

At the Reformation all VIII's reign a bill was brought into the House to confirm their surrender, which passing, completed the dissolution, except the hospitals and colleges, which were not dissolved till the 31st and 37th of Henry VIII., when commissioners were appointed to enter and seize the said lands.—Dict of the English Church.

St. Luke: Evangelist.

18TH OCTOBER.

"THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN."

Vainly before the shrine he bends,
Who knows not the true pilgrim's part;
The martyr's cell no safety lends
To him, who waits the martyr's heart.

But if there be who follows Paul
As Paul his Lord, in life and death,
Where'er an aching heart may call,
Ready to spend and take no breath;

Whose joy is: to the wandering sheep
To tell of the great Shepherd's love;¹
To learn of mourners while they weep
The music that makes mirth above;

Who makes the Saviour all his theme,
The Gospel all his pride and praise,
Approach: for thou canst feel the gleam
That round the martyr's death-bed plays.

Thou hast an ear for angel's songs,
A breath the Gospel trump to fill,
And taught by thee the Church prolongs
Her hymns of high thanksgiving still.²

¹ The Gospel of St. Luke abounds most in such passages as the parable of the lost sheep, which displays God's mercy to penitent sinners.

² The Christian hymns are all in St. Luke: The Magnificat, Benedictus, and Nunc Dimittis.

—Keble's "Christian Year."

St. Simon and St. Jude.

28TH OCTOBER.

APOSTLES.

Leaf from leaf Christ knows;
Himself the Lily and the Rose;
Sheep from sheep Christ tells;
Himself the Shepherd, no one else:
Star and Star He names,
Himself out-blazing all their flames:

Dove by Dove he calls
To set each on the golden walls:
Drop by drop He counts
The flood of ocean as it mounts:
Grain by grain His hand
Numbers the innumerable sand.

Lord, I lift to Thee
In peace what is and what shall be:
Lord, in peace I trust
To Thee all spirits and all dust.

—Christina Rossetti's "Called to be Saints."