

# “ Behold the Mother ! ”

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BEHOLD thy Mother ! ” Words He might have said  
 At Bethlehem, from the Crib ; for She was then  
 New Eve, and Mother of our Life : or when —  
 He rose, the deathless first-fruits of the dead ;  
 Or forth to Bethany His lov'd ones led.  
 To watch the heavens receive Him out of ken.  
 But no : He chose this hour, and caused the pen  
 Of him who heard to write what we have read.  
 Yes, dearest Lord ! Our Mother was to be  
 By Thy gift doubly ours. And Thou didst wait  
 Till She had shared Thy Passion — seen Thee prove  
 Thy love for us, and proved Her own for Thee,  
 To last excess : then solemnly instate  
 The Queen of Mercy in Her realm of love.

“ The practice of kind thoughts is our main help to that complete government of the tongue which we all so much covet and without which the apostle says that all our religion is vain ” — *Faber*.

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials.

Sunshine broken in the rill,  
 Though turned astray is sunshine still. — *Moore*.

My burden every day is new.  
 But every day my God is true. — *Anton Ulrich*.

O bearer of hope unto land and sea.  
 Sunbeam ! what gift hath the world like thee.  
 — *Mrs. Hemans*.

The mathematician Euclid once had a bitter quarrel with his brother, who went to him and said : “ I am so angry with you that I shall die if I cannot be revenged.” — “ And I,” answered Euclid, “ am so sorrowful to hear you say that, that I believe I shall die if you will not forgive me.” So the brothers were once more reconciled

“ Happiness is a great power of holiness. Thus, kind words, by their power of producing happiness, have also a power of producing holiness, and so of winning men to God.” — *Faber*.