

GOOD, AND EVIL ABOUNDING.

Which, Evil, or Good, more abundant?
 I speak of this Planet of ours,
 Not its furniture, but God's vicegerent,
 Invested with heavenly powers.

The Human, the greatest of Creatures,
 Who only knows evil and good ;
 Retaining yet marvelous features,
 The natural image of God.

But, gone from the spiritual nature,
 The lineaments, moral, Divine,
 Of righteousness wholly divested,
 Till grace, all its powers refine.

Then only is goodness abundant,
 Much more, than when evil had sway,
 This heritage has the believer,
 Whose sin is all taken away.

But alas ! how few those believers !
 Whose faith by their works is made known,
 I would fain ascertain just the number,
 But find that it cannot be done.

O, help me to solve it, Elijah,
 You thought, in your day, Saints were few,
 " I did, but how soon *seven thousand* "
 Came suddenly right into view !

Undoubtedly yet, there's a remnant,
 To many unseen, and unknown ;
 God knows who are His to a unit,
 Though united with others, alone.

The definite number just given,
 Declareth God's people are few !
 This answer presenteth a problem,
 We wish we could prove it untrue.