and

THE SLOTH. (From "Facts not Fables."

The sloth, when placed on the ground seems strangely and awkwardly formed. His fore legs, or, more correctly speaking, his arms, are apparently much The people of Thessalonica were invited to the too long, while his hind legs are very short, and look directions, in order to find something to lay hold of; When the good Ambrose knew of this cruel deed, and when he has succeeded, he pulls himself forward,

key and squirrel to inhabit the trees; still these may "That you have zeal for the Faith," so ran the change their relative situations without feeling much yourself. Do you yourself calm it. By your zeal by one, to the same branch; so that all four are in a line; and in this position he seems perfectly at rest. He then goes on to shew Theodosius the greatness Now, had he a tail, he would be at a loss to know what of his sin: and exhorts him to repentance by the ex- to do with it; were he to draw it up within his legs,

this, not to confound you, but that these examples One day, Waterton, whose description we have tor's presence. Then, re-united to the friends with whom we may stir you up to put away this sin from your kinggiven, found a large two-toed sloth on the ground, took sweet counsel upon earth, we shall recount our toil only dom: and you will best do it by humbling your soul upon the bank of the Essequibo. "As soon as we to heighten our ecstasy; and call to mind the tug and the din got up to him," he says, "he threw himself upon his of war, only that with more bounding throb, and a richer song, assaulted you. Strive, then, to overcome it. Sin back, and defended himself in gallant style with his we may feel and celebrate the wonders of redemption. And cannot be put away, except by the instrumentality of fore legs. 'Come, poor fellow,' said I to him, 'if when the morning of the first resurrection breaks on this longtears and repentance. Neither angel nor archangel thou hast got into a hobble to-day, thou shalt not sufcan pardon it. God himself, who alone can say I am thou mast got into a housie to-day, thou shall all its majesty, and in all its marvel; and then shall stood in all its majesty, and in all its marvel; and then shall with you, will assuredly forgive none save the penitent. tune; the forest is large enough both for me and thee the words, whose syllables mingle so often with the funeral. I persuade, I entreat, I exhort, I admonish you: for I to rove in; go thy ways up above, and enjoy thyself knell, that we are disposed to carve them on the cypress-tree am grieved, that you, who were an example of un- in these endless wilds; it is more than probable thou rather than on the palm, "I am the resurrection and the life," heard-of piety, who were distinguished for mercy, and wilt never have another interview with man; so fare form the chorus of that noble anthem, which those for whom thee well.' On saying this, I took a long stick which | Christ "died and rose and revived," Rom. xiv. 9, shall chant as ONE DOOR EAST OF RIDOUT, BROTHERS & Co was lying there, held it for him to hook on, and then they march from judgment to glory.—Rev. Henry Melvill, B.D.

justly treated, should not sorrow that so many inno-cent people have perished." center the top of the tree. He now went Besides writing this letter to the Emperor, Am- off in a side direction, and caught hold of the branch brose refused to allow him to enter the church at of a neighbouring tree; he then proceeded towards

erred in its conjectures concerning the sloth, from dethe slaughter which has taken place. Passion is now in the only position in which he ought to have been APPLICATION.

> "What an odd looking fellow that is," says a town boy, as he sees one who has just come from a distant village, "and then how awkward he is; how sheepish he looks; how he strokes down his hair; and how he

Let me say for him, then, you see him out of his place. Were you to go back with him, you would Archdeacon Jortin. whether prince or people, are equally and jointly ser- find he could plough, and reap, and thrash, and look vants of one Universal Lord and King, the maker of after the sheep and the cattle, and support his aged the Universe. Dare you, then, look upon his shrine, mother by his earnings; and this is more than you can

> "What do you think," says the country boy, "of and that we cut wheat with a scythe-and-and-

Stop, my boy, you have not yet seen him at home, reads nicely, he writes beautifully, he cyphers well, and he can tell you all about the kings of England; of his conscience, instead of proudly fighting against and mention all the mountains and rivers, and produc tions of the earth-and this is what you could not do.

Children and people, then, are to be judged of when they are in that state for which nature or instruction

> THE DESERT. (From "Facts not Fables.")

Belzoni, the celebrated traveller, states, that in a sweet water; on the contrary, it is generally salt or beloved Son; "where He is, we shall be also."-Bp. Heber. oitter; so that if the thirsty traveller drinks of it, it ncreases his thirst, and he suffers more than before. But when the calamity happens, that the next well, which is so anxiously sought for, is found dry, the to the pleasure and profit of it; to wit, shame and pain. He misery of such a situation cannot be well described. has, by an eternal and most righteous decree, made these two The camels, which afford the only means of escape, the inseparable effects and consequents of sin. They are the are so thirsty that they cannot proceed to another wages assigned it by the laws of Heaven; so that whosoever well; and if the travellers kill them, to extract the commits it, ought to account shame and punishment to belong little liquid which remains in their stomachs, they to him as his rightful inheritance. For it is God who has What a situation for a man, though a rich one, per- no taste or relish of any pleasure in the world, while it is actuthere cannot be a greater storm than to find a dry well; at sea one meets with pirates-we escape-we surrender-we die; in the desert they rob the traveller of all his property and water; they let him live perhaps-but what a life! to die the most barbarous and agonizing death! In short, to be thirsty in a desert. without water-exposed to the burning sun, without shelter-and with no hopes of finding either, is the most terrible situation that a man can be placed in, and one of the greatest sufferings that a human being can sustain; -the eyes grow inflamed; the tongue and lips swell; a hollow sound is heard in the ears, which brings on deafness; and the brains appear to grow thick and inflamed :- all these feelings arise

from the want of a little water. APPLICATION.

How little are our common mercies valued! Their frequent enjoyment ought to increase our gratitude; but instead of this it is perverted to produce insensi- his sin may have made him in point of pleasure. - Dr. South. bility to their worth. Let us learn, however, that if a little water may be so precious, how great are our obligations to the Giver of all, who have not only what is necessary to the support of life, but to its comfort

The Garner.

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"I heard a vioce from heaven"-oh, for the angel's tongue, that words so beautiful might have all their melodiou "saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from burden and the conflict, and, with all those who have preceded us in the righteous struggle, enjoy the deep raptures of a media-

who did not suffer even individual offenders to be un- conveyed him to a high and stately mora. He as- THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED GROWING TOGETHER. It appears that God mercifully and wisely permits the mixture of the good and the bad, for the trial of both, for the improvement of the one, and for the amendment of the other .-Both pass their days together, both grow together till the barvest, and God makes his sun to shine and his rain to descend upon both, and allows both to partake in common of the com- BOOT AND SHOE MAKER, mon blessings of his providence. Thus shall it be till the end "Surely you are not aware of the heinousness of scriptions being given of him on the ground, and not of the world. Then the state of probation ceases, and the state of retribution begins, and there is no longer any reason that persons of such different tempers, views, and behaviour should inhabit the same place. The wicked will then be separated from the righteous, banished from the presence of God, and sent to dwell with creatures of the same perverse dispositions; which alone would be a terrible punishment. The fear even of this should be sufficient to warn us so to behave ourselves here, that hereafter we be not doomed to such cursed society, but may live with God, and with beings who love and imitate him.

> NO SIN IN HEAVEN. The happiness of the Messiah's kingdom will, in a more particular manner, consist in a perfect freedom from sin. There 'the wicked shall cease from troubling." (Job, iii. 17.) We shall have nothing to fear from the enticements, the bad example, the ridicule, the deceit, or the violence, of those who love not God; and what is of still greater consequence, we shall be in no danger from ourselves, and from our own corrupt inclinations. The tempter will be bound in chains of everlasting darkness; the struggle between the flesh and the Spirit will be brought to a happy end, by the flesh itself being sanctified, and cleansed from all wicked affections. In innocence, no less than n power, and in beauty, we shall become like the angels of God; and all self-reproach, and all that agony, which arises from the fear of future transgression, shall be banished from our hearts. What other blessings it may be the will of God to bestow hereafter on his servants, we cannot tell; and we know, in Scripture, that they are such, as, from their greatness, exceed ou present faculties to understand, or to receive. The glory, which then shall clothe us, would now, if we could behold it, strike us blind; the blessings which will then be scattered on us, would now overwhelm us in an agony of joy; and our ears cannot as yet receive that unnutterable song, in which the chosen of Christ shall join. But whatever is bestowed on us will be rendered of still greater value by the recollection that it is | Pri for ever. We cannot be happy here, because our happiness is only for a time; and because the danger of future loss must mingle with our purest enjoyment. But in Heaven is no more desert, generally speaking, there are few springs of fear; we shall rejoice; and our joy, neither men nor angels can water, some of them at the distance of four, six, and deprive us of; our safety will be as firm, as the throne of God eight days' journey from one another, and not all of itself, and our lot will be cast for ever with the lot of his own

God has annexed two great evils to every sin, in opposition themselves cannot advance any farther. The situa- joined them together by an irreversible sentence; and it is not tion must be dreadful, and admits of no resource .-- in the power or art of man to put them asunder. And now, as Many perish, victims of most horrible thirst. It is God has made these two evils the sure consequents of sin, so then that the value of a cup of water is really felt. In there is nothing which the nature of man does so peculiarly uch a case there is no distinction. If the master has dread and abhor as these; they being indeed the most directly none, the servant will not give it to him; for very few and absolutely destructive of all its enjoyments; for asmuch as are the instances where a man will voluntarily lose his they reach and confound it in the adequate subject of enjoylife to save that of another, particularly in a caravan | ment, the soul and body; shame being properly the torment of in the desert, where people are strangers to each other. the one, and pain of the other. For the mind of man can have haps the owner of all the caravans! He is dying for a cup of water—no one gives it to him; he offers all keenly and intolerably affect the soul as infamy; it drinks up he possesses-no one hears him; they are all dying the quickness, the gaiety, and activity of the spirits; it dejects though by walking a few hours farther, they might the countenance, made by God himself to look upwards; so be saved. If the camels are lying down, and cannot that this noble creature, the masterpiece of the creation, dares be made to rise—no one has strength to walk—only not so much as lift up either his head or his thoughts, but it is of the Psalmist, ran his supplication: "quicken thou he that has a glass of that precious liquor lives to walk a vexation to him even to look upon others, and yet a greater a mile farther, and perhaps dies too. If the voyages to be looked upon by them. And as shame thus mortifies the on seas are dangerous, so are those in the deserts.— soul, so pain or punishment (the other twin effect of sin) equally pleasures, as well as other things, are but imperfect); there being never a limb or part, never a vein or artery of the body, but it is the scene and receptacle of pain, when soever it shall please God to unfence it, and let in some sharp disease or distemper upon it. And so exceedingly afflictive are these bodily griefs, that there is nothing which affects the body in the way of pleasure, in any degree comparable to that which affects it in the Profits, will share in the Fund to be allocated for Division upon it. And so exceedingly afflictive are these bodily griefs, way of pain. For is there any pleasure in nature, which equals the impressions of the gout, the stone, or even the toothache itself? But then further, when we shall consider that the pains which we have here mentioned, and a great many more, are but the preludiums, the first-fruits and beginnings of that pain which shall be indefinitely advanced, and finally completed n the torments of another world; when the body shall descend into a bed of fire and brimstone, and be lodged forever in the burning furnace of an almighty wrath; this consideration surely and in particular the assured being at liberty to pass by Steam will or ought to satisfy us, that God will not be behind-hand packet betwixt any North American port and any European with the sinner in point of punishment, whatsoever promises

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The assured need thus be under no apprehensions of losing

This word soundeth as though we should merit somewhat by

our own works: for reward and merit are correspondent, one followeth the other; when I have merited, then I ought to have my reward. But we shall not think so : for ye must understand | Board. that all our works are imperfect; we cannot do them so perfectly as the law requireth, because of our flesh, which ever letteth us. Wherefore is the kingdom of God called then a reward?

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