

For the First Week in Lent.

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THE REPENTANCE OF REGRET.

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“Hast thou but one blessing, my Father? And he lifted up his voice and wept.”—Gen. xvii. 38.

“He found no place for repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.”—Heb. xii. 17.

“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”—St. Luke, xv. 10.

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The eastern moon rose broad and red  
Against the western sun ;  
The fring'd palm higher rais'd its head ;  
The day's fierce reign was done :

The Patriarch's tents, in eve's last light,  
Their long dark shadows threw ;  
While dim, and far, and lost in night,  
The sands drank in the dew.

A vaguely solemn, silent scene  
Round Sheba's valley slept,  
When, from the tent's dim folds between,  
A voice of one who wept.