

work that brought him to earth. Such a being as the Bible Jesus is explained to be, can never cease to be of the profoundest interest to mankind. He can never become obsolete. All men need his service. He can do for them what they cannot do for themselves, and what no one else can do for them. He can put them on good terms with God: then you will find GOD ALWAYS YOUR BEST FRIEND.—*Ind.*

POETIC GEMS FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

PRAYER.



O HELP us, Lord; each hour of need
Thy heavenly succour give;
Help us in thought, and word, and deed,
Each hour on earth we live.

O help us when our spirits bleed
With ~~our~~ trite anguish sore;
And when our hearts are cold and dead,
O help us, Lord, the more.

O help us through the prayer of faith
More firmly to believe;
For still the more the servant hath,
The more shall he receive.

O help us, Jesu, from on high;
We know no help but Thee:

O help us so to live and die
As Thine in heaven to be. —MILMAN.

INVOCATION.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the FATHER, SON,
And THEE, of Both, to be but ONE;
That, through the ages & I along,
This staid may be our endless song—
Praise to Thy eternal merit,
FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT.
—COSIN.

ADORATION, BEFORE SLEEPING.

Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear:
It is not night if Thou be near:
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
For ever on my Saviour's breast.

Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I fare not die.

If some poor wandering child of Thine
Hath spurned to-day the voice divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick; enrich the poor
With blessings from Thy boundless store,
Be every mourner's sleep to-night,
Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.

Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take;
Till in the ocean of Thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

—KEBLE

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QUISQUIS amas Lector, cupidus restringerementem
Cœlesti potu, nectaris et aquis;
Huc ades! et SACRUM FONTEM cœlestibus undis
Undantem gusta! Heic calicea mella fluunt
Sed tibi dulce fuit VERSOS haurire LIQUORES
Dulcius ex irso fonte bibentur aquæ.
Fontis enim vivi pleno heic fuit alveus amari:
Vino si gaudes, en tibi vina scaent!
Vina quidem multo quæ nobiliora Falerno,
Quæ divina tibi gaudia vina ferunt
Ergo ne pigeat paulum subissæ labores
In terra, in Cœlis FONS tibi CHRISTUS erit.

WHAT SHREWD MEN THINK.



ABOUT the life and sayings of Jesus there is a stamp of personal originality, combined with profundity of insight, which, if we abandon the idle expectation of finding scientific precision where something very different was aimed at, must place the Prophet of Nazareth, even in the estimation of those who have no belief in his inspiration, in the very first rank of the men of sublime genius of whom our species can boast. When this pre-eminent genius is combined with the qualities of probably the greatest moral reformer and martyr to that mission who ever existed upon earth, religion can not be said to make a bad choice in pitching on this man as the ideal representative and guide of humanity; nor even now would it be easy even for an unbeliever to find a better translation of the rule of virtue from the abstract into the concrete, than to endeavor so to live that Christ would approve our life.—*From "Three Essays on Religion." John Stuart Mill, Am. Ed., pp. 253-255.*

"From first to last, Jesus is the same, always the same—majestic and simple, infinitely severe and infinitely gentle. Throughout a life passed under the public eye he never gives occasion