

TRANSLATION OF THE CIV PSALM.

O! my soul, bless thou Jehovah.
 Jehovah, my God, thou art exceedingly great;
 Thou art arrayed with glory, even the majesty of glory.
 Spreading the light, like a garment;
 Stretching forth the heavens like a curtain.
 Uniting his elevated places with the waters:
 He maketh the clouds his chariot;
 And moveth on the wings of the wind.
 Making the swift winds his messengers,
 And the flaming fire his ministers.
 He laid the earth on her foundations,
 So that she shall not be moved for ages and ages.
 Thou didst permit the deep as a garment to cover it,
 And the waters stood above the mountains;
 But from thy rebuke they hastened away;
 At the sound of thy thunder they fled with fear: (1)
 From the high places to which they had gone up;
 And the depths to which they had descended,
 To that place which thou didst prepare for them.
 The boundary thou hast appointed they shall not pass;
 They shall not return to overspread the earth.
 He indeed sends the fountains of water,
 With the torrents that flow between the mountains:
 That all the living creatures of the field may drink:
 And all the wild asses (2) may quench their thirst.
 Near them the birds of heaven may dwell,
 And utter their voice between the branches.
 He watereth the mountains from the high places:
 With the fruit of thy works the earth is satisfied.
 He maketh the grass to grow for the use of cattle,
 And herbs for the service of man:
 For he bringeth forth food from the earth;
 And wine that the heart of the feeble may rejoice,
 And their countenance be made to shine more than oil;
 Even bread also that the heart of the faint may be sustained.
 The trees of Jehovah are saturated;
 The cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted,
 That in them the birds may nestle;
 And the stork have her nest among the fir trees.
 As the great mountains are the abode of the wild goats, (3)
 And the rocks are the shelter of the conies. (4)
 The moon he made for Seasons;
 And the solar light to know the place of its going off.
 The darkness is set, and the night prevails:
 Then all the wild beasts of the wood creep forth:
 The young lions roar for prey,
 And seek their food from God.
 The solar light is diffused, and they withdraw,
 And crouch within their dens;
 But man goeth forth to devise his plans,
 And to perform his labour until the evening.
 O, Jehovah, how numerous are thy works!
 In wisdom hast thou formed them all:
 With thy possessions the earth is filled;