

5 *The value and comprehensiveness of the Bible.* C. M.

LET all the heathen writers join
 To form one perfect book :
 Great God ! if once compared with thine,
 How mean their writings look !

2 Not the most perfect rules they gave
 Could show one sin forgiv'n,
 Nor lead a step beyond the grave :
 But thine conduct to heav'n.

3 Lord, I have made thy word my choice,
 My lasting heritage ;
 There shall my noblest pow'rs rejoice,
 My warmest thoughts engage.

4 I'll read the hist'ries of thy love,
 And keep thy laws in sight,
 While through thy promises I rove
 With ever fresh delight.

5 'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown,
 Where springs of life arise,
 Seed of immortal bliss is sown,
 And hidden glory lies.

36 *God's mercy great and eternal.* S. M.

MY soul repeat his praise
 Whose mercies are so great ;
 Whose anger is so slow to rise,
 So ready to abate.

2 God will not always chide ;
 And, when his wrath is felt,
 His strokes are fewer than our crimes,
 And lighter than our guilt.

3 High as the heav'ns are rais'd
 Above the ground we tread,
 So far the riches of his grace
 Our highest thoughts exceed.