

E'en the rapture of pardon is mingled with fears,
And the cup of thanksgiving with penitent tears;
The festival trump calls for jubilant songs,
But my spirit her own *miserere* prolongs.

"I would not live alway! no, welcome the tomb;
Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its gloom
Where He deigned to sleep I'll too bow my head,
All peaceful to slumber on that hallowed bed.
Then the glorious daybreak, to follow that night,
The orient gleam of the angels of light,
With their clarion call for the sleepers to rise
And chant forth their matins, away to the skies.

"Who would live alway, away from his God,
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode,
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns;
Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet
Their Saviour and brethren, transported to greet,
While the songs of salvation exultingly roll,
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul?

"That heavenly music! what is it I hear?
The notes of the harper ring sweet in mine ear!
And see, soft unfolding those portals of gold,
The King, all arrayed in his beauty, behold!
Oh, give me, oh, give me the wings of a dove,
To adore Him, be near Him, enrapt with His love!
I wait but the summons, I list for the word;
Alleluia! Amen! e ermore with the Lord!"

Christian Thought.

THE PECULIAR REFORMATORY FORCES OF CHRISTIANITY.

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HE great thought of the hour is the reformatory forces of Christianity. The very idea of reformation supposes that there is something in man from which he is to be reformed, and something out of man to which he is to be reformed.

FOUR GREAT FACTS.

What then is the radical condition of humanity which renders reformation a necessity. Our theory is that man is depraved. Four great