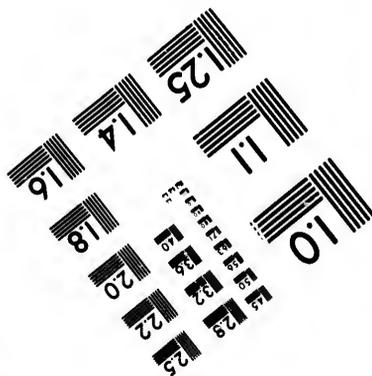
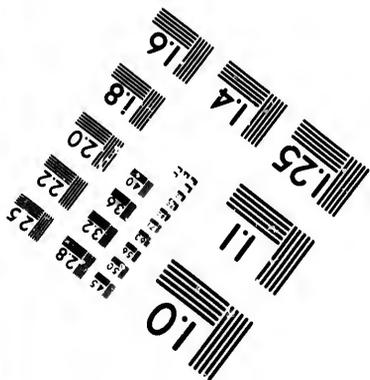
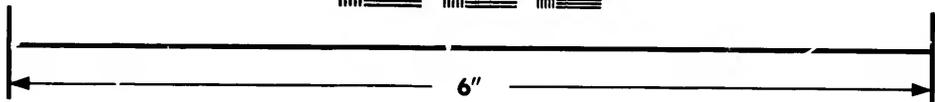
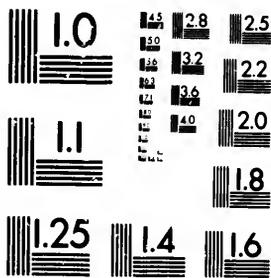


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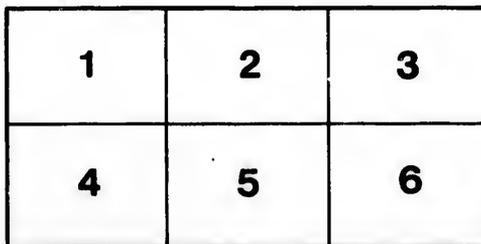
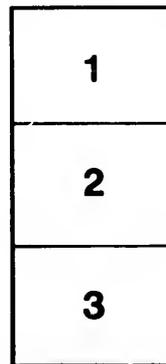
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PREFACE.

“Because the preacher was wise he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he *gave good heed*, and *sought out*, and *set in order* many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out *acceptable* words, . . . even words of truth. The words of the wise are as *golds*, and as *nails well fastened*.”—Ecc. xii. 9-11.

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“CONVERSE WITH THE KING” belongs to a class of very useful books. The nature, number, and variety of its topics cannot but be instructive to the children of the King. It is a labor-saving book, which, at a glance, gives a great number of apposite quotations from the oracles of God.

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PROEM.

Sought out, and set in order. Eccl. xii. 9.

Knowing that soon I must put off my tabernacle, . . . I will endeavor that after my departure, ye may be able to have these things always in remembrance.—2 Peter i. 14, 15.

Here wreathed are flowerets bright with Orient dyes,
And blended hues from radiant eastern skies ;
And gathered fruits most lascious, grown in climes
Forever hallowed by the rapturous chimes
Of heavenly music, and inspired bard ;
And perfumes sweet from fields of myrrh and nard.

Here food prepared is found, and waters cold
From springs that rise in snowy mountains old.
And here are rubies rich, and gold most fine,
And jewels rare from ancient stream and mine.
Here gathered treasures lie from many a land,
And distant age, "sought out," and brought to hand.

Here God reveals to man His glorious face,
Dispensing through His Son rich stores of grace.
Here comfort, peace, and joy, and strength are found :
Here counsels wise and promises abound :
And best of all, to him who but receives,
All things are his if only he believes.

W. H. P.

Abiding in Him.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. 1 John iv. 15.

God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God in him. 1 John iv. 16.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. John xv. 7, 10.

He that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. 1 John iii. 24.

If that which ye heard from the beginning abide in you, ye also shall abide in the Son, and in the Father. 1 John ii. 24.

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. 1 John ii. 6.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine; ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. John xv. 4, 5.

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not. 1 John iii. 6.

And now, little children, abide in him; that if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 1 John ii. 28.

Abide in me, O Father, Spirit, Son,
And I in Thee, Thou blessed Three in One.
So shall my life, in every act, and hour,
Yield fruits of thy indwelling love and power.

W. H. P.

Afflictions.

The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. Ex. i. 12.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Psa. cxix. 75.

Behold, I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. Isa. xlvi. 10 : Zeph. iii. 12.

He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them. Lam. iii. 33 : Isa. lxiii. 9.

I have surely seen the affliction of my people, and I know their sorrows. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. Ex. iii. 7 : Ps. xxxiv. 19.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted ; before I was afflicted I went astray ; but now have I kept thy word. Our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Ps. cxix. 71, 67 : 2 Cor. iv. 17.

Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries, all her pleasant things. In their affliction they will seek me early. Lam. i. 7 : Hos. v. 15.

He kindles for my profit purely,
Affliction's glowing, fiery brand ;
And all His heaviest blows are surely
Inflicted by a master hand ;
So I say, praying, " As God will !"
And in His mighty hand hold still.

JULIUS STURM.

A Friend.

A friend loveth at all times, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Prov. xvii. 17 ; xviii. 24.

Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? 2 Chron. xx. 7.

Thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. Isa. xli. 8.

Abraham . . . was called the friend of God. Jas. ii. 23.

The Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do? Gen. xviii. 17.

The Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. Ex. xxxiii. 11.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. John xv. 14, 15.

A man that hath friends must show himself friendly. Prov. xviii. 24.

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend forsake not. Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Prov. xxvii. 10: Jas. iv. 4.

One there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end.
They who once his kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love.

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After Death.

Man dieth, and giveth up the ghost, and where is he? Job xiv. 10.

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken; . . . then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. *Ecc. xii. 6, 7.*

The spirit of man . . . goeth upward. *Ecc. iii. 21.*

They stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. *Acts vii. 59.*

The beggar (Lazarus) died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; and in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. *Luke xvi. 22, 23.*

I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better. *Phil. i. 23.*

Then were there two thieves crucified with him. And one . . . railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other . . . said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise. *Matt. xxvii. 38: Luke xxiii. 39-43.*

We are . . . willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. *2 Cor. v. 8.*

Ye are come unto . . . an innumerable company of angels, and to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. *Heb. xii. 22, 23.*

Earth's journey done, heaven's rest begun,
Life's toils and sorrows ended;
To joys above, on wings of love,
The spirit hath ascended.

W. H. P., from J. S. B. MONSELL.

A Good Name.

A good name is better than precious ointment. Eccl. vii. 1.

David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul ; so that his name was much set by. And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting the Syrians in the valley of salt. 1 Sam. xviii. 30 : 2 Sam. viii. 13.

Say unto David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheep-cote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel : and I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. And the king's servants came to bless king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. 1 Sam. vii. 8, 9 : 1 Kings i. 47.

Israel . . . blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel who hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads ; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac ; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. Gen. xlviii. 14, 15.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold. Thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my Sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant ; even unto them will I give in mine house . . . a name better than of sons and of daughters : I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. And I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. Prov. xxii. 1 : Isa. lvi. 4, 5 : Zeph. iii. 20.

O riches the most precious, the wealth that life outlives,
That now and ever onward, true bliss and blessing gives ;
Worth more than golden treasures, or worldly power and fame,
Is the enduring heritage of an untarnished name.

W H. P.

Angels.

And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them he said, This is God's host. Gen. xxxii. 1, 2.

I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. Rev. v. 11.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even many thousands of angels. Thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. Ye are come unto an innumerable company of angels. Ps. lxxviii. 17 : Dan. vii. 10 : Heb. xii. 22.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, mighty in strength. Ps. ciii. 20.

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels. 2 Thess. i. 7.

Whiles I was praying, Gabriel, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me. Dan. ix. 21.

Of the angels, he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits. . . . And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will to men. Heb. i. 7 : Luke ii. 13, 14.

Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. Matt. iv. 11.

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Heb. i. 14.

Angels, sing on, your faithful watches keeping ;
Sing us sweet fragments of the songs above ;
Till morning's joy shall end the night of weeping,
And life's long shadows break in cloudless love.

F. W. FABER.

Armor.

Saul armed David with his armor, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head, and he clad him with a coat of mail, . . . And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these : for I have not proved them. 1 Sam. xvii. 38, 39.

I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. Neh. iv. 13.

They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one, with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held his weapon ; for the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. Neh. iv. 17, 18.

Let us put on the armor of light ;—the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds. Rom. xiii. 12 : 2 Cor. vi. 7 ; x. 4.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. . . . Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace ; withal taking up the shield of faith, where-with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance. Eph. vi. 11-18.

Hast thou faith to wield the weapons,
Furnished by the Leader's love ;
Formed and fitted for each soldier,
In the armory above ?
If thou hast, then gird them on thee,
Shield and helmet, sword and brand ;
And go forth to life's hard contest,
Waging, winning, laurelled stand.

W. H. P.

Asleep.

While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares. Matt. xiii. 25.

Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep, . . . and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Prov. xix. 15 ; xxiii. 21.

Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty ; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard ? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep ? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep ; so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. Prov. xx. 13 ; vi. 9-11.

Let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober. They that sleep, sleep in the night, and they that are drunken, are drunken in the night ; but let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breast-plate of faith and love, and for an helmet the hope of salvation. 1 Thess. v. 6.

Why sleep ye ? Arise and pray that ye enter not into temptation. Luke xxii. 46.

While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh ; go ye out to meet him. Matt. xxv. 5, 6.

Watch, therefore, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning ; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. Mark xiii. 35, 36.

Why sleep we so, and morning in the sky ?
 The sounds of busy life grow near and high ;
 The sowing waits our coming, and the soil
 So ready now the burning heat will spoil.
 The Master, too, is coming,—even now I hear,
 “ What, thou asleep so late, and I so near ! ”

W. H. P.

Assurance.

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The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. Isa. xxxiii. 17.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup. Lam. iii. 24; Ps. xvi. 5.

Cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. Heb. x. 35.

My beloved is mine and I am his. I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine. Cant. ii. 16; vi. 3.

I will say to them that were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God. Hos. ii. 23.

Now we are the sons of God. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his spirit. The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. 1 John iii. 2; iv. 13; Rom. viii. 16.

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 1 John v. 10; Gal. iv. 6.

We know that we are of God; . . . and that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. 1 John v. 19, 20.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John v. 13.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine?
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

FANNY J. CROSBY.

At Ease.

He that is ready to slip with his feet, is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease. Job xii. 5.

Our soul is exceedingly filled with the 'scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud. Ps. cxxiii. 4.

Rise up, ye women that are at ease ; hear my voice, ye careless daughters. Woe to them that are at ease in Zion ; . . . that put far away the evil day ; . . . that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and calves out of the stall ; that chant to the sound of the viol ; . . . that drink bowls of wine, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments : but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. Therefore shall they go captive with the first that go captive. Isa. xxxii. 9 : Amos vi. 1-7.

They came to Laish, and saw the people, . . . how they dwelt careless, . . . quiet and secure ; . . . and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man ; . . . and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire. Judges xviii. 7, 27.

Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel. Therefore I will empty his vessels, and break their bottles. And I will punish the men that are settled on their lees ; that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil. And their wealth shall become a spoil, and their houses a desolation. Jer. xlvi. 11, 12 : Zeph. i. 12, 13.

Christian, seek not yet repose,
Cast thy dreams of ease away ;
Thou art in the midst of foes :
" Watch and pray."

C. ELLIOTT.

Awake.

When they were awake they saw his glory. Luke ix. 32.

Awake up, my glory, awake, psaltery and harp : I myself will awake right early. Ps. lvii. 8.

Awake, awake, Deborah : awake, awake, utter a song. Jud. v. 1 .

He wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. Is. l. 4.

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother : bind them continually upon thine heart, tie them about thy neck. When thou walkest, it shall lead thee ; when thou sleepest, it shall watch over thee ; and when thou awakest it shall talk with thee. Prov. vi. 20-22.

It is high time to awake out of sleep : for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Rom. xiii. 11.

Awake to righteousness and sin not. Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee. 1 Cor. xv. 34 : Eph. v. 14.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness : I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness. When I awake I am still with thee. Ps. xvii. 15 ; cxxxix. 18.

Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust : for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Is. xxvi. 19.

Awake, my soul, with grateful song,
Thy great Redeemer's praise prolong,
From early morning's dawning light,
Till darkness deepens into night.
Then wake, and on exultant wing,
With sainted spirits soar and sing.

W. H. P.

Backbiting.

As they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind; . . . being full of . . . malignity, . . . whisperers, backbiters. Rom. i. 28-30.

All that hate me whisper together against me : against me do they desire my hurt. Ps. xli. 7.

Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother. Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself ; and discover not a secret to another : lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away. Ps. l. 20 : Prov. xxv. 9, 10.

A talebearer revealeth secrets ; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. Prov. xi. 13.

Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people. He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets ; therefore meddle not with him that openeth wide his lips. Lev. xix. 16 : Prov. xx. 19.

He that covereth a transgression seeketh love ; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends. Prov. xvii. 9.

I fear lest when I come, I shall not find you such as I would . . . lest there be . . . envyings, . . . backbitings, whisperings. 2 Cor. xii. 20.

The north wind bringeth forth rain : so doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance. Prov. xxv. 23.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from among you, with all malice ; and be ye kind one to another. But if ye bite and devour one another take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. Eph. iv. 31 : Gal. v. 15.

See Ps. lxiv. 1-8 : Prov. xxvi. 22-27.

Love, with true frankness, speaks in open day,
But hatred in the darkness hides away ;
The whisperer of evil, false or true,
Defaming others, doth himself undo.

W. H. P

Backsliding.

Why is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? Jer. viii. 5.

O Lord, . . . our backslidings are many : we have sinned against thee. Jer. xiv. 7.

My people are bent to backsliding from me. Their backslidings are increased. Hos. xi. 7 : Jer. v. 6.

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways. Prov. xiv. 14.

Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backsliding shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God. Jer. ii. 19.

Hast thou seen what backsliding Israel hath done? She hath . . . played the harlot. Jer. iii. 6.

Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord : I will not look in anger upon you ; for I am merciful, saith the Lord ; I will not keep anger forever. Return, O backsliding children, saith the Lord ; for I am an husband unto you. Return, ye backsliding children, I will heal your backslidings. O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God ; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn unto the Lord : say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously : so will we render the calves of our lips. Asshur shall not save us ; we will not ride upon horses : neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods : for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely ; for mine anger is turned away from him. Jer. iii. 12, 14, 22 : Hos. xiv. 1-4.

Return, O backslider, to Jesus return ;
How long shall His loving heart over thee yearn ?
How long wilt thou grieve Him, how long turn aside
From the love that would shield thee, the hand that
would guide ?

MRS. J. C. YULE.

Baptism.

John indeed baptized with water. And . . . Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. Acts i. 5: Mark i. 4.

John also was baptizing in Enon near to Salim, because there was much water there; and they came, and were baptized. John iii. 23.

Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples). And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth, Go ye therefore and disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world (age). John iv. 1, 2: Matt. xxviii. 18-20. See Mark xvi. 15, 16.

See, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized? Acts viii. 36.

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. And many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized. Acts x. 47; viii. 12; xviii. 8. See ii. 38, 41.

Know ye not that all we who were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. Rom. vi. 3, 4. See Col. ii. 12.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. Gal. iii. 27.

We gave ourselves to Thee, O Lord,
Content to be despised;
When we obedient to Thy word,
Believed, and were baptized.

B. W. NOEL.

Believing in God.

David was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. Dan. vi. 23.

The jailer . . . rejoiced greatly, believing in God with all his house. Acts xvi 27, 34.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Rom. xv. 13.

He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. xi. 6.

He that believeth not God hath made him a liar. 1 John v. 10.

I believe; help thou mine unbelief. Mark ix. 24.

How can ye believe who receive glory one of another, and seek not the glory which is from the only God? John v. 44.

Lord, I believe. I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me. John ix. 38 : Acts xxvii. 25.

As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. Matt. viii. 13.

(Abraham) believed God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth the things that are not, as though they were. . . . Yea, looking unto the promise of God, he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith; being fully assured that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. Rom. iv. 17-21.

All things are possible to him that believeth. Mark ix. 23.

“Only believe,” the Saviour says,
 Nor doubt God’s faithfulness and power,
 And joy shall fill thy lips with praise,
 For noon’s clear light in midnight’s hour;
 For bliss from grief, and gain from loss,
 And sweetness from the bitter cross;
 For victory in life’s defeat,
 And dungeon changed to monarch’s seat.

W, H, P,

Believing on the Son.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life ; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life ; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John iii. 36.

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him, shall receive remission of sins. Acts x. 43.

Be it known unto you, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins ; and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts xiii. 38, 39.

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed on Christ Jesus. Gal. ii. 16.

To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Rom. iv. 5. See iii. 25, 26 ; x. 4.

We are of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Heb. x. 39.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts xvi. 31.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God ? 1 John v. 5.

All things are possible to him that believeth. He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also ; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father. Mark ix. 23 : John xiv. 12.

“ Only believe,” the Saviour says,
 And you may know your sins forgiven ;
 Grace shall be equal to your days,
 Sweet promise and foretaste of heaven.

W. H. P.

Best Robe.

The father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe and put it on him. Luke xv. 22.

All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Isa. lxiv. 6.

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he . . . spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. Zech. iii. 3, 4.

The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework. Ps. xlv. 13, 14.

When I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, . . . then washed I thee with water. . . . I clothed thee also with broidered work, . . . and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. I decked thee also with ornaments; . . . and thou wast exceeding beautiful. . . . For thy beauty . . . was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord. Ezek. xvi. 6, 9-14.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. Isa. lxi. 10.

The righteousness of God is . . . unto all, and upon all them that believe. Rom. iii. 22.

Jesus, thy robe of righteousness
My beauty is, my glorious dress;
This spotless robe the same appears,
When ruined nature sinks in years;
No age can change its glorious hue,
The robe of Christ is ever new.

J. WESLEY.

Bishops, Etc.

The saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops (overseers) and deacons. Phil. i. 1.

Faithful is the saying, If a man seeketh the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, vigilant, soberminded, orderly, hospitable, apt in teaching; no brawler, no striker, but forbearing; not contentious, no lover of money; ruling well over his own house, having children in subjection with all gravity; (but if a man knoweth not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into the judgment of the devil. Moreover he must have good testimony from them that are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. 1 Tim. iii. 1-7. See v. 17-19.

From Miletus (Paul) sent to Ephesus, and called for the elders of the church. And . . . he said unto them . . . take heed . . . unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops (overseers), to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood. Paul, a servant of God, . . . to Titus, . . . For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city. . . . If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unruly. For the bishop (overseer) must be blameless, as God's steward; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, a lover of goodness, just, holy, temperate, holding fast the faithful word according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers. Acts xx. 17, 18; Titus i. 4-9. See 1 Peter v. 1-4.

Bishop of souls, what nobler, more Christly work than thine,
To lead the lost and erring up to the life Divine.

W. H. P.

Blessed to Give.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts xx. 35.

A river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from thence it was parted and became four heads. Gen. ii. 10.

The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. Prov. xi. 25.

There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty. Prov. xi. 24.

He that soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 Cor. ix. 6.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. ix. 7.

Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke vi. 38.

Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Lord has blessed his people: and that which is left is this great store. 2 Chron. xxxi. 10.

The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand. Isa. xxxii. 8.

The Lord is not in need of our poor gold,
For He has wealth exhaustless and untold;
But if we give to Him with cheerful heart,
He doth to us more will and power impart.
So giving makes the giver richer far,
As shining doth the brightness of a star.

W. H. P.

Blood.

Almost all things are by the law purged with blood ; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. ix. 22.

If any one sin, . . . and be guilty, . . . he shall bring his offering, . . . and the priest shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar ; . . . and he shall be forgiven. Lev. iv. 27-31.

The life of the flesh is in the blood : (for the blood is the life. Deut. xii. 23) and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls ; for it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul. And when I see the blood I will pass over you Lev. xvii. 11 : Ex. xii. 15.

There was a tabernacle made, the first, called the Holy place. And after the second veil, the tabernacle, called the Holy of holies. Into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people. But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle ; not . . . by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. ix. 2, 3, 7, 11, 12.

If the blood of bulls and goats, . . . sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh : how much more shall the blood of Christ, . . . purge your conscience from dead works, to serve the living God ? Heb. ix 13, 14.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God !
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood.

I. WATTS.

Blood.

They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev. vii. 14.

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Rom. v. 8, 9 : Eph. i. 7.

God hath set forth Jesus Christ, a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past ; . . . that he might be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. Rom. iii. 25, 26. See Heb. ix.

Thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. Rev. v. 9.

Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers ; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Pet. i. 18, 19.

Having boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, . . . let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith. Heb. x. 19, 22.

Now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. ii. 13.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Are saved, to sin no more.

WM. COWPER.

Born of God.

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God : and every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him. 1 John v. 1.

Beloved, let us love one another : for love is of God ; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 John iv. 7.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently : being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. 1 Peter i. 22, 23.

Except a man be born again (from above) he cannot see the kingdom of God. Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. John iii. 3 : 1 John iii. 10.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him John iii. 7 : 1 John ii. 29

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not ; but he that is begotten of God, keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. 1 John v. 18, 4.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin ; for his seed remaineth in him : and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 1 John iii. 9.

Angels bending from the skies,
Saw less pleased this new-formed earth,
Than they view with glad surprise
Souls renewed by heavenly birth ;
Destined with themselves to dwell,
And their glory to excel.

W. H. P.

Born of the Spirit.

That which is born of the Spirit, is spirit. John iii. 6. See v. 8.

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live. Ezek. xxxvii. 9.

I will put my spirit in you, and ye shall live. Ezek. xxxvii. 14.

It is the Spirit that quickeneth. The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. John vi. 63 : 2 Cor. iii. 6.

You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Eph. ii. 1.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. viii. 2. See Gal. v. 25.

Walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. If ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Gal. v. 16, 18.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Rom. viii. 14, 16.

Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Gal. iv. 6.

The Spirit, like some heavenly wind,
Breathes on the sons of flesh,
Creates anew the carnal mind,
And forms the man afresh.
Our quickened souls awake and rise
From their long sleep of death ;
On heavenly things we fix our eyes
And praise employs our breath.

I. WATTS.

Brevity of Life.

Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away. Ps. cxliv. 4.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is nothing before thee. Verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Ps. xxxix. 4, 5.

Man that is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. Job xiv. 1, 2.

Our days on the earth are as a shadow. We all do fade as a leaf. 1 Chron. xxix. 15: Isa. lxiv. 6.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth. Ps. ciii. 15: James i. 11.

O remember how short my time is! My days are swifter than a post; . . . they are passed away as the swift ships; as the eagle hasteth to the prey. Ps. lxxxix 47: Job ix. 25, 26.

What is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. Jas. iv. 14.

Man's life is but a brief deceptive dream,
A glittering bubble on a flowing stream,
A flower that blooms in beauty but to fade,
A light that quickly leaves a deeper shade.
Such is man's transient life of joy and pain,
Which but for Christ and Heaven were lived in vain.

W. H. P.

Brotherly Love.

Love the brotherhood. Love us brethren. 1 Peter ii. 17 ; iii. 8.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as he gave us commandment. 1 John v. 2 ; iii. 23.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another ; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John xiii. 34.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John iv. 9, 11. See Eph. v. 1, 2.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you. And above all things have fervent love among yourselves : for love shall cover the multitude of sins. John xv. 12 : 1 Peter iv. 8.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Hereby know we the love (of Christ) to us, that he laid down his life for us : and we ought also to lay down our lives for the brethren. John xv. 18 : 1 John iii. 16.

In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another, in honour preferring one another. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also do toward you. Rom. xii. 10 : 1 Thess. iii. 12.

Dwell in me, Jesus, love's true pattern, source, and strength,
And make me know its wondrous breadth and length ;
So shall I seek by its inspiring glow,
Kindness to Thee, in Thy redeemed, to show.

W. H. P.

Brotherly Love.

Let brotherly love continue. Heb. xiii. 1.

This is the message that ye had from the beginning, that we should love one another. 1 John iii. 11.

These things I command you, that ye love one another. Owe no man anything but to love one another. As touching brotherly love ye have no need that I write unto you ; for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. John xv. 17 : Rom. xiii. 8 : 1 Thess. iv. 9.

This commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. 1 John iv. 21.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar ; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 1 John iv. 20 ; iii. 14.

Beloved, let us love one another ; for love is of God ; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 John iv. 7.

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light. Every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him. 1 John ii. 10 ; v. 1.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John iii. 14 ; iv. 12.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John xiii. 35.

Love is the golden chain that binds
The happy souls above ;
And he's an heir of heaven that finds
His bosom glow with love.

SWAIN,

Called.

He is the mediator of the new testament, that they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. Heb. ix. 15.

God hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling. 2 Tim. i. 9.

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son. Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: . . . beloved of God, called to be saints. 1 Cor. i. 9: Rom. i. 6, 7.

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called. Jude i.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called. 1 Tim. vi. 12.

The God of all grace, hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus. 1 Peter v. 10.

God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. ii. 13, 14.

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Rom. viii. 28.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. Rom. viii. 30.

The God of grace and glory calls,
And leads the wondrous way
To His own palace, where He reigns
In uncreated day.

NOEL'S COL.

Calling Upon the Lord.

To Seth . . . was born a son, and he called his name Eno; then began men to call upon the name of the Lord. Gen. iv. 26.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
. . . have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. . .
The Lord will hear when I call upon him. Ps. iv. 1, 3.

Thus saith the Lord, . . . Call unto me and I will
answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things
that thou knowest not. Jer. xxxiii. 2, 3.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me; for I am
poor and needy. In the day of my trouble I will call
upon thee, for thou wilt answer me. Ps. lxxxvi. 1, 7.

He will be very gracious to thee at the voice of thy
cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. For
he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor
also, and him that hath no helper. Isa. xxx. 19: Ps.
lxxii. 12.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have
mercy also upon me and answer me. Incline thine ear
unto me; in the day when I call answer me speedily.
Ps. xxii. 7; cii. 2.

Before they call I will answer; and while they are
yet speaking I will hear. Isa. lv. 24.

As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord shall
save me. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to
be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
Ps. lv. 16; xviii. 3.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will
deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. For whosoever
shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Ps. l. 15: Rom. x. 13. See Deut. iv. 7: Ps. cxlv. 18,
19: Rom. x. 12, 13.

Call to Him, though He dwelleth
Far, far above the sky;
In danger, need, or trouble,
You'll find Him very nigh.

W. H. P.

Chastening.

No chastening for the present seemeth joyous, but grievous; nevertheless it afterward yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto them that have been exercised thereby. Heb. xii. 11.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. Ps. vi. 1 : lxxiii. 14.

Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. Deut. viii. 5, 6.

The Lord hath chastened me sore : but he hath not delivered me over unto death. Ps. cxviii. 18.

He that spareth the rod hateth his son ; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons ; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not ? As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten ; be zealous therefore, and repent. Prov. xiii. 24 : Heb. xii. 7 : Rev. iii. 19.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law ; that thou mayest give him rest in the day of adversity. Ps. xciv. 12, 13.

Happy is the man whom God correcteth, wherefore despise thou not the chastening of the Almighty. My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him ; for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. Job v. 17 : Heb. xii. 5.

After the shower the shining sun ;
Solace and rest when the work is done :
Fidelity and favor after pain,
As after the sickle the golden grain.

W. H. P.

Children.

Children . . . let them praise the name of the Lord. Ps. cxlviii. 12, 13.

The child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. Sam. iii. 1.

The disciples came unto Jesus saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven : And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones ; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. For . . . it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. Matt. xviii. 1-6, 10, 14.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd ; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom. Isa. xl. 11.

Lovest thou me ? Feed my lambs. John xxi. 15.

See Israel's gentle Shepherd stands,
With all engaging charms ;
Hark ! how He calls the tender lambs,
And folds them in His arms.

P. DODDRIDGE.

Child Piety.

Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child. And the child Samuel grew before the Lord. 1 Sam. ii. 18, 21.

The child Samuel grew on, . . . and the Lord was with him : and he was in favor both with the Lord, and also with men. And the Lord called Samuel, . . . and Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child. 1 Sam. ii. 26 ; iii. 8.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. Prov. xx. 11.

Then were brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them and pray : and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for of such is the kingdom of God. Matt. xix. 13 : Mark x. 14.

I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 1 John ii. 12.

The child shall die an hundred years old. Isa. lxxv. 20.

I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes ; even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight. Matt. xi. 25.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength—perfected praise—that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger. Ps. viii. 2 : Matt. xxi. 16.

A little child shall lead them. Isa. xi. 6.

Saviour, in life's earliest hours,
I would give myself to Thee :
Heart's best love, and life's best powers,
Ever, wholly, Thine to be.
Thy full right to me I own,
Thine to be, and Thine alone.

W. H. P.

Chosen.

They that are with (the Lamb) are called, and chosen, and faithful. Rev. xvii. 14. See Matt. xxii. 14.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts : we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Ps. lxxv. 4.

The Lord will show who are his, and who are holy ; and will cause him to come near unto him : even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him. Num. xvi. 5.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord ; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Ps. xxxiii. 12.

The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people ; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Deut. vii. 6 : 1 Peter ii. 9.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ : according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Eph. i. 3, 4.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain : that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. John xv. 16 : 2 Thess. ii. 13.

It was not I who chose the Saviour first,
But He of His own love and mercy free,
Did seek and win me when a rebel lost,
Pledging me all that I would need or be.

W. H. P.

Christians' Lights.

God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven . . . to give light upon the earth. And it was so. Gen. i. 14, 15.

Let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. Jud. v. 31.

If iniquity be in thy hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles; then thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning. Job xi. 14, 17.

No man when he hath lighted a candle putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they who come in may see the light. Luke xi. 33.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they seeing your good works may glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matt. v. 14-16.

(John) was a burning and a shining light. John v. 35.

Ye were once darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of the light. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom shine ye as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life; that ye may show forth the excellences of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Eph. v. 8, 11: Phil. ii. 14, 15: 1 Peter ii. 9.

Father, shine on our souls from heaven,
And make us for Thy glory shine;
We would not keep one gift ungiven,
We would not hide one beam of Thine.

T. H. GILL.

Christ in You.

Christ in you the hope of glory. Col. i. 27.

I am crucified with Christ ; nevertheless I live ; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. Gal. ii. 20.

If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin ; but the spirit is life because of righteousness. Rom. viii. 10.

He that keepeth his commandments, dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the spirit which he hath given us. 1 John iii. 24.

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. The flesh profiteth nothing ; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. Abide in me, and I in you. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John vi. 56, 64 ; xv. 4, 7.

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 1 John iv. 13.

In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. Do ye not know your own selves that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be repro- bates ? John xiv. 20 : 2 Cor. xiii. 5.

As some rare perfume in a vase of clay

Pervades it with a fragrance not its own ;

So when Thou dwellest in a mortal soul,

All heaven's own sweetness seems around it thrown,

Thank God, there have been moments richly blest,

When we have felt His own indwelling power ;

And we would have it every day and hour.

From HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

Christ's Second Coming.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Titus ii. 13.

Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him. Rev. i. 7.

Ye shall see the Son of man . . . coming in the clouds of heaven. Matt. xxvi. 64.

The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. Zech. xiv. 5.

Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints. Jude xiv.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence. Ps. l. 3.

The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 1 Thess. iv. 16.

Then we who are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thess. iv. 17.

I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John xiv. 2, 3.

The weary Church has waited long,
Her Lord's return to sing;
With pledges of affection strong,
His longing bride to bring.
Full soon He'll come, nor tarry long;
His chariot wheels I hear;
Prepare Him a reception song,
For even now He's near.

W. H. P.

Christ's Second Coming.

To them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. ix. 28.

Our citizenship is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body. Phil. iii. 20, 21.

This same Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Acts i. 11.

A very little while and he that cometh shall come and shall not tarry. Heb. x. 37.

Be ye also patient ; stablish your hearts ; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. James v. 8.

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day : and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Tim. iv. 8.

I thank God . . . that ye come behind in no gift ; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God. 1 Cor. i. 4, 7 : 2 Thess. iii. 5 : 2 Peter iii. 12.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Rev. xxii. 20.

Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be. Surely I come quickly. Rev. xxii. 12, 20.

Beyond life's light and shadows drear ;
Beyond the smile-succeeding tear ;
Beyond alternate hopes and fear ;
Jesus my mansion doth prepare,
And soon he'll come to take me there.

W. H. P.

Christ Supreme.

Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion. Num. xxiv. 19.

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet until Shiloh come, and to him shall the obedience of the people be. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure throughout all generations. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth : and the isles shall wait for his law. For he must reign till he have put all enemies under his feet. Gen. xlix. 10 : Ps. lxxii. 5, 8 : Is. xlii. 4 : 1 Cor. xv. 25.

The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Ps. cx. 1 ; ii. 8.

I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven. . . . And there was given unto him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him : his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Dan. vii. 13, 14.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents, the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him ; all nations shall serve him. And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba : prayer also shall be made for him continually, and daily shall he be praised. Ps. lxxii. 9-11, 15.

Hail Him, ye tribes and nations, bond and free,
Rude and refined, adoring bend the knee ;
Savage and cultured, sovereign and slave,
Worship the heavenly King, earth-born to save.

W. H. P.

Christ the Light.

In him was life : and the life was the light of men. John i. 4.

He shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds. 2 Sam. xxiii. 4.

Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. Mal. iv. 2.

The people that sat in darkness saw a great light, and to them that sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up. Matt. iv. 16.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. John xii. 46.

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John i. 9.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may be the children of light. John ix. 5 ; xii. 36.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. iv. 6.

Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not. Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee. For ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day. John xii. 35 : Eph. v. 14 : 1 Thess. v. 5.

Choose thou the light, the pure and holy light,
Live in the light, a child of day and light.

And Christ, who is the light, shall shine on thee.
Walk in the light as He is in the light,
And evermore His light thy light shall be.

D. A. MCGREGOR.

Clean.

What is man that he should be clean ; or how can he be clean that is born of a woman ? Job xv. 14 ; xxv. 4.

If I wash myself in snow water, and make my hands never so clean, yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me. For we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Job ix. 30, 31 : Isa. lxiv. 6.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean ; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. Eze. xxxvi. 25.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Ps. li. 2.

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow ; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa. i. 18.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean ; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me. Ps. li. 7.

Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it ; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. What God hath cleansed, that call thou not common or unclean. Eph. v. 25, 26 : John xv. 3 : Acts x. 15.

O for a heart of whiteness,
Clean as the stainless snow ;
Fit for the land of brightness,
Where the redeemed ones go.
Jesus, I trust this hour,
To Thy blood's cleansing power.

W. H. P.

Come.

Ere to him shall men come. Isa. xlv. 24.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Behold we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God. Ps. lxxv. 2; Jer. iii. 22.

Jesus saith, . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John xiv. 6; vi. 37.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? Ps. xlii. 1, 2.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John vii. 37; vi. 35. See Rev. xxii. 17.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Ps. lxxiii. 1, 2.

Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Is. lv. 1-3.

The "comes" of Jesus, O, how sweet they sound,
To weary, longing souls, wherever found:
They offer freely from God's bounteous store
The good we e'er shall need, and even more.

W. H. P.

Comfort.

The Lord shall comfort Zion : he will comfort all her waste places. Isa. li. 3.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy comforts delight my soul. For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Ps. xciv. 19 : Rom. xv. 4.

The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John xiv. 26.

Thou shalt . . . comfort me on every side. Ps. lxxi. 21

I will not leave you comfortless : I will come to you. When the Comforter is come, whom I send unto you from the Father, he shall testify of me. John xiv. 18 ; xv. 26.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort ; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 2 Cor. i. 3, 4.

Now, our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, who hath loved us, and given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts. 2 Thess. ii. 16, 17.

Lord, touch, and to Thyself my spirit turn,
 And let Thy light my darkness chase away :
 Let Thy warm love within my cold heart burn,
 And let Thy comfort come with me to stay.
 Then thanks to Thee shall fill my lips, long sad,
 And mourning hearts shall listen, and be glad.

W. H. P.

Confessing Christ.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 1 John iv. 15.

Many deceivers are gone out into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 2 John 7.

Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 1 John iv. 3.

Among the chief rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue. (For the Jews had agreed already, that if any did confess that he was the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.) For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. John xii. 42 (ix. 22), 43.

Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven. Matt. x. 32, 33.

We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Wherefore also God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 1 John iv. 14: Phil. ii. 9-11.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. x. 9, 10.

Confess thee? yea, though death should threaten me,
Let me but be confessed, O Christ, by Thee.

W. H. P.

Confessing Sin.

The seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sin. Neh. ix. 2.

David said unto Nathan, I have sinned. 2 Sam. xii. 13.

And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin : thou shalt not die. 2 Sam. xii. 13.

When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me : my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord ; and thou forgive the iniquity of my sin. Ps. xxxii. 3 5.

He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, . . . and it profited me not ; he will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Job xxxiii. 27, 28.

If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom : . . . let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me ; heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee. I acknowledge my transgressions ; and my sin is ever before me. Job. xxxi. 33, 40 : Ps. xli. 4 ; li. 3.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper : but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall find mercy. Prov. xxviii. 13.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John i. 9.

Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, and ye shall be healed. Jer. iii. 13 : James v. 16.

While I concealed my guilt
I felt the festering wound ;
Till I confessed my sin to Thee,
And ready pardon found.

I. WATTS.

Consecration.

The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself. Ps. iv. 3.

The Lord's portion is his people. Deut. xxxii. 9.

Thus saith the Lord who created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine. This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise. Isa. xliii. 1, 21.

First they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us by the will of God. 2 Cor. viii. 5.

Consecrate yourselves to-day to the Lord, that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. Who then is willing to consecrate himself (fill his hand) this day unto the Lord? Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord, come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings unto the house of the Lord. Ex. xxxii. 29: 1 Chron. xxix. 5: 2 Chron. xxix. 31.

Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. He died for all, that they who live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him who died for them, and rose again. Rom. xiv. 7, 8: 2 Cor. v. 15.

Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? . . . and ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. vi. 19, 20; x. 31. See Rom. xii. 1, 2.

Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
 Take my silver and my gold,
 Not a mite would I withhold.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

Contentment.

Godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim. vi. 6.

Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. 1 Tim. vi. 8.

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Heb. xiii. 5.

I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. Phil. iv. 11.

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Behold the fowls of the air: they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Matt. vi. 25-34.

Be not anxious for the morrow,
Joy He gives, and also sorrow;
All things, rightly understood,
Work together for thy good.
Therefore let thy soul consent,
Having God, to be content.
Craving neither more nor less,
Than His will and righteousness.

W. H. P.

Continuing.

Paul and Barnabas . . . urged them to continue in the grace of God; . . . exhorting them to continue in the faith. Acts xiii. 43; xiv. 22.

Christ's house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. Heb. iii. 6, 14.

You . . . hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy, and without blemish and unreprouable in his sight, if ye continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel. Col. i. 21-23.

Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blest in his doing. Jas. i. 25.

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. John viii. 31.

God . . . will render . . . to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life. Rom. ii. 6, 7.

Ye are they that have continued with me in my temptations; and I appoint unto you a kingdom as my Father hath appointed unto me. Behold then the goodness . . . of God . . . toward thee, . . . if thou continue in his goodness. Luke xxii. 28, 29; Rom. xi. 22.

When toil is o'er we lay our burdens down,
Nor cease the race till we the goal have won;
The fight is fought before we gain the crown;
Rewards are given when we our work have done.

W. H. P.

Covetousness.

Out of the heart of man proceed evil thoughts . . . covetousness:—which is idolatry. Mark vii. 21, 22: Col. iii. 5.

Woe to them that . . . covet fields, and seize them, and houses, and take them away. Micah ii. 1, 2. See Isa. v. 8: Hab. ii. 9.

Thou shalt not covet. Ex. xx. 17.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Ps. cxix. 36.

Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Let your conversation be without covetousness. Let it not be once named among you as becometh saints. Luke xii. 15: Heb. xiii. 5: Eph. v. 3.

I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Acts xx. 33.

A bishop . . . must . . . not be covetous. For the love of money is a root of all evils: which some reaching after, have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother, . . . be covetous . . . with such an one no, not to eat. For this ye know, that no . . . covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 1 Tim. iii. 2, 3; vi. 10: 1 Cor. v. 11: Eph. v. 5.

I would not ask, O Lord, another's store,
But what thou givest take, nor crave for more:
O help Thou me in Thy dear love to rest,
And know that what Thou givest for me is best.

MRS. J. C. YULE.

Cries to God Answered.

Moses cried unto the Lord because of the froys which he had brought against Pharaoh. And the Lord did according to the word of Moses. Ex. viii. 12, 13. See xv. 23-25 : 1 Sam. vii. 7-10.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Ps. iii. 4. See John ii. 7.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. Ps. xxxiv. 15.

In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried unto my God ; he heard me out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me ; for they were too strong for me. Ps. xviii. 6, 17.

When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them ; he forgetteth not the cry of the humble. Ps. ix. 12.

O Lord, my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. Thou hast brought up my soul from the grave ; thou hast kept me alive. In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul. Ps. xxx. 2, 3 ; cxxxviii. 3.

He heareth the cry of the afflicted. Job xxxiv. 28.

I waited patiently for the Lord ; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God. Ps. xl. 1-3.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. Ps. xxxiv. 6. See xxii. 4, 5.

Shall He who hears the raven's cry,
Not hear His children in distress?
He listens to their faintest sigh,
And hastes to succor and to bless.
His ear in tender pity bends,
And gladly He deliverance sends.

W. H. P.

Cries to God Unanswered.

They cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men. Job xxxv. 12.

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination. Prov. xxviii. 9.

Because I have called, and ye have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded: but ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity: I will mock when your fear cometh. . . . Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. Therefore it is come to pass, as he cried and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the Lord. Prov. i. 24-28: Zech. vii. 13.

Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but he will not hear them; he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they behaved themselves ill in their doings. Mic. iii. 4.

The inhabitants of Jerusalem are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words: . . . therefore thus saith the Lord: . . . though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. Jer. xi. 10, 11.

O my God, I cry unto thee in the daytime; but thou hearest not. Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through. Ps. xxii. 2: Lam. iii. 44.

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me, saith the Lord? . . . When ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes. Isa. i. 11, 15, 16. See Jer. ii. 29; xi. 13, 14: Ez. viii. 17, 18.

The only bar to mercy's door is sin;
Repent of that and freely enter in.
Ask and receive as largely as you may,
If only evil first be put away.

W. H. P.

Cries to God Unanswered.

They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the Lord, but he answered them not. Ps. xviii. 41.

Wherefore have we fasted, and thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Isa. lviii. 3.

Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors. Behold, ye fast for strife and debase, and to smite with the fist of wickedness. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Isa. lviii. 3, 4: Jas. iv. 3.

O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? Ps. lxxx. 4.

Thus saith the Lord unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the Lord doth not accept them: he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. . . . When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence. For I will pour their wickedness upon them. Jer. xiv. 10-12, 16.

We know that God heareth not sinners. John vii. 31.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear you. Isa. lix. 1, 2.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me. Ps. lxvi. 18.

The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind. Prov. xxi. 27.

The altar at the temple gateway stood,
That all might enter by the cleansing blood.
And so must our sins be all forgiven,
If we would find a free access to heaven.

W. H. P.

Cross Bearing.

He bearing his cross went forth into a place called . . . Golgotha: where they crucified him. John xix. 17, 18.

As they led him away, they laid hold upon one called Simon, . . . and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. Luke xxiii. 26.

Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Mark viii. 34.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. vi. 14.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke ix. 23. See xiv. 26, 27.

Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, . . . who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of the Majesty on High. Heb. xii. 1, 2.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but emptied himself, . . . and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. ii. 5-11.

“Deny thyself, and take thy cross,”

Is the Redeemer's great demand;

Nature must count her gold but dross,

If she would gain that heavenly land.

I. WATTS.

Day of Judgment.

The Lord knoweth how to . . . keep the unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgment. 2 Peter ii. 9.

The heavens . . . and the earth . . . have been stored with fire, . . . against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. 2 Peter iii. 7.

The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 2 Peter iii. 10-12.

I saw . . . at white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened. . . . And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books. Rev. xx. 11, 12.

And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, the princes, and chief captains, and the rich and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who is able to stand? Rev. vi 14-17.

O Christ, be thou my shield and stay,
When heaven and earth shall pass away.

W. H. P.

Death.

By man came death. 1 Cor. xv. 21.

By one man's offence death reigned. Rom. v. 17.

By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for all sinned. Rom. v. 12.

What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground that shall not be gathered up; neither doth God respect any person. Ps. lxxxix. 48; 2 Sam. xiv. 14.

There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war. For the living know that they shall die. Ecc. viii. 8; ix. 5.

When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return. For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living. Job xvi. 22; xxx. 23.

They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; none can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: . . . that he should still live alway, and not see corruption. For wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish perish, and leave their wealth to others. . . . Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; . . . their beauty shall consume in the grave. They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. Ps. xlix. 6-14; Job xxi. 26.

All are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Eccl. iii. 20.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God, who gave it. It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Eccl. xii. 7; Heb. ix. 27.

One sinned, and wide the infection flew
From realm to realm, and deadlier grew;
And so by one offence and fall,
Death holds dominion over all. W. H. P.

Death of the Righteous.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. The righteous hath hope in his death Ps. cxvi. 15: *Pror.* xiv. 32.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. Num. xxiii. 10.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. Ps. xxxvii. 37.

Whether we live, unto the Lord: and whether we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For we know that if the earthly house of our bodily frame be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. . . . Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord, . . . we are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. Wherefore we make it our aim, that whether at home or absent, we may be well-pleasing unto him. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain: . . . and what I shall choose I know not, but I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and to be with Christ; for it is far better. Rom. xiv. 8: 2 Cor. v. 1-9: Phil. i. 21 23.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Rev. xiv. 13. See Luke xvi. 22: Matt. xxii. 32: Heb. xii. 23, etc.

Our dead yet live. The stone-marked burial ground
 Contains not them. No tomb can hold the mind.
 In brightest realms their golden voices sound;
 In service high their powers employment find.
 Grand thoughts are theirs beyond earth's shadowy bound—
 O, bring us soon to them, Lord God, most kind!

J. CLARK.

Delighting in the Lord.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. Ps. cxii. 1.

They delighted themselves in thy great goodness. Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their back. Neh. ix. 25, 26.

Ye are they that forsake the Lord, that forget my holy mountain. When I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not. If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and thou shalt lift up thy face unto God. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. Isa. lxxv. 11, 12: Job xxii. 23, 26-28.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Ps. cxix. 35.

Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight; the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth; and I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Ps. xxxvii. 4: Isa. lviii. 13, 14.

How blest is he who makes God's Word
His thought by day and night;
And to obey and please the Lord
Is his supreme delight.

W. H. P.

Denying Christ.

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 1 John ii. 22.

Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God. 1 John iv. 3.

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father. 1 John ii. 23.

There shall be false teachers, . . . who shall bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them. Ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Master, and our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter ii. 1 : Jude iv.

Them that are defiled and unbelieving, . . . profess that they know God, but in works they deny him. Titus i. 15.

If we deny him, he also will deny us. 2 Tim. ii. 12.

Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven :—before the angels of God. Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and none can shut it ; for thou hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Matt. x. 33 : Luke xii. 9 : Rev. iii. 8.

Peter said unto (Jesus), Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. . . . But he denied before them all, saying, . . . I know not the man. Matt. xxvi. 35, 70, 72.

And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he said unto him, Before the cock crow this day, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out and wept bitterly. Luke xxii. 61, 62.

Blest Saviour, though for Thee I die,
O let me never Thee deny ;
But e'en through suffering and shame,
Rejoice to own Thy precious name.

MRS. J. C. YULE.

Dew.

The king's . . . favor is as dew upon the grass. Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. Prov. xix. 12: Isa. xviii. 4.

Who hath begotten the drops of dew? Job xxxviii. 28.

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. Prov. iii. 19, 20.

Of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land; for the precious things of heaven; for the dew. The fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; yea, his heavens shall drop down dew. Deut. xxxiii. 13, 28.

I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. Hos. xiv. 5, 6.

Oh, that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me. My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. Job. xxix. 2, 19.

God give thee of the dew of heaven. Gen. xxvii. 28.

When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it. And in the morning the dew lay round about the camp. Num. xi. 9: Ex. xvi. 13.

My speech shall distil as the dew. Deut. 32. 2.

Softly at evening the dews gently fall,
Sweetly refreshing the earth and the air.
Welcome the dew drops, how grateful to all,
Mountain, and meadow, and flowerets fair.
Softer and sweeter the dews of grace fall,
Leaving behind them rich manna for all

W. H. P.

Divine Guidance.

He led forth his own people like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. He guided them by the skilfulness of his hand. Ps. lxxviii. 52, 72.

O Lord, . . . for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto thee. Ps. xxxi. 1, 3; cxliii. 8.

I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye. Ps. xxxii. 8.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation. Ps. xxv. 4, 5.

When he, the Spirit of truth is come, he shall guide you into all truth. John xvi. 13.

This God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Ps. xlviii. 14.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. Prov. iii. 5, 6: Isa. xxx. 21. See Jer. iii. 4.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Ps. lxxiii. 24.

The Lord shall guide thee continually. Isa. lviii. 11.

Tender Shepherd, faithful Friend,
Guide me ever to life's end.
Through the shadow and the fear,
Leave me not, but be Thou near.
Hold my hand and lead the way,
Till I walk in cloudless day.

W. H. P.

Divine Healing.

He . . . healed all that were sick ;—and them that had need of healing. Matt. viii. 16 : Luke ix. 11.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed. Jer. xvii. 14.

If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, . . . I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians : for I am the Lord that healeth thee. And I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. Ex. xv. 26 ; xxiii. 25.

O Lord, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits ; who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; who healeth all thy diseases. Ps. xxx. 2 ; ciii. 2, 3.

I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears ; behold I will heal thee. I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee. 2 Kings xx 5 : Jer. xxx. 17.

Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. And his name, through faith in his name hath made this man strong : . . . yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness. Matt. viii. 17 : Acts iii. 16.

Is any sick among you ; let him call for the elders of the church ; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord : and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. Jas. v. 14.

The Saviour "Himself our infirmities took,
And our sicknesses bare," as we read in His book.
He tenderly cured all who trustingly came,
Or who sought for His aid : and He's ever "the same."

W. H. P.

Divine Prayer.

It came to pass as (Jesus) was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day—day by day—our needful bread. And forgive us our debts—sins—as we also have forgiven our debtors—those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Luke xi. 1, 2: Matt. vi. 7-15.

Sweet, simple prayer, lisped at the mother's knee,
 By wearied childhood, ere it sinks to sleep;
 Grandly including all that man would be,
 Or have, or know, however high or deep.
 All for the Father, riches, power and fame,
 Through earth's wide bounds, on every sea and shore:
 That men would love and serve Him here the same
 As angels do in heaven, forever more.
 All for ourselves, that would be really gain,
 For life's best purpose, or its noblest end;
 All that for earth or heaven one might attain,
 To fit him as God's servant, child, or friend.
 O matchless prayer, grand as can reach the skies,
 In words as simple as a child can say.
 With spirit filial, forgiving, wise;
 Lord, teach us so, and help us thus to pray.

W. H. P.

Divisions.

*There was a division among the multitude because of (Jesus).
 . . . And every man went unto his own house. John vii. 43, 53.*

Abraham said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee betwixt me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen, for we are brethren. Gen. xiii. 8.

When ye come together in the church, I hear that there are divisions among you ; and I partly believe it. Now, I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . that there be no divisions among you ; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment. 1 Cor. xi. 18 ; i. 10.

Now, the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these : enmities, strifes, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions. Gal. v. 19, 20.

Whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men ? For while one saith, I am of Paul ; and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal ? 1 Cor. iii. 3, 4.

A naughty, wicked man . . . soweth discord. The Lord hateth . . . him that soweth discord among brethren. Prov. vi. 12, 14, 16, 19.

I beseech you, brethren, mark them that cause divisions and offences contrary to the teaching which ye have learned ; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly, and by their smooth and fair speech beguile the hearts of the simple (innocent). Rom. xvi. 17, 18.

God hath tempered the body together . . . that there should be no schism (division) in the body. 1 Cor. xii. 25.

Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falleth. Luke xi. 17.

Divide the brands, and soon no fire we'll see ;
 Divide the ranks, and scattered hosts will flee ;
 Divide the strands, and iron ropes will break ;
 Divide the Church, and men will it forsake.

W. H. P.

Doing and Teaching.

Ezra set his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. Ezra vii. 10.

The scribes and the Pharisees . . . say, and do not. Yea, they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. Matt. xxiii. 2-4.

Unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes? Thou therefore that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? . . . Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. Ps. l. 16: Rom. ii. 21, 22: Matt. vii. 3-5.

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and to teach. Acts i. 1.

The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not; but if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the work; that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Ye are the light of the world. . . . So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. John x. 25, 37, 38; xiv. 11: Matt. v. 14, 16. See Rom. i. 8; xvi. 19: 1 Thess. i. 8, 9.

So let our lips and lives express
The holy Gospel we profess,
So let our works and virtues shine,
To prove the doctrine all divine.

I. WATTS.

Doing God's Will.

Servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Eph. vi. 6.

Lo, I come ; in the volume of the book it is written of me : I delight to do thy will, O my God. My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. Ps. xl. 7, 8 : John iv. 34 ; vi. 38.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man who built his house upon a rock, and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house ; and it fell not : for it was founded upon a rock. Whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. Matt. vii. 21, 24, 25 ; xii. 50. See Jas. i. 22-25.

The world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. 1 John ii. 17.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children, to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. Ps. ciii. 17, 18 : John xiii. 17.

God willed, and worlds from chaos sprung,
Darkness was light, and silence sung.
He wills, and myriads fly and run :—
So let His will by us be done.

W. H. P.

Doing Good.

Jesus . . . went about doing good. He that doeth good is of God. Acts x. 38 : 3 John 11.

Jesus Christ . . . gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Tit. ii. 14.

These things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they who have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. Tit. iii. 8.

I know that there is nothing better for (the sons of men) than to rejoice, and to do good as long as they live. Ecc. iii. 12.

Trust in the Lord, and do good ; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. To do good and to communicate forget not : for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Ps. xxxvii. 3 : Heb. xiii. 16.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. vi. 10.

See that none render evil for evil unto any ; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. If ye do good to them that do good to you, what thank have ye ? for sinners also do even the same. But do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again : and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest ; for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. 1 Thess. v. 15 : Luke vi. 33, 35.

Let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful. Titus iii. 14.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they . . . do good, that they be rich in good works, etc. 1 Tim. vi. 17-19.

Saviour divine, whose path
Lay strewn with blessings given,
May our lives like Thine be spent,
And be like Thine in heaven.

W. H. P.

Dreams.

Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep departed from him. Dan. ii. 1.

Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed ; then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters. Dan. vii. 1.

If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. Num. xii. 6.

Jacob . . . dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven : and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Gen. xxviii. 12. See 13-16.

In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night ; and God said, Ask what I shall give thee . . . And Solomon awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. 1 Kings iii. 5, 15.

When (Pilate) was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man (Jesus) : for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. Matt. xxvii. 19.

God speaketh once, yea twice, though man regardeth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed ; then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, that he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man. He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword. Job xxxiii. 14-18.

Though like a wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness comes over me,
My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer my God to Thee
Nearer to Thee.

S. F. ADAMS.

Drunkenness.

The works of the flesh are, . . . drunkenness, revellings, and such like. Gal. v. 19, 21.

The children of Israel who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine. Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, that are overcome with wine ! The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet. Hosea iii. 1 : Isa. xxviii. 1, 3.

Be not among winebibbers, among riotous eaters of flesh ; for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty. I write unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, . . . or a drunkard, . . . with such an one, no not to eat. Be not deceived : neither fornicators, nor idolaters, . . . nor drunkards, . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God. Prov. xxiii. 20, 21 : 1 Cor. v. 11 ; vi. 10.

Let us walk honestly as in the day ; not in rioting and drunkenness. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have . . . walked in . . . lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries. Rom. xiii. 13 : 1 Pet. iv. 3.

Should there be among you man, or woman, . . . saying, I shall have peace, though I . . . add drunkenness to thirst, . . . the anger of the Lord . . . shall smoke against that man, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven. Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, . . . and that day come upon you unawares. Deut. xxix. 19, 20 : Luke xxi. 34.

Beware the wine-cup's sparkling glow,
That lures to sin, and shame, and woe :
And makes men fools and Satan's tools.
For freedom with the tempting bowl
Involves the body, mind, and soul
In evils sore for evermore.

W. H. P.

Early Piety.

Josiah, . . . while he was yet young, began to seek after the God of his father David. 2 Chron. xxxiv. 1, 3.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee.
Ps. lxxiii. 1.

I love them that love me, and those that seek me
early shall find me. Prov. viii. 17.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may
rejoice and be glad all our days. Ps. xc. 14.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy
youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw
nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.
Ecl. xii. 1.

Thou art my hope, O Lord God, thou art my trust
from my youth. My praise shall be continually of thee.
Ps. lxxi. 5, 6.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his
youth. Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My
Father, thou art the guide of my youth. Lam. iii. 27 :
Jer. iii. 4.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth : and
hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now
also, when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me
not, until I have showed thy strength unto this genera-
tion, and thy power to every one that is to come. Ps.
lxxi. 17, 18.

Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned,
and hast been assured of ; knowing that from a child
thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to
make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in
Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. iii. 14, 15.

In early childhood seek the Lord ;
In youth choose thou His ways ;
In manhood store His faithful word,
To cheer thy latest days.

L. M. RATTRAY.

Effectual Prayer.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James v. 16. See Luke xi. 1-8.

Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. . . . And he blessed him there. Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him. Gen. xxxii. 24, 26, 29: Hosea xii. 4.

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. Gen. xxxii. 28.

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. Jas. v. 17, 18.

Pray without ceasing. Men ought always to pray, and not to faint. 1 Thess. v. 17: Luke xviii. 1.

(Jesus) continued all night in prayer to God. And being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up supplications and prayers, with strong crying and tears unto him who was able to save him from death, and was heard, in that he feared. Luke vi. 12; xxii. 44: Heb. v. 7.

And shall not God avenge his own elect, who cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Luke xviii. 7, 8.

Prayer wings the spirit's eagle flight
Above the realms of cloud and night;
Pleads with the King upon His throne,
And makes the wealth of heaven its own.

W. H. P.

End of all Things.

The end of all things is at hand. 1 Peter iv. 7.

The earth and the heavens . . . shall perish : yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment ; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed. Ps. cii. 25, 26.

The heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner. Isa. li. 6.

I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake ; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood ; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig-tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together ; and every mountain and island were removed out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains ; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb : for the great day of his wrath is come ; and who shall be able to stand ? Rev. vi. 12-17.

Heaven and earth shall pass away : but my words shall not pass away. Matt. xxiv. 35.

Lo, He comes, in power descending,
Heaven's firm arches 'neath Him bending ;
While before Him hills and mountains,
Oceans, rivers, lakes and fountains
Disappear.

W. H. P.

Enduring.

By faith, MOSES . . . endured, as seeing him who is invisible.
Heb. xi. 24, 27.

These are they which are sown on stony ground ; who, when they have heard the word, receive it immediately with gladness ; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time ; afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth because of the word, immediately they are offended. Mark iv. 16, 17.

Love . . . beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 1 Cor. xiii. 4, 7.

Thou hast fully known my . . . conduct, . . . afflictions, . . . what persecutions . . . I endured. I endure all things for the elect's sake. 2 Tim. iii. 11, 12 ; ii. 10.

Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied, and faint in your minds. 2 Tim. ii. 3 ; Heb. xii. 3.

After (Abraham) had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. Heb. vi. 15.

He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Matt. xxiv. 13.

Behold we count them happy who endure. Jas. v. 11.

Happy is the man who endures temptation ; for when he is approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Jas. i. 12.

Through nights of pain, or joyous days,
 Through flowery meads or thorny ways,
 Be strong, my heart, and still endure,
 For thy reward is great and sure.

W. H. P.

Envy.

They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the Lord. Ps. cvi. 16.

Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren; . . . and his brethren envied him. And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt. Gen. xxxvii. 3-5, 11; Acts vii. 9.

And Isaac dwelt in Gerar. . . . Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundred-fold; and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: for he had possessions of flocks, and . . . herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy. Love envieth not. Gen. xxvi. 6, 12-14; Prov. xxvii. 4; 1 Cor. xiii. 4.

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in . . . strife and envying. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. For we ourselves were sometimes foolish, disobedient, . . . living in malice and envy. Rom. xiii. 13; Gal. v. 26; Titus iii. 3.

Now, the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: . . . emulations, . . . envyings, . . . and such like: of the which I tell you plainly, . . . that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. Gal. v. 19-24; Jas. iii. 14, 16.

Give me the love that envies not,
When others prosper and abound;
Let selfish sorrows be forgot,
And joy in others' joys be found.

W. H. P.

Error and Evil of the Heart.

Rehoboam . . . did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord. 2 Chron. xii. 14.

A deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? Is. xlv. 20.

Because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved; . . . therefore God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thess. ii. 10-12.

This people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart: they are revolted and gone. A stubborn and a rebellious generation; . . . that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God. . . . They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law. . . . For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant. . . . Yea, they turned back, and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. Jer. v. 23: Ps. lxxviii. 8, 10, 37, 41.

To-day if ye will hear his voice harden not your heart, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness; when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, that they shall not enter into my rest. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Heb. iii. 7-12. See 2 Cor. iii. 15, 16: Eph. iv. 17, 18.

As through the body to its every part,
Carries the life-blood from the beating heart,
Sickness or health, revival or decay;
So through the soul our lives the affections sway,
Ennobling or debasing day by day.

W. H. P.

Established.

His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord: his heart is established. Ps. cxii. 7, 8.

It is a good thing that the heart be established with (by) grace. Heb. xiii. 9.

I long to see you that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, to the end that ye may be established. Rom. i. xi.

Establish thou the righteous. Ps. vii. 9.

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established. In righteousness shalt thou be established. 2 Chron. xx. 20: Isa. liv. 14.

He brought me up out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay; and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings, and he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God. Ps. xl. 2, 3.

As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Col. ii. 6, 1.

Now, he who establisheth us in Christ, . . . is God. 2 Cor. i. 21.

The God of all grace, . . . after ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. The Lord is faithful who shall establish you. 1 Peter v. 10: 2 Thess. iii. 3.

Steadfast and strong, my Saviour,
Faith roots itself in Thee;
And strengthened by Thy Spirit,
Becomes a towering tree;
Unshaken by the storms that sweep,
Save but to send its roots more deep.

W. H. P.

Evil Communications.

Evil communications corrupt good morals. 1 Cor. xv. 33.

Ahaz . . . did not right in the sight of the Lord his God, like David his father. But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his sons to pass through the fire according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel. 2 Kings xvi. 1-3.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Ps. i. 1: Prov. iv. 14.

Manasseh . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, after the abominations of the heathen. 2 Kings xxi. 1, 2.

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil. Ex. xxiii. 2.

Ahab . . . did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done. 2 Kings xxi. 6.

Beware of evil workers. Phil. iii. 2.

Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity. Depart from me, ye evil workers, for I will keep the commandments of my God. Ps. xxviii. 3; cxix. 15.

If sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Go not in the way of evil men, . . . for they sleep not, except they have done mischief: and their sleep is taken away unless they cause some to fall. Prov. i. 10; iv. 14, 16.

How widely, quickly fell diseases spread,
Like noxious weeds that heedless winds have sown,
So evils which become a scourge and dread,
Spontaneous spring, and speedily are grown,
Sending their pois'nous roots and branches round,
Destroying all they touch in air or ground.

W. H. P.

Faith.

Now abideth faith. 1 Cor. xiii. 13.

To one is given . . . faith by the . . . Spirit. 1 Cor. xi. 8, 9.

The fruit of the Spirit is . . . faith. Gal. v. 22.

Barnabas was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith : and much people was added unto the Lord. Acts xi. 24.

And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. Acts vi. 8.

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John v. 4.

What shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah ; of David and Samuel, and the prophets : who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight armies of aliens. Heb. xi. 32-34.

In Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision ; but faith working by love. Gal. v. 6.

We give thanks always for you all, . . . remembering the work of your faith, and the labour of your love ; because that your faith increaseth exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth. 1 Thess. i. 3 : 2 Thess. i. 3.

Lord, increase our faith. Luke xvii. 5.

Have faith in God. According to your faith be it unto you. Mark xi. 22 : Matt. ix. 29.

“ Have faith in God,” the Saviour saith ;

And of His bounteous gifts receive.

“ Be it according to your faith,”

“ All things are yours,” if you believe.

W. H. P.

Faith,

Precious faith, being more precious than gold that perisheth.
2 Peter i. 1 : 1 Peter i. 7.

By faith Noah . . . prepared an ark to the saving of his house, by which he . . . became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Heb. xi. 7.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves ; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. Acts xvi. 31 : Eph. ii. 8.

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. v. 1, 2.

Stand fast in the faith. For by faith ye stand. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 1 Cor. xvi. 13 : 2 Cor. i. 24 : 1 Peter i. 9.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, . . . that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Gal. iii. 13, 14.

Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith ? Having believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. Gal. iii. 2 : Eph. i. 13.

We through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Gal. v. 5.

Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. And if children, then heirs ; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ. Gal. iii. 26 : Rom. viii. 17.

Faith grasps the blessing she desires,
Hope points the upward gaze ;
And Love, celestial Love, inspires
The eloquence of praise.

JAMES MONTGOMERY.

Faith by Hearing.

Faith cometh by hearing. Rom. x. 17.

Jehosaphat . . . sent Levites, and . . . priests, and they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people. And Jehosaphat brought them back unto the Lord. And Ezra, the priest, . . . and the Levites, . . . read in the book of the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused the people to understand the reading. And . . . all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 2 Chron. xvii. 1, 8, 9; xix. 4; Neh. viii. 2, 7-9.

Gather the people together, . . . that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord. If the prophets had stood in my counsel, and had caused the people to obey my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Deut. xxxi. 12; Jer. xxiii. 22.

The people shall hear and be afraid. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth. Ex. xv. 14; Ps. cxxxviii. 4.

A people whom I have not known shall serve me; as soon as they hear of me they shall obey me. Ps. xviii. 43, 44.

Many of them that heard the word believed. And many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized. Acts iv. 4; xviii. 8.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live. Every man . . . that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Isa. lv. 3; John vi. 45; Rom. x. 17.

Faith founded on God's Word alone can stand;

All else, however firm or fair, must fall.

Then spread the Gospel wide through every land,

That all who will may hear the saving call.

W. H. P.

Faithful.

There was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully. 2 Kings xxii. 7.

Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth ; the faithful fail from among the children of men. A faithful man who can find ? Ps. xii. 1 : Prov. xx. 6.

Ephraim compasseth me about with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit ; but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the Holy One. Hos. xi. 12.

Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, . . . that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem : for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. Neh. vii. 1, 2.

The Lord render to every man according to his faithfulness. 1 Sam. xxvi. 23.

He that is faithful in a very little, is faithful also in much. Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. Luke xvi. 10 : 1 Cor. iv. 2.

Who then is that faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath set over his household, to give them their food in due season ? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he will set him over all that he hath. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life. Matt. xxiv. 45, 47 : Rev. ii. 10.

“ Well done ! ” to the faithful, the Saviour will say,
As He crowns them with glory, that fades not away :
“ Come ye bless'd of My Father, of My kingdom partake,
Since ye faithfully toiled and endured for My sake.”

W. H. P.

Faithful.

A faithful man shall abound with blessings. Prov. xxviii. 20.

I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah, . . . Zadak . . . Pedaiah, . . . and Hanan, . . . for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren. Neh. xiii. 13.

Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me ; he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. Ps. ci. 6.

Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom ; but they could find none occasion nor fault ; forasmuch as he was faithful. Dan. vi. 4.

The Lord preserveth the faithful. Ps. xxxi. 23.

Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after. Heb. iii. 5.

My servant Moses . . . is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth ; . . . wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses ? Num. xii. 7, 8.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry. 1 Tim. i. 12.

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Tim. ii. 1, 2.

Faithfully, lovingly doing God's will ;
Painfully, pleasingly, through good or ill ;
Censured, or praised for it, doing it still ;
This is what pleases the Master we love,
Laying up gladness and glory above.

W. H. P.

Fathers.

The glory of children are their fathers. Prov. xvii. 6.

He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children. The father to the children shall make known thy truth. Mal. iv. 6 : Isa. xxxviii 19.

Fathers provoke not your children, that they be not discouraged ; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Col. iii. 21 : Eph. vi. 4.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me ; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Ps. xxxiv. 11.

Ye shall lay up my words in your heart and in your soul ; and ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Deut. xi. 18, 19.

I will open my mouth in a parable ; I will utter dark sayings of old : which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wondrous works that he hath done. That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born ; who should arise and tell them to their children : that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments. Ps. lxxviii. 2-4, 6, 7.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. xxii. 6.

Fathers, to you a trust is given
More blest than angels claim in heaven ;
To train the offspring of your love,
For life more full than theirs above.

W. H. P.

Fathers' Influence—Good.

Israel . . . came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. Gen. xlv. 1.

Asa . . . did right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father. He brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated. 1 Kings xv. 11 : 2 Chron. xv. 18.

Jehoshaphat walked . . . in all the ways of Asa his father ; he turned not aside from it, doing right in the eyes of the Lord. 1 Kings xxij. 12, 43.

Azariah . . . did right in the sight of the Lord according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 2 Kings xv. 3.

Jotham . . . did right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Uzziah had done. 2 Kings xv. 31.

Hezekiah, the son of Ahaz, . . . did right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did. 2 Kings xviii. 1, 3.

Josiah did right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. 2 Kings xxii. 2.

The: sang Moses and the children of Israel this song, . . . The Lord . . . is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation ; my father's God, and I will exalt him. Ex. xv. 1, 2.

Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth. Ps. xlv. 16.

Oh, may our children ever haste
To seek their father's God ;
Nor e'er forsake the happy path
Their father's feet have trod.

P. DODDRIDGE.

Fathers' Influence—Evil.

Abijam . . . walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him. 1 Kings xv. 2, 3.

Jeroboam did sin, and made Israel to sin. 1 Kings xiv. 16.

And Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 1 Kings xv. 25, 26.

Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worse than all that were before him. And Ahab, the son of Omri, . . . did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. 1 Kings xvi. 25, 33.

And Abaziah, the son of Ahab, . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, . . . and served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the Lord God of Israel, according to all that his father had done. 1 Kings xxii. 51-53.

Manasseh . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, after the abominations of the heathen; and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab, King of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 2 Kings xxi. 1-3.

And Amon his son, . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh did. He walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them. 2 Kings xxi. 19-21.

Hail to the new-born scion of a royal line,
In whom a nation's, and proud parents' hopes combine!
Alas, that such a pillar of the land
Should never in full strength or beauty stand,
But ruined fall by its own guardian's hand.

W. H. P.

Influence of Fathers—Evil.

Jehohaz . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done. 2 Kings xxiii. 32. See xiv. 2, 3.

Jeroboam the son of Joash . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 2 Kings xiv. 24.

Zachariah the son of Jeroboam . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, as his fathers had done. 2 Kings xv. 8, 9.

Jehoiakim . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done. 2 Kings xxiii. 36, 37.

And Jehoiachin his son . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father had done. 2 Kings xxiv. 8, 9.

Menahem . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 2 Kings xv. 16, 18.

Pekahiah the son of Menahem . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 2 Kings xv. 23, 24.

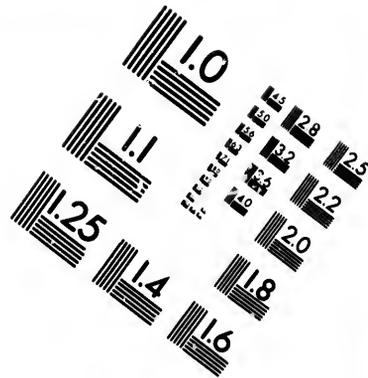
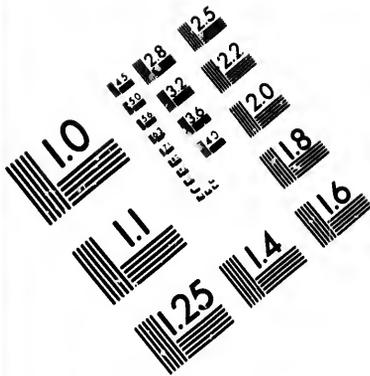
We have sinned with our fathers. . . . Our fathers have sinned, . . . and we have borne their iniquities. Thou recompensest the iniquities of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them. Ps. cvi. 6: Lam. v. 7: Jer. xxxii. 18.

I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. Ex. xx. 5. See 2 Kings xvii. 41: Acts vii. 31.

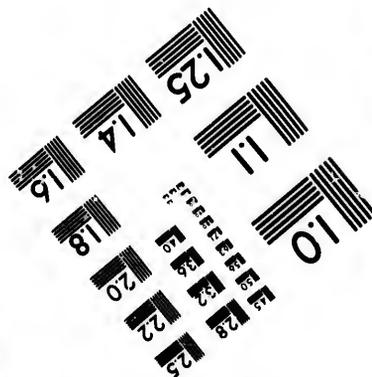
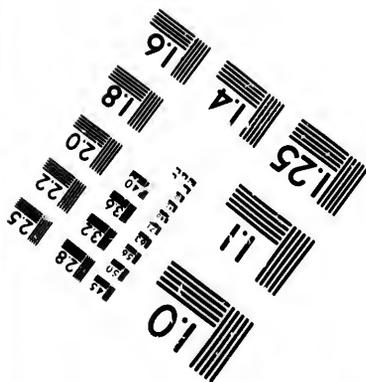
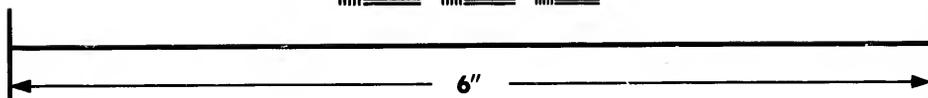
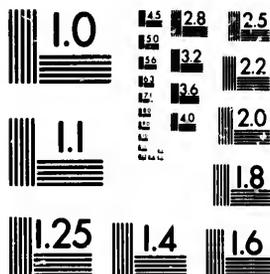
From impure fountains impure streams proceed,
And poisonous mists along their courses spread;
From godless fathers spring a godless seed,
To be to all around a curse and dread.

W. H. P.





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Fearing God.

Obadiah feared the Lord greatly. 1 Kings xviii. 3.

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. Ps. lxxxix. 7,

O fear the Lord, ye his saints : for there is no want to them that fear him. He hath given meat unto them that fear him : he will ever be mindful of his covenant. Ps. xxxiv. 9 ; cxi. 5.

What man is he that feareth the Lord ? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease ; and his seed shall inherit the earth. Ps. xxv. 12, 13.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord ; that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth : the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Ps. cxii. 1, 2.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. Ps. cxlvii. 11 ; ciii. 11.

Ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. Ps. cxxxv. 20 ; cxv. 13.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him ; and he will show them his covenant. Ps. xxv. 14.

My covenant was with (Levi) of life and peace ; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. Mal. ii. 5.

O Lord, I would with filial awe,
Observe Thy will, fulfil Thy law ;
Nor heeding censure nor applause,
Seek Thee to please, and serve Thy cause.

W. H. P.

Fearing God.

Hananiah . . . had charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man and feared God above many. Neh. vii. 2.

I know that it shall be well with them that fear God. Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? Eccl. viii. 12 : Jer. x. 7.

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his way; . . . happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Ps. cxxviii. 1, 2.

There is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared. Ps. cxxx. 4.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him. Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. Ps. ciii. 17 : Isa. viii. 3.

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of his saints, and to be had in reverence by all them that are about him. Ps. lix. 7.

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it; and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Mal. iii. 16, 17.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. xii. 13.

Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But . . . fear him, who, after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell. . . . Fear him. Luke xii. 4, 5.

Angels, with veiled faces, drawing near
God's throne above, praise Him with holy fear;
Much more should we, in dwellings made of clay,
With humble reverence our homage pay.

W. H. P.

Fear of God.

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job ; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and shunned evil. Job i. 1.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Ps. cxi. 10.

Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom ; and to depart from evil is understanding. Job xxviii. 28.

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. Prov. viii. 13.
By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. Prov. xvi. 6.

The fear of the Lord tendeth to life : and he that hath it shall abide satisfied ; he shall not be visited with evil. Prov. xix. 23.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor and life. Ps. cxv. 7 : Prov. xxii. 4.

Oh, how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee ; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men. Ps. xxxi. 19.

O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever ! Deut. v. 29.

Teach me thy way, O Lord ; I will walk in thy truth : unite my heart to fear thy name. Ps. lxxxvi. 11.

Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings ; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. Mal. iv. 2.

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear ;
Make but His service your delight,
He'll make your wants His care.

TATE AND BRADY.

Feet kept.

He will keep the feet of his saints. 1 Sam ii. 9.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. Ps. xvii. 5.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. The law of his God is in his heart: none of his steps shall slide. Ps. xxxvii. 23, 31.

Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip. When I said, my foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up. Ps. xviii. 36; xciv. 18.

My son, forget not my law; but let thy heart keep my commandments: then shalt thou walk in thy way securely, and thy foot shall not stumble. For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. Prov. iii. 1, 23, 26.

Thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling? that I may walk before God in the light of the living? Ps. lvi. 13.

Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and . . . when thou goest, thy steps shall not be straightened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Prov. iv. 10, 12.

O bless our God, . . . who suffereth not our feet to be moved. Ps. lxvi. 8, 9.

Because thou hast made the Lord who is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee. . . . For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Ps. xci. 9-12.

In all the strife of mortal life,
Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its power,
For thou shalt guard us surely.

MARTIN LUTHER.

Fightings.

Without, fightings; within, fears. 2 Cor. vii. 5.

Then said David to the Philistine, . . . The Lord saveth not with sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord's. 1 Sam. xvii. 45, 47.

Thus saith the Lord, . . . Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's 2 Chron. xx. 15.

When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, . . . he set captains of war over the people, . . . and spake comfortably to them, saying, Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God, to help us, and to fight our battles. 2 Chron. xxxii. 2, 6-8.

The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. Quit you like men and fight. Only be thou valiant, . . . and fight the Lord's battles. Eccl. ix. 11: 1 Sam. iv. 9; xviii. 17.

So fight I, not as one that beateth the air. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing. 1 Cor. ix. 26: 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called. To him that overcometh will I give to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. 1 Tim. vi. 12: Rev. iii. 21.

To him that overcometh,
A crown of life shall be;
He, with the King of glory,
Shall reign eternally.

G. DUFFIELD.

Filled.

He filleth the hungry with good things. Luke i. 23.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Matt. v. 6.

Blessed are ye that hunger now, for ye shall be filled. Luke vi. 21.

My mouth shall be filled with thy praise, and with thy honour all the day. Ps. lxxi. 8.

I am the Lord thy God, . . . open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Ps. lxxxix. 10.

It was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all fulness dwell. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Col. i. 19; ii. 9.

My God shall fully supply every need of yours, according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Phil. iv. 19.

Out of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. John i. 16.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always, having all sufficiency in everything, may abound in every good work. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; . . . that ye might be filled unto all the fulness of God. 2 Cor. ix. 8: Eph. iii. 14-19.

O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord
 Until my very heart o'erflow
 In kindling thought, and glowing word,
 Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

Following Jesus.

Bartimeus . . . received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. Mark x. 46, 52.

When he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. John x. 4.

These are they that follow the Lamb, whithersoever he goeth. Rev. xiv. 4.

As (Jesus) passed by, he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, sitting at the receipt of custom, and saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him. Mark ii. 14.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be. John xii. 26.

And (Jesus) . . . saw two brethren, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they straightway left the boat and their father, and followed him. Matt. iv. 18-22.

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. Matt. x. 37, 38.

Through floods and flames, if Jesus lead,
I'll follow where He goes:
Hinder me not shall be my cry,
Though earth and hell oppose.

J. RYLAND.

Following the Lord Jesus.

Joshua blessed . . . Caleb, and gave him Hebron for an inheritance, . . . because he wholly followed the Lord. Josh. xvi. 13, 14.

Righteousness shall go before him ; and shall set us in the way of his steps. Ps. lxxxv. 13.

Then spake Jesus, I am the light of the world : he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John viii. 12.

He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. 1 John ii. 6.

Even hereunto were ye called ; because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps. 1 Peter ii. 21.

Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. Matt. viii. 19.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke ix. 23.

Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. Matt. xix. 27.

Verily I say unto you, Ye who have followed me in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life. Matt. xix. 28, 29.

Blest Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
There shall thy servants be.
Blest Jesus, we will follow,
Through losses, crosses, night ;
For these are but the passports
To riches, crowns, and light.

J. E. BODE and W. H. P.

Fools.

Fools die for want of wisdom. He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool. Prov. x. 21 ; xxviii. 26.

A fool despiseth his father's instruction. A fool hath no delight in understanding. Prov. xv. 5 ; xviii. 2.

Fools despise wisdom and instruction. Wisdom is too high for a fool. Prov. i. 7 ; xxiv. 7.

A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him. Prov. xvii. 25.

A foolish son is the heaviness of his mother, and the father of a fool hath no joy. Prov. x. 1 ; xvii. 21.

Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Ps. cvii. 17.

Judgments are prepared for scorers, and stripes for the back of fools. Prov. xix. 29.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. It is abomination to fools to depart from evil. Ps. xiv. 1 : Prov. xiii. 19.

Fools make a mock at sin. God hath no pleasure in fools. Prov. xiv. 9 : Eccl. v. 4.

A companion of fools shall come to harm. Prov. xiii. 20.

Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not (in him) the lips of knowledge. Prov. xiv. 7.

"There is no God," he said ; then turned, and lo !
Nature awoke, amazed that one should so
The Eternal One dishonor, and deny
The Almighty Fashioner of earth and sky ;
When realms of order, and of dire misrule
Made shudd'ring answer all—"O fool ! O fool !"

MRS. J. C. YULE.

Forgetting God and Sinning.

The children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God, and served Baalim and the groves. Judges iii. 7.

Our fathers . . . forgot God their Saviour. . . . They joined themselves also unto Baal Peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons, and shed innocent blood; even the blood of their sons and of their daughters whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan. . . . Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring after their own inventions. Ps. cvi. 7, 21, 28, 37-39.

I earnestly . . . protested unto your fathers, . . . rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart. . . . They are turned back to the iniquity of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them. Jer. xi. 7, 8, 10.

Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked: . . . then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto demons, which were not gods; they trespassed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the peoples of the lands. Forsaking the right way, they went astray, following the way of Baalim. Deut. xxxii. 15-17: 1 Chron. v. 25: 2 Peter ii. 25.

Your fathers . . . have gone far from me, and have walked after vanity. They have forsaken my law, which I set before them, and . . . have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baalim which their fathers taught them. Jer. ii. 5; ix. 13, 14.

The soul unloosed from its sure anchorage in Thee,
Is like a helmless bark far out at sea;
Forced by the furious gale that rudely mocks
Its helpless victim ruined 'mid the rocks.

Forgiven.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. The people . . . shall be forgiven their iniquity. Ps. xxxii. 1 : Isa. xxxiii. 24.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain ; and forgive all my sins. For thou Lord, art good, and ready to forgive. There is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared. Ps. xxv. 18 ; lxxxvi. 5 ; cxxx. 4.

If my people . . . humble themselves and pray, . . . and turn from their wicked ways ; then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin. 2 Chron. vii. 14.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Ps. lxxxv. 2 ; ciii. 2, 3, 12.

Son, be of good cheer ; thy sins be forgiven thee. Matt. ix. 2.

The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. Him hath God exalted with his own right hand, a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto Israel, and remission of sins. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Matt. ix. 6 : Acts v. 31 : Eph. i. 7.

Be it known unto you therefore that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins : and by him all that believe are justified from all things. Having forgiven you all trespasses. Acts xiii. 38, 39 : Col. ii. 13. See 1 John ii. 12.

Forgiveness, full and free,
Mercy proclaims to thee ;
Through faith in Him who died to save,
And rose triumphant from the grave.

W. H. P.

Forgiving.

Forgiving one another. Eph. iv. 32 : Col. iii. 13.

Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. Luke xi. 4.

When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father who is in heaven may forgive your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Mark xi. 25, 26.

How often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times? Matt. xviii. 21.

I say not unto thee, until seven times, but, until seventy times seven. If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent, forgive him. Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven, Matt. xviii. 22 : Luke xvii. 3, 4 ; vi. 37.

Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. Matt. vi. 12.

Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, . . . long suffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you, so also do ye. Eph. iv. 32 : Col. iii. 12, 13. See Matt. xviii. 23, 35.

Lord give us grace to pardon foes,
Whose sins are "seventy times seven."
For ours more multiplied than those
In mercy Thou hast all forgiven.

W. H. P.

Forsaking God and Sinning.

The children of Israel forsook the Lord, and followed other gods : . . . they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. Judges ii. 11, 13.

The children of Israel cried unto the Lord saying, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord, and served Baalim and Ashtaroth. 1 Sam. xii. 10.

And the Lord said unto the children of Israel, . . . Ye have forsaken me, and served other gods. Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples. Judges x. 11, 13 : Hosea viii. 4.

The children of Israel sinned against the Lord their God : . . . they rejected his statutes and his covenant ; . . . and they followed vanity, . . . and went after the heathen that were round about them. They left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, . . . and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 1 Kings xvii. 7, 15, 16. See Acts vii. 38-41 : Rom. i. 28-32.

My people have committed two evils ; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and have hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Because my people have forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity. Jer. ii. 13 ; xviii. 15.

Jeshurun . . . forsook God, . . . and sacrificed unto devils. They forsook the Lord God of their fathers, . . . and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them. Deut. xxxii. 15, 17 : 2 Chron. vii. 22. See 2 Peter ii. 15.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the last times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. 1 Tim. iv. 1.

As when a ship from its moorings free,
Is borne on the waves of the billowy sea ;
So the soul from God having gone astray,
Soon becomes sin's slave, and Satan's prey.

W. H. P.

Forsaking God by Sinning.

Amon . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them; and he forsook the Lord God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the Lord. 2 Kings xxi. 21, 22.

The children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim and Ashtaroath: . . . and forsook the Lord, and served not him. Judges x. 6.

The house of Israel are all estranged from me through their idols. The house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my Sabbaths, for their heart went after their idols, and their eyes went after their fathers' idols. Ezek. xiv. 5; xxi. 13, 16, 24.

Our fathers have trespassed, and done evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord. 2 Chron. xxix. 6.

Your fathers . . . obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart. They are turned back to the iniquity of their forefathers, who refuse to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them. Jer. xi. 7-10.

Our transgressions are with us; . . . in transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God. Isa. lix. 12, 13.

Your fathers . . . have walked after other gods, and have served them, . . . and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; and ye have done worse than your fathers; for ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me. Jer. xvi. 11, 12. See Heb. iii. 12.

The soul that yields to sin's seductive sway,
Full soon from God and goodness turns away.

W. H. P.

Foundations.

*Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter. . . .
And the foundations were of costly stones, even great stones.
1 Kings vii. 8, 10.*

In the first year of Cyrus the king Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem. Let the house of God be builded, and let the foundations be strongly laid. Ezra vi. 3.

Behold, I will lay thy . . . foundations with sapphires. Isa. liv. 11.

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? Ps. xi. 3.

The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. 2 Tim. ii. 19.

His foundation is in his holy mountains. Ps. lxxxvii. 1.

Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste (be ashamed). Isa. xxviii. 16: 1 Peter ii. 6.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. iii. 11.

Ye are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. Eph. ii. 19, 20.

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesu's blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesu's name:
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

E. MORE.

Freedom.

*He that is called in the Lord, . . . is the Lord's freeman.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. 1 Cor. vii. 22 :
2 Cor. iii. 17.*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because . . . he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. Isa. lxi. 1.

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles: to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. Isa. xlii. 6, 7.

O Lord, truly I am thy servant, I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. Ps. cxvi. 16.

If the son make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John viii. 36.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. viii. 2.

Being then made free from sin, . . . and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end eternal life. Rom. vi. 22.

How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein? Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, . . . that we should not henceforth serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Rom. vi. 2, 6, 7.

So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. James ii. 12. See Gal. v. 13.

The bird let loose, and soaring with a song;
The slave released from cruel bondage long:
Hail with not such delight their liberty,
As those who from sin's thralldom Christ sets free.

W. H. P.

Freewill Offerings.

Some of the heads of the fathers offered willingly for the house of God. And they kept the . . . feasts of the Lord. . . . and afterward offered the continual burnt offering, . . . of every one that offered a freewill offering unto the Lord. Ezra ii. 68; iii. 4, 5.

The Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart, ye shall take my offering. Whosoever is of a willing heart let him bring the Lord's offering. And all the congregation of the children of Israel came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and whose spirit made him willing, and brought the Lord's offering. They brought sufficient for all the work, and too much. Ex. xxv. 1, 2; xxxv. 5, 21; xxxvi. 7.

Freely ye have received, freely give. Matt. x. 8.

And David said, Because I have set my affection to the house of my God, of mine own gold and silver I give unto the house of my God. Who then is willing to fill his hand this day unto the Lord? Then the princes of the fathers, and captains, and rulers over the king's work, offered willingly for the house of God. Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord. 1 Chron. xxix. 1, 3, 6, 9.

If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted, according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. viii. 12: ix. 7.

Lord, of Thine own, we render back to Thee
 What Thou didst give, with willing heart, and free.
 Accept th' e offerings wo present, and bless
 Our labors, and increase our fruits of righteousness
 And Thine the glory shall be, now, and evermore.

W. H. P.

Fruit.

The root of the righteous yieldeth fruit. Prov. xii. 12.

My well-beleved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill : and he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine ; . . . and he looked that it should bring forth grapes. . . . For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant. Isa. v. 1, 2, 7.

Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself. Woe is me ! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage : there is no cluster to eat : my soul desired the first-ripe fruit. Hosea xi. 1 : Micah vii. 1.

The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. Israel shall blossom and bud ; and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit. 2 Kings xix. 30 : Isa. xxvii. 6.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away : and every branch that beareth fruit, he cleanseth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine ; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit : for apart from me ye can do nothing. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit ; so shall ye be my disciples. John xv. 1-8. See v. 16.

Fruit for the Husbandman ! O soul of mine,
 Since thou'rt a branch of this most precious Vine.
 Let faith, and hope, and boundless charity,
 And patient service, all abound in Thee.
 Be zealous for His honor, who has given
 To thee to bear for Him rich fruits of heaven.

MRS. J. C. YULE.

Fruit—Good.

Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit. Matt. vii. 17.

Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down and cast into the fire. Matt. iii. 10.

What could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done to it? wherefore when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard; I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up: I will break down the fence thereof, and it shall be trodden down; and I will lay it waste. Therefore I say unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. Isa. v. 4-6: Matt. xxi. 43.

Either make the tree good and his fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. Matt. xii. 33.

A good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. Luke vi. 43, 44.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, etc. Gal. ii. 22, 23.

The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness. And this I pray, that . . . ye may . . . be filled with the fruits of righteousness. Being fruitful in every good work. Eph. v. 9: Phil. i. 9-11: Col. i. 10.

The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits. James iii. 17.

My fruit is better than gold. Prov. viii. 19.

Fruit for the Master! grown on boughs that bear
Rich, heavy clusters, filled with juices rare.
Fruit of the lips, and life, and heart, always
Brought forth and gathered for His use and praise.

W. H. P.

Fruits of the Spirit.

The disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.
Acts xiii. 52.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, etc. Gal. v. 22.

The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, etc. Eph. v. 9

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us. Rom. v. 5.

Epaphras, our dear fellowservant, . . . hath declared unto us your love in the Spirit. Col. i. 7, 8.

The Spirit helpeth our infirmities : for we know not what we should pray for as we ought : but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. Rom. viii. 26, 27.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, . . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit : . . . praying in the Holy Ghost. Eph. vi. 13, 18 : Jude xx.

Through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Eph. ii. 18.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 Cor. iii. 18.

Spirit of grace, thy power display,
 And make me know and choose thy way.
 O let thy light within me shine ;
 Making each thought and action thine.

LIZZIE L. PORTER.

Giving to the Lord.

When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. Matt. ii. 11.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. And to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba. All they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord. Ps. lxxii. 10, 15: Isa. lx. 6.

Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first: to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my supplicants . . . shall bring mine offering. Isa. lx. 9: Zeph. iii. 10.

Let all that be round about him, bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. Ps. lxxvi. 11.

Give unto the Lord, O, ye kindreds of the people; give unto the Lord glory and strength: give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. None shall appear before me empty. Ps. xcvi. 7, 8: Ex. xxiii. 15.

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chron. xxix. 14.

Thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee: every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee. Deut. xvi. 10, 17.

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, for Thee.

W. H. How.

Giving to the Poor.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack. Prov. xxviii 27.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord ; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. Prov. xix. 17.

He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. Prov. xiv. 21.

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed ; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. Prov. xxii. 9.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor : the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. . . . and he shall be blessed upon the earth. Ps. xli. 1, 2.

The righteous considereth the cause of the poor. Prov. xxviii. 7.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor ; his righteousness endureth for ever. Ps. cxii. 9.

I was a father to the poor : and the cause which I knew not I searched out. Job xxix. 16.

Thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother : but thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him ; . . . and thy heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him : because for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good. Deut. xv. 7, 8, 10 : Mark xiv. 7.

Teach us, O Lord, with reverent love,
Thee in Thy poor to see ;
And while we minister to them,
To do it as to Thee.

DODDRIDGE.

God.

The Lord is the true God, he is the living God. Jer. x. 10.

Who is God, save the Lord? and who is a rock, save our God? 2 Sam. xxii. 32.

Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no rock; I know not any. Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. Isa. xlv. 8; xliii. 10.

O Lord, . . . there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee. 2 Sam. vii. 22.

I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. I am the Lord, and there is none else. There is no God beside me; and there is none like me. Isa. xlv. 6; xlv. 5; xlv. 9.

O Lord, . . . thou art the God, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven and earth. Isa. xxxvii. 16.

I am God, and there is none like me. I form the light, and create the darkness. . . . I am the Lord, that doeth all these things. Isa. xlvi. 9; xlv. 7.

This is life eternal, that they should know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou didst send. John xvii. 3.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isa. xlv. 22.

My God, how wonderful Thou art!
 Thy Majesty how bright!
 How beautiful Thy mercy-seat,
 In depths of burning light!
 Father of Jesus, love's reward,
 What raptures it will be,
 Prostrate before Thy throne to lie,
 And gaze, and gaze on Thee.

F. W. FABER.

God Avengeth.

The Lord shall judge his people; . . . he will avenge the blood of his servants. Deut. xxxii. 36, 43.

Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me; . . . for without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit. Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me; and my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day. Ps. xxxv. 1, 7, 24, 28.

Thou shalt not avenge or bear any grudge against the children of thy people. Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee. Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me. I will render to the man according to his work. For the Lord God of recompenses shall surely requite. Lev. xix. 18: Prov. xx. 22; xxiv. 29: Jer. li. 56.

It is God that avengeth me. . . . He delivereth me from mine enemies. Ps. xviii. 47, 48.

The Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. So that man shall say, Verily, there is a reward for the righteous; verily, he is a God that judgeth in the earth. Ps. xxxi. 23; lviii. 11. See Lam. iii. 59-64.

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps: who did no sin; neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him who judgeth righteously. 1 Peter ii. 21-23. See Rev. vi. 10.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Rom. xii. 19.

We need not ward hate's poisoned shafts away,
Which foes may send;
Or guard ourselves 'gainst aught men do or say,
If heaven defend:
The righteous Judge will right all in the end.

W. H. P.

God is Gracious.

The Lord passed by, and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord, a God full of compassion, and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Ex. xxxiv. 6.

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Ps. lxxvii. 9.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy. Ps. cxlv. 8.

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee. Thou art a gracious and merciful God. Isa. xxxiii. 2: Heb. ix. 31.

Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you. He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry. Isa. xxx. 18, 20.

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious. The Lord is gracious. He is gracious and full of compassion, and righteous. Ps. lxxxvi. 15; cxii. 4.

The Lord your God is merciful and gracious, and will not turn his face from you if ye return unto him, therefore turn unto the Lord your God, for he is gracious. 2 Chron. xxx. 9: Joel ii. 13.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. Ps. cxvi. 5.

O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn unto the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the fruit of our lips. Hos. xiv. 1, 2.

All-gracious God, whom saints in light adore,
And whom angelic hosts praise evermore,
To Thee in deep distress our sins we bring,
And Thou dost freely pardon; so we sing
The wondrous goodness of our gracious King.

W. H. P.

God is Light.

*God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran,
His glory covered the heavens, . . . and his brightness was as the
light. Hab. iii. 3, 4.*

Where is the way where light dwelleth? Job xxxviii. 19.

The light dwelleth with him,—who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see. Dan. ii. 22: 1 Tim. vi. 16.

The Lord is my light and my salvation. When I sit in darkness the Lord shall be a light unto me. Ps. xxvii. 1: Micah vii. 8.

This is the message that we have heard of him, and declare unto you; that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 1 John i. 5.

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. Isa. ii. 5: 1 John i. 7.

Arise, shine, for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Isa. lx. 1, 2, 19.

Walk in the light and thou shalt see
Thy gloomy pathway bright;
For God Himself shall walk with thee,
And God Himself is light.

BARTON.

God's Care for the Poor.

This poor man crieth, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. Ps. xxxvi. 4.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me : for I am poor and needy. . . . Save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Ps. lxxxvi. 1, 2.

I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. Zeph. iii. 12.

I am poor and needy : yet the Lord thinketh upon me ; thou art my help and my deliverer ; make no tarrying, O my God. Ps. xl. 17.

The Lord heareth the poor. The Lord delivereth the poor in his affliction. Ps. lxxix. 33 : Job xxxvi. 15.

Thou, O Lord, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor. And the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. Ps. xviii. 10 : Isa. xxix. 19.

Jesus . . . said, . . . Go, show John again those things which ye do hear and see : the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them. Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom. Matt. xi. 5 : James ii. 5.

When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. Ps. cii. 16, 17.

What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation ? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it. The first born of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety. Isa. xiv. 32, 30.

Well cared for, Lord, with Thee the poor abide ;
And 'neath Thy sheltering wing securely hide ;
From all their foes and fears in perfect rest,
Safely protected, and supremely blest.

W. H. P.

God's Care for Widows and Orphans.

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. Ps. lxxviii. 5.

God . . . doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow. He relieveth the fatherless and widow. Deut. x. 18: Ps. cxlvi. 9.

Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me. Jer. xlix. 11.

Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless and widow. Deut. xxvii. 19.

Ye shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless. Ex. xxii. 22-24.

When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me it gave witness to me: because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. Job xxix. 11-13.

Seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. Isa. i. 17: Jas. i. 27.

Friend of the friendless, God of pity Thou,
A sure and ready refuge in distress;
The widow's husband, heretofore and now,
And ever Father of the fatherless.

Inspire in us Thine own kind, tender care
For helpless orphans, and for widows sad;
That we may thus their griefs and burdens share,
And help to make their lives more light and glad.

W. H. P.

God's Coming Sway.

The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Isa. xi. 9.

They shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. Isa. lix. 19.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the nations; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering. Mal. i. 11.

Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God. Ps. lxxviii. 31.

From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants . . . shall bring mine offering. Zeph. iii. 10.

Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands. Isa. xlii. 12.

Men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the nations. Zeph. ii. 11.

All the ends of the world shall remember, and turn unto the Lord; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. Ps. xxii. 27; lxxxvi. 9.

As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Rom. xiv. 11.

Let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Ps. lxxii. 19.

As truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. Num. xiv. 21.

Extend thine empire, glorious King,
And speed the promised day,
When all mankind Thy praise shall sing,
And own Thy Sovereign sway.

W. H. P.

God Sees.

He that formed the eye, shall he not see? Ps. xciv. 9.

Hagar called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me. Gen. xvi. 13.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. Prov. xv. 3 : Job xxxiv. 21.

The Lord looketh from heaven, he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord and he pondereth all his goings. Ps. xxxiii. 13, 14 : Prov. v. 21.

The Lord's throne is in heaven : his eyes behold, his eyelids try the children of men. Ps. xi. 4.

There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. Yea, . . . the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. For thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight ; but all things are naked, and lying open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Job xxxiv. 22 : Ps. cxxxix. 12 : Jer. xxxii. 19 : Heb. iv. 13.

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him ? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth ? saith the Lord. Jer. xxiii. 24.

Lord, Thou hath searched and seen me through,
Thine eye beholds whate'er I do,
I'm ever in Thy hand.

The darkness cannot hide from Thee
The night—it cannot cover me ;
Before Thee still I stand.

JOHN CRAIG.

God Sees the Heart.

The Lord seeth not as man seeth ; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. xvi. 7.

O Lord, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart ; thou, Lord, knowest the hearts of all men ; for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. Jer. xx. 12 : Acts i. 24 : Ps. vii. 9.

Hades and destruction are before the Lord : how much more then the hearts of the children of men. Prov. xv. 11.

Search me, O God, and know my heart ; try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me. For thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men. Ps. cxxxix. 23 : 1 Kings viii. 39.

I, the Lord, search the hearts ; I try the reins, to give to every man according to his ways. Jer. xvii. 10.

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising ; thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. For the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imagination of the thoughts. Ps. cxxxix. 1-4 : 1 Chron. xxviii. 9.

I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts : and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. Rev. ii. 23.

O Thou, whose piercing eye of fire,
Discerns the unexpressed desire,
In the soul's hidden part :
Search with Thine own revealing flame,
As when to David Nathan came ;
And renovate this heart.

W. H. P.

God's Furnace.

The Lord's fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Isa. xxxi. 9: Mal. iii. 3.

Moses came to Horeb; and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and behold the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. Ex. iii. 1, 2.

Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee; thou art mine. When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Isa. xliii. 1, 2.

We went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. Ps. lxvi. 12.

I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried; they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial that is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings: that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. Zech. 13. 9: 1 Pet. iv. 12, 13.

Pain's furnace-heat within me quivers,
 God's breath upon the fire doth blow,
 And all my heart in anguish shivers,
 And trembles at the fiery glow;
 And yet I whisper, "As God will!"
 And in His hottest fire hold still.

JULIUS STURM.

God's Goodness.

How great is his goodness. Zech. ix. 17.

Good and upright is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way. Ps. xxv. 8.

Despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering : not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance ? Rom. ii. 4.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness ; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness : and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks ; the valleys also are covered over with corn ; they shout for joy, they also sing. Ps. lxxv. 11-13.

The Lord is good to all ; and his tender mercies are over all his works. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Ps. cxlv. 9 ; xxxiii. 5.

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee ; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men ! Ps. xxxi. 19.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men ! Ps. cvii. 8. See cxlvii. 7-14 : Acts xiv. 17.

Amid the maddening maze of things,
And tossed with storm and flood,
To one fixed stake my spirit clings ;
I know that God is good.

Yet more and more a Providence
Of love is understood ;
Making the springs of time and sense
Sweet with eternal good.

J. G. WHITTIER.

God's Greatness.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. Ps. cxlv. 3.

Who is so great a god as our God? O Lord, my God, thou art very great. Ps. lxxvii. 13; civ. 1.

Behold God is great. Because he could swear by no greater, he swear by himself. Job. xxxvi. 26; Heb. vi. 13.

Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven, and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. 2 Sam. vii. 22; 1 Chron. xxix. 11.

The Lord thy God is among you a mighty God: a great God, a mighty and a terrible. Deut. vii. 21; x. 17.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? For what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy mighty acts? There is none like unto thee among the gods, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens. Ex. xv. 11; Deut. iii. 24; Ps. lxxxvi. 8; xcvi. 5.

To whom then will ye liken me, that I should be equal to him? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see; who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and for that he is strong in power, not one is lacking. Isa. xl. 18, 25, 26.

Great is the Lord beyond all human praise;
Great in Himself, and in His works and ways.
His greatness shines in every rolling sphere,
In every orb and atom, far or near;
But O, in Christ His Son, His greatness is so dear.

W. H. P.

God's House.

And he called the name of that place Bethel, . . . the house of God. Gen. xxviii. 19.

Surely God is in this place, though I knew it not. This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. Gen. xxviii. 16, 17.

Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. Lev. xix. 30.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Ps. xxvi. 8; lxxv. 4.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name. Ps. c. 4.

Will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! 2 Chron. vi. 18.

In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. Ex. xx. 24.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. Ps. xxvii. 4.

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matt. xviii. 20.

To meet with the Lord in His dwellings below,
Is next to the bliss that the glorified know.

Even so. Hallelujah!

W. H. P.

God's House.

The house of God, . . . the gate of heaven. Gen. xxviii. 17.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts !
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the
Lord : my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living
God. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the
swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my
God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house ; they will
be still praising thee. Blessed is the man whose strength
is in thee ; in whose heart are the ways of them. Who
passing through the valley of Baca, make it a well ; the
rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to
strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before
God.

O Lord of hosts, hear my prayer ; give ear, O God
of Jacob. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the
face of thine anointed. For a day in thy courts is
better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of
wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield :
the Lord will give grace and glory : no good thing will
he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of
hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. Ps.
lxxxiv. 1-12.

In the house of the Lord is my sweetest delight,
There my grief turns to joy, and my darkness to light ;
There my Saviour sheds on me the beams of His face,
And refreshes my soul with the dews of His grace.

There relax their firm hold on my heart the world's charms,
And its cares and ambitions, its griefs and alarms,
As the glories celestial grow bright on my view,
Till I all things for Jesus could suffer or do.

There my weakness I change for faith's conquering power,
As visions unspeakable crowd the glad hour ;
There my soul gets sweet foretastes of infinite love,
That shall ravish forever the ransomed above.

W. H. P.

God's House Forsaken.

Why is the house of God forsaken? Neh. xiii. 11.

Our fathers have transgressed, and done evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord. 2 Chron. xxix. 6.

Thus saith the Lord, Consider your ways. Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow it away: . . . because of mine house, that lieth waste, while ye run every one to his own house. Hag. i. 7, 9.

The ways of Zion do mourn, because none do come to her solemn feasts; all her gates are desolate; her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness. Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy. Jerusalem hath grievously sinned: therefore she came down wonderfully. We will not forsake the house of the Lord our God. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the custom of some; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Lam. i. 4, 5, 8, 9: Neh. x. 39: Heb. x. 25.

Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord. Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts. Mal. iii. 7, 13, 14.

Avert Thy rod, O Lord, as low we fall;
And in Thy courts, long left, for mercy call:—
Incline Thou us to serve Thee, one and all.

W. H. P.

God's Mercy.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy. He delighteth in mercy. God is rich in mercy. Ps. xxv. 10; Micah vii. 18; Eph. ii. 4.

God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke xviii. 13.

Whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall have mercy. Prov. xxviii. 13.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Ps. xxx. 10; li. 1.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him there is plenteous redemption. Ps. cvi. 1; cxxx. 7.

Turn thee unto me and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy to all them that call upon thee. Ps. xxv. 16; lxxxvi. 5.

Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth, and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. Isa. xlii. 13; Ps. ciii. 11.

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

F. W. FABER.

God's Power.

God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran ; . . . he had horns coming out of his hand : and there was the hiling of his power. Hab. iii. 3, 4.

Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out : he is excellent in power. He hath made the earth by his power. Job xxxvii. 33 : Jer. x. 12. See Ps. lxxxix. 13 ; xciii. 4.

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal, saith the Holy One ? Lift up your eyes on high, and behold, who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number ; he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his power ; not one faileth. He ruleth by his power forever. Isa. xl. 25, 26 : Ps. lxvi. 7.

Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength : so will we sing and praise thy power. God hath spoken once ; twice have I heard this ; that power belongeth unto God. Ps. xxi. 13 ; lxii. 11.

Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works ! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. Ps. lxvi. 3.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power. In thy hand is power and might ; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Ex. xv. 6.

Behold, God exalteth by his power. Job xxxvi. 22.

O Lord God of our fathers, . . . in thine hand is there not power and might, so that there is none able to withstand thee ? Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power : thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. 2 Chron. xx. 6 ; Ex. xv. 6.

God hath power to help and to cast down. 2 Chron. xxv. 8.

O God of grace and power,
On Thee my hopes depend,
What foe can fright or harm me,
If Thou but do defend.

W. H. P.

God's Power.

Is there anything too hard for the Lord? No word of God shall be devoid of power. Gen. xviii. 14 : Luke i. 37.

I know that thou canst do everything. There is nothing too hard for thee. With God all things are possible. Job xlii. 2 : Jer. xxxii. 17 : Mark x. 27. See Rom. iv. 17-21.

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh ; is there anything too hard for me? Jer. xxxii. 27.

O Lord of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? Ps. lxxxix. 8.

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able : but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor x. 13. See 2 Pet. ii. 9.

There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky. Deut. xxxiii. 26.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you ; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. 2 Cor. ix. 8.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, . . . unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end : Amen. Eph. iii. 20, 21.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, by glory and majesty, . . . both now and ever. Amen. Jude xxiv. 25.

Firm as His throne His promise stands,
And He can well secure
What I've committed to His hands,
Till the decisive hour.

I. WATIS.

God's Presence.

Glory and honor are in his presence: strength and gladness are in his place. 1 Chron. xvi. 27.

The upright shall dwell in thy presence. In the covert of thy presence shalt thou hide them from the plottings of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Ps. cxl. 13; xxxi. 20.

Behold, I have made thee a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the . . . people. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee. Jer. i. 18, 19.

If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us; so shall we be separated from all the people that are upon the face of the earth? Ex. xxxiii. 15, 16.

My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. Ex. xxxiii. 14.

In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Ps. xvi. 11.

In my Father's house are many mansions; . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also. John xiv. 2, 3.

I need Thy presence every passing hour—
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power:
 Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
 Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

H. F. LYTE.

God's Will Best.

When he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done. Acts xxi. 14.

He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their souls. Ps. cvi. 15.

He gave them their own desire; . . . but while their meat was yet in their mouths, the wrath of God came upon them, . . . and smote down the young men of Israel. Ps. lxxviii. 29-31.

The people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; that we also may be like all the nations. 1 Sam. viii. 19, 20.

Ye did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not. I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath. Isa. lxxv. 12: Hosea xiii. 11.

He shall choose our inheritance for us. What I shall choose I know not. Ps. xlvii. 4: Phil. i. 22.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he instruct in the way that he shall choose. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Ps. xxv. 12: Eph. v. 17.

(Jesus) prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. . . . Thy will be done. Matt. xxvi. 39, 42. See John v. 30.

Ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain. . . . Ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. James iv. 13, 15.

I would not choose my lot: I dare not if I might:
Choose Thou for me, my God; and all will then be right.
Choose for me friends or foes; sickness and pain or health:
Choose for me joys or woes; choose poverty or wealth.
Nor let one wish a moment rest
On aught but what Thou deemest best.

W. H. P., from H. BONAR.

God's Word Inspired.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. 2 Tim. iii. 16.

These be the last words of David, . . . the anointed of God, and the sweet psalmist of Israel: The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. 2 Sam. xxiii. 1, 2.

The Holy Ghost spake by the mouth of David. Acts i. 16.

We know that God spake unto Moses. John ix. 29.

The Lord said unto Moses, Who hath made man's mouth? . . . Have not I the Lord? Now, therefore, go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. Ex. iv. 11, 12; xxxiii. 11.

The words of Jeremiah . . . The Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words into thy mouth. Jer. i. 1, 9.

The word to Jeremiah from the Lord . . . Write thou all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. Son of man, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. Jer. xxx. 1, 2; Ezek. iii. 4.

The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter i. 21.

We thank God . . . that, when ye received from us the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God. 1 Thess. ii. 13. Also see Acts iii. 21; Heb. i. 1.

'Twas by an order from the Lord,
The ancient prophets spoke His word!
His spirit did their tongues inspire,
And warmed their hearts with heavenly fire.

I. WATTS.

God's Word in the Heart.

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart : none of his steps shall slide. Ps. xxxvii. 30, 31.

Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. Ps. cxix. 11.

Take heed to yourselves that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them. . . . Therefore shall ye lay up my words in your heart and in your soul. Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. Deut. xi. 16, 18 : Job xxii. 22.

I said, I will not make mention of him nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay. Jer. xx. 9.

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law ; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. All my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to . . . thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord ; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. Isa. li. 7 : Ezek. iii. 10, 11.

In the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God : yea, thy law is within my heart. Ps. xl. 8.

My son, attend to my words ; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes ; keep them in the midst of thine heart. Prov. iv. 20, 21. See Prov. iii. 1-4 : Jer. xxxi. 33.

Naught else can so cleanse from all sinful desire,
In trial sustain, and to duty inspire,
As having for comfort, instruction, control,
The word of the Lord hidden deep in the soul.

W. H. P.

God's Word is Light.

The commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life. Prov. vi. 23.

All things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatever doth make manifest is light. Eph. v. 13.

Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. John iii. 20, 21.

O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. The entrance of thy words giveth light. Ps. xliii. 3; cxix. 105, 130.

Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart; . . . and the light shall shine upon thy ways. Job xxii. 22, 28.

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, because I have kept thy precepts. Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Ps. xix. 8; cxix. 98-100, 104.

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments. So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. Prov. iii. 1, 4; John v. 39. See Isa. viii. 20; Jer. viii. 9; Acts xvii. 11; 2 Tim. iii. 14-17.

Shine on my way, celestial Fount of Life,
And let Thy beams within my spirit come:
O'er crag and dell make all my pathway bright,
And safely through the night conduct me home.

W. H. P.

God's Word Our Ground of Hope.

He that hath received his testimony, hath set to his seal that God is true. John iii. 33.

Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. Ps. cxix. 49. See Rom. xv. 4.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away ; but the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. 1 Peter i. 24, 25.

My soul fainteth for thy salvation ; but I hope in thy word. Ps. cxix. 81. See cxiv ; cxxx. 5.

Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book ; but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ ; and that believing, ye might have life through his name. John xx. 30, 31.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me ; because I have hope in thy word. I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried : I hoped in thy word. Ps. cxix. 74, 147.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God : that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John v. 13.

Hope built on God's sure word is on a rock,
Nor fears the raging waves, nor billow's shock ;
The storm-clouds here may burst in floods of rain,
And angry tempests spend their force in vain.

On God's sure word hope well may rest her all,
Assured that nothing ill can here befall :
For what He saith shall stand, whate'er assail,
Since God's own promises can never fail.

W. H. P.

God's Word Precious.

The word of the Lord was precious in those days. 1 Sam. iii. 1.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Ps. cxix. 103; cxxxix. 17; xix. 10.

Son of man, . . . eat this roll . . . that I give thee. Take the book, . . . and eat it up; and . . . it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. Rev. x. 8, 9.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. I rejoice at thy word as one that findeth great spoil. Ps. cxix. 72, 162. See vs. 16, 24, 47, 77, 126, 127, 163, 167.

Receive my instruction and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. Buy the truth and sell it not. Prov. viii. 10; xxiii. 23.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as as much as in all riches. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. Ps. cxix. 14, 111.

These things write we unto you that your joy may be full. 1 John i. 4.

Oh how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thy words were found and I did eat them, and thy word was unto me the joy and the rejoicing of mine heart. Ps. cxix. 97; Jer. xv. 16.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John xv. 11.

What treasures fair of jewels rare
For us Thy words unfold;
More precious far than rubies are
Or pearls and purest gold!

LIZZIE L. and W. H. P.

God's Word Pure.

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
Ps. xix. 8. See Rom. vii. 12.

Thy word is very pure ; therefore thy servant loveth it. Every word of God is pure. Ps. cxix. 140 : Prov. xxx. 5.

The words of the Lord are pure words : as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Ps. xii. 6.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way ? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. Ps. cxix. 9.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. John xv. 3.

Through thy precepts I get understanding : therefore I hate every false way. Ps. cxix. 104. See xvii. 4.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity ; they walk in his ways. Ps. cxix. 2, 3.

Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it ; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word. Eph. v. 25, 26.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from a clean heart fervently ; having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. 1 Peter i. 22, 23.

God's word is pure as pure can be :
Heaven's light is not from stain more free.
With whomso'er it enters in,
It purifies the life from sin.
Where'er admitted to the heart,
It doth its purity impart.

W. H. P.

God's Word True.

The law of truth was in his mouth. Mal. ii. 6.

O Lord, . . . thy words be true. 2 Sam. vii. 28.
He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. John iii. 33.

Thy word is true from the beginning. Thy word is truth. Ps. cxix. 160 : John xvii. 17.

Have I not written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth : that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee ? Prov. xxii. 20, 21.

Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said unto Moses. There failed not aught of any good thing that the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel ; all came to pass. Josh. xi. 23 ; xxi. 45.

Ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you : all are come to pass unto you ; not one thing hath failed. Josh. xxiii. 14.

God is not a man, that he should lie ; neither the son of man, that he should repent : hath he said, and shall he not do it ? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good ? Num. xxiii. 19.

The strength of Israel will not lie. Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar. For all the promises of God in (Christ) are yea, and in him Amen, to the glory of God. God . . . cannot lie. 1 Sam. xv. 29 : Rom. iii. 4 : 2 Cor. i. 20 : Titus i. 2.

Thy word is everlasting truth,
How pure is every page !
That holy book should guide our youth,
And well support our age.

I. WATTS.

God With Us.

The Lord was with (Hezekiah) ; and he prospered whithersoever he went. 2 Kings xviii. 7.

O that I were as in months past ; . . . when the Almighty was yet with me ; . . . when I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil. Job xxix. 2, 5, 6.

Abimelech . . . spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest : now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me : . . . but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee. Then Abimelech . . . and Phicol . . . went to Isaac, . . . and they said, We certainly saw that the Lord was with thee : and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us . . . and thee, . . . that thou wilt do us no hurt, . . . as we have done nothing but good to thee. Gen. xxi. 22, 23 ; xxvi. 26-29.

Gideon said, . . . If the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? . . . The Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. Judges vi. 13.

The angel of the Lord . . . said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor. Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel. Surely, I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. Judges vi. 12, 14, 16.

The children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal ; and Caleb . . . said unto him. . . . Give me this mountain ; . . . if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive out (the Anakims), as the Lord said. Joshua xiv. 6, 12.

The Lord was with Judah ; and he drave out the inhabitants of the mountains. Judges i. 19.

“God with us !” what wondrous courage
Doth the blest assurance bring ;
Strongly sheltered, safe from danger,
’Neath His wing.

W. H. P.

God With Us.

The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. . . . And his master saw that the Lord was with him, . . . and all that he had he put into his hand. Gen. xxxix. 2-4.

Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul. And David waxed greater and greater; for the Lord of hosts was with him. 1 Sam. xviii. 12: 1 Chron. xi. 9.

Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; . . . I have been with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great ones of the earth. 1 Chron. xvii. 2, 7, 8.

The Lord was with Jehoshaphat, . . . and . . . stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance. 2 Chron. xvii. 3, 5.

And (Asa) gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the Lord his God was with him. 2 Chron. xv. 9.

The Lord his God was with (Solomon), and magnified him exceedingly. 2 Chron. i. 1.

And David said to Solomon, . . . Now, my son, the Lord be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the Lord thy God. . . . Is not the Lord your God with you? . . . Arise, therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord your God. 1 Chron. xxii. 7, 11, 18, 19.

If God be with me, what have I to fear?
Foes cannot harm, for friends are strong and near.
Wisdom is mine to plan my loved employ,
And strength that comes with heavenly peace and joy.

W. H. P.

God With Us.

They shall call his name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is God with us. Matt. i. 23.

If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I go, and give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God. Gen. xxviii. 20, 21.

Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. Return unto the land of thy fathers; . . . and I will be with thee. Fear not to go down into Egypt; for . . . I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again. Gen. xxviii. 15; xxxi. 3; xlv. 3.

If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. Ex. xxxiii. 15.

Certainly I will be with thee. Be strong and of a good courage; . . . for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee or forsake thee. Ex. iii. 12. Deut. xxxi. 6.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Ps. xxiii. 4.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. xli. 10. See xliii. 2.

"God with us!" O wondrous thought!
With what strength and courage fraught!
Joyful mid the gloom I sing,
'Neath His eye, and hand, and wing.

W. H. P.

Going Backward.

They have gone away backward. Isa. i. 4.

The children of Ephraim being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. They turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They turned back, and dealt unfaithfully, like their fathers; and in their hearts turned back again to Egypt. Ps. lxxviii. 9, 41; 57: Acts vii. 39.

(Your fathers) hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. I will cut off . . . them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord, nor enquired after him. Jer. vii. 24: Zeph. i. 4, 6.

Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy ways. His way have I kept; . . . neither I have not gone back from the commandment of his lips. Ps. xlv. 18: Job xxiii. 11, 12.

If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. Heb. x. 38.

I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back. Judges xi. 35.

No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke ix. 62.

We are not of them that draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Heb. x. 39.

Look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain. Remember Lot's wife. Gen. xix. 17: Luke xvii. 32.

The fearful soul that tires and faints,
And walks the ways of God no more,
Is but esteemed, almost a saint,
And makes his own destruction sure.

I. WATTS.

Going Forward.

The Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. Ex. xiv. 15.

Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection. Heb. vi. 1.

As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 1 Peter ii. 2: 2 Peter iii. 18.

I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. iii. 13, 14.

We beseech you, brethren, and exhort you, by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, ye would abound more and more. 1 Thess. iv. 1.

Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us (unbelief), and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. Heb. xii. 1, 2.

The righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger and stronger. The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Job xvii. 9: Prov. iv. 18. See Ps. lxxxiv. 7.

“Forward!” be our watchword,
Steps and voices joined,
Seeking things before us,
Not a look behind.

Forward, ever forward,
Clad in armor bright;
Till the veil be lifted,
And our faith be sight.

H. ALFORD.

Grace.

The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. John i. 17.

The law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. v. 20, 21.

Not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. Rom. v. 15. See Deut. ix. 5: Ezek. xxxvi. 22.

We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace. Not according to our works, but according to his purpose and grace;—which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us: . . . that being justified by his grace we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Acts xv. 11: Rom. iii. 24: Eph. i. 5, 6: 2 Tim. i. 9: Titus iii. 5, 7.

It is of faith, that it may be by grace. And if it be by grace, then it is no more of works; otherwise grace is no more grace. For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. Rom. iv. 16; xi. 6: Eph. ii. 8, 9.

'Twas His own purpose that begun
To rescue rebels doomed to die.
He gave us grace in Christ His Son,
Before He formed the starry sky.

I. WATTS.

Grace.

When (Barnabas) was come (to Antioch), and had seen the grace of God, he was glad. Acts xi 23.

Unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Eph. iv. 7.

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter iv. 10.

Having then gifts differing according to grace given to us ;—let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear. Rom. xii. 6 : Heb. xii. 28.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. 2 Cor. ix. 8.

By the grace of God I am what I am : and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than they all : yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 1 Cor. xv. 10.

My grace is sufficient for you. 2 Cor. xii. 9.

Out of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God ;—let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. John i. 16 : Heb. iv. 14, 16.

He giveth more grace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. James iv. 6 : Rev. xxii. 21.

Grace ! 'Tis a charming sound,
Harmonious to the ear ;
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear.

P. DODDRIDGE.

Grace and Glory.

The Lord will give grace and glory. Ps. lxxxiv. 11.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us, for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. Isa. xxvi. 12.

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. ii. 12, 13.

(Christ) gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus ii. 14.

Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might . . . present it to himself a glorious church; not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. Eph. v. 25, 27.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath . . . chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. For we are his workmanship, created anew in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. i. 3, 4; ii. 10.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, . . . that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me. Ps. cxxxviii. 8.

He that hath begun a good work in you, will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil. i. 6.

The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is Yea, and Amen,
And never was forfeited yet.

TOPLADY.

Growth.

Israel . . . shall grow as the lily. Consider the lilies how they grow. Hos. xiv. 5 : Luke xii. 27.

Rescue me and deliver me out of the hand of strangers, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood : that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth ; and our daughters as corner stones hewn after the fashion of a palace. Ps. cxliv. 11, 12.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree : he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They that are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age ; they shall be fat and flourishing. Ps. xcii. 12-14.

Can the rush grow without mire? Job viii. 11.

When for the time, ye ought to be teachers, ye have need again that some one teach you the (very) rudiments, the first principles of the oracles of God. For every one that useth milk, is unskilled in the word of righteousness ; for he is a babe. As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby : if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. Heb. v. 12, 13 : 1 Peter ii. 2, 3.

When he ascended up on high, he . . . gave gifts unto men : And he gave some, apostles ; and some, prophets ; and some, evangelists ; and some, pastors and teachers ; for the perfecting of the saints, . . . for the building up of the body of Christ : till we all attain unto . . . a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Eph. iv. 8-13.

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter iii. 18.

I would not be an infant all my days,
In strength and knowledge, character and ways ;
But I would grow in likeness to my Lord,
By doing what he teaches in His word.

W. H. P.

Hardened Under Chastisement.

A wicked man hardeneth his face. Prov. xxi. 29.

In the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the Lord, this same king Ahaz. 2 Chron. xxviii. 22.

Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man and in beast, . . . throughout all the land of Egypt. Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God : and Pharaoh's heart was hardened. Ex. viii. 17, 19. See Job xv. 25, 26 : Amos iv. 6-11.

They shall pass through (the land) hardly bestead, and hungry. And, . . . when they are hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God. For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the Lord of hosts. Isa. viii. 21 ; ix. 13. See Hag. ii. 17.

While their meat was yet in their mouths, the wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the young men of Israel. For all this they sinned still, and believed not in his wondrous works. Ps. lxxviii. 30-32.

O Lord, . . . thou hast stricken them, but they were not grieved ; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive instruction : they have made their faces harder than a rock ; they have refused to return. Jer. v. 3.

The fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun ; and power was given unto it to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God, . . . and they repented not. Rev. xvi. 8, 9. See ix. 17-21 ; xvi. 10, 11, 21 : Isa. i. 5.

Spirits condemned, and demons held in chains,
Are only hardened by their torturing pains :
And wicked, carnal natures, ever so,
Suffer for sin, and only harder grow.

W. H. P.

Hating Evil.

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. Prov. viii. 13.

There be six things which the Lord hateth : yea, seven which are an abomination unto him : haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that uttereth lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. Prov. vi. 16-19.

Pride and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Prov. viii 13.

I hate vain thoughts—every false way—but thy law do I love. Ps. cxix. 113, 128.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil. Hate the evil, and love the good. Abhor that which is evil ; cleave to that which is good. Ps. xevii. 10 : Amos v. 15 : Rom. xii. 9.

I hate the work of them that turn aside : it shall not cleave unto me. Ps. ci. 3.

This thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. Rev. ii. 6.

Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee ? and am not I grieved with them that rise up against thee ? I hate them with perfect hatred : I count them mine enemies. Ps. cxxxix. 21, 22.

Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord ? For this thing wrath is upon thee from before the Lord. Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God ? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God. 2 Chron. xix. 2 : James iv. 4. See Matt. x. 34-36 : Luke xiv. 26.

God bids me, and my soul obeys,
To turn from evil men and ways ;
To hate the dark, and love the light,
To shun the wrong, and choose the right.

W. H. P

Hatred.

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. Prov. xv. 17.

Hatred stirreth up strifes. Prov. x. 12.

When (Joseph's) brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. Gen. xxxvii. 4. See vs. 5, 8; 18-20; xlix. 23.

The works of the flesh are, . . . hatred, variance, etc. For we ourselves also were once . . . hateful, and hating one another. Gal. v. 19, 20; Titus iii. 3.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart. Every one that hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Lev. xix. 17; 1 John iii. 15. See Gen. iv. 8; xxvii. 41.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen. 1 John iv. 20.

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. 1 John ii. 9, 11.

As (Jesus) sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, crying, Tell us, . . . what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Matt. xxiv. 3.

Then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. Matt. xxiv. 10. See vs. 48-51

Hatred is hell's hot spark within the soul,
Kindling bad passions with its dread control;
Till bursting flames of murderous ire appear,
Leaving whole homes and realms in ruins drear.

W, H. P.

Hearing God's Word.

He that is of God heareth God's word. John viii. 47.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Ps. ciii. 20.

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak ; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Deut. xxxii. 1.

Who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word ? who hath marked his word and heard it ? Jer. xxiii. 18.

If (the prophets) had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Jer. xxiii. 22.

The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. Heb. iv. 2.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not . . . of bread, nor . . . water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. Amos viii. 11.

Mary . . . sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. Luke x. 39.

Happy are your . . . ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired . . . to hear what ye hear, and have not heard. Take heed what ye hear. Matt. xiii. 16, 17 : Mark iv. 24.

The Holy Ghost fell on them that heard the word. Acts x. 44.

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. Take heed how ye hear. Mark iv. 23 : Luke viii. 18.

How rare a treasure hath the soul possessed,
Where God's own message found a willing ear :
Not Mary's chosen portion was more blest,
Nor did Christ seem to her more near and dear
Than where His word is heard with filial fear.

W. H. P.

Helping Others.

They helped every one his neighbor. Isa. xli. 6.

Moses called . . . every wise hearted man, every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it. David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son. Ex. xxxvi. 2 : 1 Chron. xxii. 17.

There are workmen with thee in abundance. And there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship, every willing skilful man, for any manner of service; also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment. 1 Chron. xxii. 15 ; xxviii. 21.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me. Ps. cxviii. 7.

Amasai . . . said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse : peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers ; for thy God helpeth thee. 1 Chron. xii. 18.

We are laborers together with God. We then, as workers together with him,—ought to . . . be fellow-helpers to the truth. 1 Cor. iii. 9 : 2 Cor. vi. 1 : 3 John 8.

Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ : that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel. Phil. i. 27.

O that they were wise, . . . that they would consider their latter end. How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight. Deut. xxxii. 29, 30.

Five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight. Lev. xxvi. 8.

Together we rally, one and all,
To fight or work at the Master's call.

W. H. P.

Help in Trouble.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Ps. xlvii. 1.

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? . . .
Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is
none to help. Ps. xxii. 1, 11.

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; . . . the
God of Jacob defend thee; send thee help from the sanc-
tuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion. Ps. xx. 1, 2.

Give us help from trouble, for vain is the help of
man. For thy name's sake, O Lord, bring my soul out
of trouble. Ps. lx. 11; cxliii. 11.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven
there shall no evil touch thee. Job v. 19.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged. O bring thou
me out of my distresses. Ps. xxxi. 9; xxv. 17.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver
thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Ps. l. 15.

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried
unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple;
and my cry before him came into his ears. He sent
from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many
waters. He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
Ps. xviii. 6, 16, 19.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and deliv-
ereth them out of all their troubles. Thou calledst in
trouble, and I delivered thee. Ps. xxxiv. 17; lxxxix. 7.

Did ever trouble yet befall,
And He refuse to hear thy call?
He who hath helped me hitherto,
Will help me all my journey through;
And give me daily cause to raise
New Ebenezers to his praise

J. NEWTON

Hiding Place.

A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest ; . . . as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Isa. xxxii. 2.

In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion : in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me ; He shall set me up upon a rock. Ps. xxvii. 5.

Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock : and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand, until I have passed by. Ex. xxxiii. 21, 22.

In the covert of thy presence shalt thou hide them from the pride of man : thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Ps. xxxi. 20.

Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue ; neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. Job v. 21.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : I flee unto thee to hide me. Thou art my hiding place and my shield. Thou art my hiding place ; thou shalt preserve me from trouble ; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Ps. cxliii. 9 ; cxix. 114 ; xxxii. 7.

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Col. iii. 2, 3.

In the shadow of his hand hath he hid me. Isa. xlix. 2.

I have covered thee in the shadow of my hand. Isa. li. 16.

In the riven rock I'm hiding,
Safe from danger and alarm ;
In my Saviour's love confiding,
I can fear no foes nor harm.
Safe the shelter—covering grand,
In the shadow of His hand.

W. H. P.

Holiness.

An highway shall be there, and away, and it shall be called the way of holiness. And they shall call them, The holy people. Isa. xxxv. 8; lxii. 12.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath . . . chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before him in love. Eph. i. 3, 4.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. 1 Cor. iii. 16, 17.

Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever. Ps. xciii. 5.

Ye also as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter ii. v.

God hath . . . called us . . . unto holiness. 1 Thess. iv. 7.

As he who hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation: because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1 Peter i. 15, 16.

Having these promises, . . . let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Cor. vii. 1.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. xii. 14.

More holiness give me, more strivings within:
 More patience in suffering, more sorrow for sin;
 More faith in my Saviour, more sense of His care;
 More joy in His service, more purpose in prayer.
 More fit for the kingdom, more used would I be;
 More blessed and holy, more, Saviour, like Thee.

P. P. BLISS.

Honor.

Before honor is humility. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor, and life. Prov. xviii. 12; xxii. 4.

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy, findeth life, righteousness, and honor. Prov. xxi. 21.

And God said to Solomon, Because . . . thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life: but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mightest judge my people, . . . wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had before thee, neither shall any after thee have the like. 2 Chron. i. 11, 12.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom. . . . For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. . . . Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Prov. iii. 13-16.

Wisdom is the principal thing; . . . Exalt her and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor when thou dost embrace her. Prov. iv. 7-9.

In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared for every good work. 2 Tim. ii. 20, 21.

Them that honor me I will honor. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honor. 1 Sam. ii. 30: John xii. 26.

I ask the honors not of earth and time,
But honors more enduring and sublime;
These often only leave us grief and pain;
Those crown us with unending bliss and gain.

W. H. P.

Hope.

Rejoicing in hope. Rom. xii. 12.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. 2 Thess. ii. 16.

Which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col. i. 27.

Let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. 1 Thess. v. 8: Rom. viii. 24, 25.

It is good for a man that he both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:—and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel. Lam. iii. 26: Heb. vi. 11: Col. i. 23.

Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Rom. v. 3-5: Gal. v. 5.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Rom. xv. 13.

Spirit of hope, whose cheering ray
Transforms our darkness into day;
Strengthen our souls from this blest hour,
By thy indwelling grace and power.

W. H. P.

Hope.

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness. Prov. x. 28.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. Ps. xlii. 11.

Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. Ps. cxxx. 7.

Now Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee. For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth. Ps. xxxix. 7; lxxi. 5.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God. Ps. cxlvi. 5.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee. Ps. xxxiii. 22.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy. Ps. xxxiii. 18.

In thee, O Lord, do I hope: make haste to help me, O God of my salvation. Ps. xxxviii. 15, 22.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. Ps. cxlvii. 11.

The Lord is in my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more. Lam. iii. 24: Ps. lxxi. 14.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Jer. xvii. 7:

Hope cheers with light the darkest gloom,
And clothes its barren wastes with bloom;
It counts for gain the greatest loss,
And glories even in the cross.

W. H. P.

Hope.

The Lord will be the hope of his people. Joel iii. 16.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter i. 3-5.

We give thanks to God . . . for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven. Col. i. 3, 5.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our hope. Whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of our hope firm unto the end. 1 Tim. i. 1 : Heb. iii. 6.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter i. 13.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be : but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him ; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1 John iii. 2, 3.

Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts ; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter iii. 15.

Hope with uplifted foot, set free from earth,
 Pants for the place of its ethereal birth ;
 On steady wings flies through the immense abyss,
 Plucks amaranthine joys from bowers of bliss,
 And crowns the soul while yet a sufferer here,
 With wreaths like those angelic spirits wear.

W. COWPER,

Household Religion.

By faith Noah, being warned of God, . . . prepared an ark, to the saving of his house. Heb. xi. 7. See Gen. vii. 1, 7.

Joshua said, . . . As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Josh. xxiv. 15.

I know (Abraham), that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment. Gen. xviii. 19.

I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me. . . . He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house. Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood: that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace. Ps. ci. 2, 6, 7; cxliv. 11, 12.

(Job's) sons went and feasted . . . every one his day. And . . . when the days of their feasting were gone about, Job sent and sanctified them, . . . and offered burnt offerings, according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually. Job i. 4, 5.

Cornelius . . . feared God, with all his house. Acts x. 1, 2.

Ye know the house of Stephanus, . . . that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints. Salute . . . Nymphas, and the church which is in his house. 1 Cor. xvi. 15: Col. iv. 15.

Blest is the pious house,
Where zeal and friendship meet;
Their songs of praise, their mingled vows,
Make their communion sweet.

I. WATTS.

Humility.

Before honor is humility. Prov. xv. 33.

Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Luke xiv. 11.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. James iv. 10.

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. James iv. 6.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly : but the proud we know to be afar off. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Ps. cxxxviii. 6 : 1 Peter v. 6.

O Lord, . . . forget not the humble. Ps. x. 12.

He forgetteth not the cry of the humble. Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy ; I dwell in the high and holy place ; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Ps. ix. 12 : Isa. lvii. 15.

Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. Prov. xvi. 19.

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good ; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God ? Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart : and ye shall find rest unto your soul. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Micah vi. 8 : Matt. xi. 29, 30.

The Saviour's lowly mind I'd have,
Ambitious thoughts at rest ;
And following His heavenly ways,
Be with His presence blest.

W. H. P.

Hypocrisy.

The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. James iii. 17.

An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor. Prov. xi. 9. See Isa. ix. 17; xxxii. 6: 1 Tim. iv. 1, 2.

Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees; hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Luke xii. 1: Matt. xxiii. 15.

The hypocrites in heart heap up wrath. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings. Job xxxvi. 13: Isa. xxxiii. 14.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees; hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Matt. xxiii. 13, 33. See xxiv. 48-51.

What is the hope of the hypocrite, though he get him gain, when God taketh away his soul? Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him? for an hypocrite shall not come before him. Job xxvii. 8, 9; xiii. 16.

The joy of the hypocrite is but a moment. The hope of the hypocrite shall perish: whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be as a spider's web. Job xx. 5; viii. 13, 14.

Lord, let not all my hopes be vain,
Create my heart entirely new;
Which hypocrites could ne'er attain,
Which false apostates never knew.

I. WATTS.

Idleness.

The iniquity of Sodom, was pride, fulness of bread, and idleness. Ezek. xvi. 49.

Why sit we here until we die? If we sit still here, we die. 2 Kings vii. 3, 4.

Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and the idle soul shall suffer hunger. The sluggard will not plow, by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest and have nothing. Prov. xix. 15; xx. 4.

This is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us. 2 Kings vii. 9.

Why stand ye here all the day idle? . . . Go ye also into the vineyard. When we were with you, we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. Matt. xx. 6, 7; 2 Thess. iii. 10. See 1 Thess. iv. 10-12.

The younger widows . . . learn also to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things that they ought not. 1 Tim. v. 13.

Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother: thou slanderest thine own mother's son. We hear that there are some among you working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. Ps. l. 20; 2 Thess. iii. 11, 12.

Live for something, be not idle:
Look about you for employ.
Sit not down to useless dreaming,
Labor brings health, wealth and joy.

Folded hands grow weak and weary,
Idle lives are thrown away,
Heaven and earth are full of labor;
Then be doing while you may.

W. H. P.

In Christ.

Salute Appeles, approved in Christ. Rom. xvi. 10.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath . . . chosen us in him before the foundation of the world: having . . . made us accepted in the Beloved. Eph. i. 3, 4, 6.

Now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. And ye are complete in him. Eph. ii. 13: Col. ii. 10.

He hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Cor. v. 21.

There is now, therefore, no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh; but after the Spirit. Rom. viii. 1.

God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love where-with he hath loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ; and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Eph. ii. 4-6, 10.

If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 2 Cor. v. 17; Gal. vi. 15.

Abide in me, I pray, and I in Thee!

Prolong these seasons, beautiful and rare:

Fulfil at once Thy precept and my prayer—

Come, and abide in Me, and I in Thee.

W. H. P., from HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

Influence—Evil.

Rehoboam . . . forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him. 2 Chron. xii. 1.

Manasseh seduced (Israel) to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed. Manasseh . . . made Judah also to sin with his idols. 2 Kings xxi. 9, 11.

Jeroboam . . . drove Israel from following the Lord, and made them sin a great sin. For the children of Israel walked in all the way of Jeroboam, which he did; they departed not from them. 2 Kings xvii. 21, 22.

Baasha . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord after the abominations of the heathen, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 1 Kings xv. 33, 34.

The word of the Lord . . . against Baasha. Because . . . thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, . . . I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam, . . . who did sin, and who made Israel to sin. 1 Kings xvi. 1-3; xiv. 16.

Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worse than all that were before him. For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 1 Kings xix. 25, 26.

The statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. One sinner destroyeth much good. Micah vi. 16; Gal. v. 9; Eccl. ix. 18.

Full many shining seraphim from realms of light,
Have fall'n by evil influence to endless night:
Full many a noble soul with purpose high,
Has thus sunk far as angels from the sky.

W. H. P.

Influence—Good.

Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. John xxi. 3.

Amasiah . . . willingly offered himself unto the Lord; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. 2 Chron. xvii. 16. See 2 Kings xxiii. 1-3.

Jehoshaphat . . . went out through the people, . . . and brought them back unto the Lord. 2 Chron. xix. 4.

Jehoash did right in the sight of the Lord all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 2 Kings xii. 2.

Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord and the king and the people, that they should be the Lord's people. 2 Kings xi. 17.

(David) said, Because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, . . . given to the house of my God. Who then is willing to fill his hand this day unto the Lord? 1 Chron. xxix. 3.

Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, and gave for the service of the house of God. 1 Chron. xxix. 6, 7.

Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works. Heb. x. 24.

As touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write unto you: for I know your readiness; . . . and your zeal hath provoked very many. 2 Cor. ix. 1, 2. See Cant. i. 4: John i. 40-42.

Oh, be this service all my joy;
Around let my example shine,
Till others love the blest employ,
And join in labors so divine!

STEELE.

Influence — Good.

Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were found in Israel . . . to serve the Lord. 2 Chron. xxxiv. 33.

(Nehemiah) said, . . . Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the walls of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. . . . And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. Neh. ii. 17, 18.

I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love. Hosea xi. 4.

Joshua said, . . . If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. . . . And the people said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord our God. Josh. xxiv. 2, 15, 16.

Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and . . . of the elders that outlived Joshua, and had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he had wrought for Israel. Josh. xxiv. 31.

Ezra . . . said, . . . Separate yourselves from the people of the lands, and from the strange women. Then all the congregation answered and said, As thou hast said concerning us, so must we do. Ezra x. 10-12.

Levi . . . walked with me in peace and uprightness, and did turn many away from iniquity. Mal. ii. 4, 6.

John . . . shall be great in the sight of the Lord; . . . and many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord. Luke i. 15, 16.

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever. Dan. xii. 3.

O blessed life, to live for others' need,
To lead the lost in wisdom's pleasant way;
To sow in human lives the precious seed,
That will bear fruit when we have passed away.
W. H. P.

In His Name.

*They shall walk up and down in his name, saith the Lord.
For his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.
Zech. x. 12: 3 John 7.*

In the name of our God we will set up our banners.
Ps. xx. 5. See Micah iv. 5.

Whosoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. I know thy works, . . . and how thou . . . hast borne, and hast patience, and, for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Col. iii. 17: Rev. ii. 2, 3.

For thy sake I . . . am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. Ps. lxix. 8.

Every one that hath forsaken homes, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. Matt. xix. 29.

I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake. 1 Cor. xii. 10.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you. For unto you it is given on behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake. 1 Peter iv. 14: Phil. i. 29.

For thy sake we are killed all the day long: we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Rom. viii. 36.

Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Matt. xvi. 25.

Well may we all things gladly bear or do
In His dear name, and for His sake who bore
The cross, its shame, and cruel curse and woe,
To give us life and bliss for evermore.

W. H. P.

Intercessor.

He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no Intercessor. Isa. lix. 16.

If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him; but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall entreat for him? For he is not a man, as I am, . . . that we should come together in judgment. Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both. 1 Sam. ii. 25; Job ix. 32, 33

No man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John xiv. 6.

O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbor! Job xvi. 21.

There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. ii. 5.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;—who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 1 John ii. 1; Rom. viii. 34.

Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not. I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me; for they are thine. Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word. Luke xxii. 31, 32; John xvii. 9, 20.

Through him we . . . have access by one Spirit unto the Father. For Christ is . . . now . . . in the presence of God for us. Eph. ii. 18; Heb. ix. 24.

He ever liveth to make intercession. Heb. vii. 25.

Christ who died, now lives forever

On His Priestly throne:

Him the Father heareth ever,

Pleading for His own.

Glad He hears His fervent plea;

Largely gives, and gives as free.

W. H. P.

Jesus Christ a Man.

There is one mediator between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. ii. 5.

Jesus Christ . . . was born of the seed of David according to the flesh (Rom. i. 1, 3). Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. . . . For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God. For we have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Heb. ii. 14-17; iv. 15). The Son of man came eating and drinking (Matt. xi. 19). And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man (Luke ii. 52). He was asleep. He was hungry (Mark iv. 38; xi. 12). Jesus, . . . being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well. Jesus wept. (Jesus) said, I thirst (John iv. 6; xi. 35; xix. 28). He himself hath suffered, being tempted (Heb. ii. 18). And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed and to be very heavy; and he saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly: and his hour might pass from him (Mark xiv. 33, 35). And sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground (Luke xxii. 44). And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost (John xix. 30).

O Jesus, how untold Thy love,
To leave Thy glorious throne above,
And through the manger and the grave,
Pass life and death mankind to save.

W. H. P.

Jesus Christ, Creator.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made. God . . . created all things by Jesus Christ. Ps. xxxiii. 6: Eph. iii. 9.

By faith we understand that the worlds were formed by the word of God. Heb. xi. 3. See John i. 1.

All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. John i. 3, 10. See 2 Peter iii. 5.

God, who in many portions, and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sin, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high. Heb. i. 1-4. See Rev. xix. 11-13.

To the Son (God) saith, . . . Thou Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thy hands. Heb. i. 8, 10.

To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we unto him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. 1 Cor. viii. 6.

By him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him, and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist. Col. i. 16, 17. See John i. 3, 10.

O wondrous thought, too deep to find,
For human or angelic mind,
That fashioner of sea and land,
Should be a baby's dimpled hand;
That He who formed the earth and sky,
Should sleep or suffer, droop or die.

W. H. P.

Jesus Christ the Same for Ever.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.
Heb. xiii. 8.

Thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall he come forth to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from old, from everlasting. Micah v. 2.

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. . . . Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: . . . when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight; . . . rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. Prov. viii. 22-31.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, . . . and our hands have handled of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you. John i. 1, 2: 1 John i. 1-3.

Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen. John viii. 58: Rev. i. 17, 18.

Before the first faint beam of light
Illumed the world's chaotic night,
Christ was, and is eternally,
Though time and nature cease to be.

W. H. P.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

No man can say that Jesus is Lord, but in the Holy Spirit.
1 Cor. xii. 3.

There is one . . . Lord Jesus Christ. To this end Christ died and lived, that he might be Lord, both of the dead and the living. 1 Cor. viii. 6 : Rom. xiv. 9.

Jesus Christ is Lord of all. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Acts x. 36 : Rev. xix. 16.

This is the name wherewith he shall be called, the Lord our righteousness. Jer. xxiii. 6.

Ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. vi. 11.

We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord ; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Cor. iv. 5.

Be ye not called . . . masters ; for one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren. Ye call me Master and Lord : and ye say well ; for so I am. Matt. xxiii. 8, 10 : John xiii. 13.

God hath exalted him, and given him a name that is above every name ; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ; . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. ii. 9, 10.

David . . . saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. For he is Lord of lords. Acts ii. 34-36 : Rev. xvii. 14.

Jesus, thou Lord of worlds above,
By right of power, and power of love ;
Extend thy wise and gracious sway,
From morning dawn to close of day,
And take control of every soul. •

W. H. P.

Jesus Christ Worshipped as God.

When he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, Let all the angels of God worship him. Heb. i. 6. Comp. Acts x. 25, 26; xiv. 8-18; Rev. xxii. 8, 9; Ex. xx. 3; xxxiv. 14; Matt. iv. 9.

Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, . . . there came wise men from the east, . . . to worship him. And, behold, a leper, . . . a certain ruler, they that were in the ship, . . . a woman of Canaan, . . . Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, . . . and the eleven disciples, . . . worshipped him. Matt. ii. 1-2; viii. 2; ix. 18; xiv. 33; xv. 22, 25; xxviii. 1, 9, 16, 17.

And, . . . he was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him. Luke xxiv. 51, 52. See Ps. xlv. 11; lxxii. 9, 11; Rom. xiv. 11.

I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing.* And every created thing which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, . . . heard I saying, *Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever. . . . And the elders fell down and worshipped.* Rev. v. 11-14.

God highly exalted him, and gave him the name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. ii. 8-11.

Through all the earth, on sea and shore,
 Shall ransomed myriads Christ adore:
 While heavenly hosts seraphic praise,
 In sweet and swelling chorus raise,
 To Him for evermore. W. H. P.

Jesus Equal With God.

Jesus . . . said . . . that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. John v. 17, 18.

The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son; that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. John v. 22, 23.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:—being the brightness of his glory, and the exact image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power. Phil. ii. 5, 6; Heb. i. 3.

Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1 John i. 3.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John xiv. 23.

He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. Rev. xxii. 1.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein. Rev. xxii. 3.

And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. . . . And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple thereof. And . . . the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Rev. xxi. 2, 22; xxii. 23.

Grace be unto you, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 2 John 3, 9. See Eph. vi. 23.

Jesus was one with God ere time began,
In forming worlds, and in redeeming man:
One in His earthly ministry of love,
And now upon His throne of power above.

W. H. P.

Jesus is God.

Christ . . . is over all, God blessed forever. Rom. ix. 5. See John i. 1.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (which . . . is, God with us, Matt. i. 23.) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa. vii. 14; ix.

God was manifested in the flesh. 1 Tim iii. 16.

The Jews answered him, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. John x. 33.

Jesus answered them, If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works; that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. I and my Father are one. John x. 34, 37, 38, 30.

Thomas . . . said unto him, My Lord and my God. John xx. 28.

Believe in God, believe also in me. He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake. John xiv. 1, 9, 11.

We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, . . . even his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 1 John v. 20.

To the Son (God) saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever. Heb. i. 8.

Jesus, well may mortals trust Thee,
Angels serve Thee and adore.
Saints shall hail Thee God of glory,
In their songs for evermore,
And their love in praise outpour.

W. H. P.

Jesus is King.

There is another King, Jesus. Acts xvii. 7.

My heart is overflowing with a goodly matter : I speak the things which I have made touching the king. Ps. xlv. 1.

Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as King and prosper. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion ; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem : behold, thy King cometh unto thee : he is just, and having salvation. Jer. xxiii. 5 : Zech. ix. 9.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder : and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa. ix. 6.

I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. In his times he shall show who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords : who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto ; whom no man hath seen, nor can see : to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen. Ps. lxxxix, 27 : 1 Tim. vi. 15, 16.

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus. . . . Him did God exalt with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour. Acts v. 30, 31.

Jesus Christ is . . . the Prince of the kings of the earth. For he is King of kings, and Lord of lords. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh, a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Rev. i. 5 ; xvii. 14 ; xix. 16.

Crown the Saviour King of glory :
Angels, all your trophies bring ;
Saints, with Calvary's laurels gory,
Weave your garlands for the King,
While all heaven His praises sing.

W. H. P.

Jesus is Priest.

The law maketh men high priests who have infirmity: but the word of the oath, . . . maketh the Son, perfected for evermore. Heb. vii. 28. See v. 1-6; ix. 11, 12.

If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the Lord, . . . the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord; and it shall be forgiven him. Lev. vi. 2, 7.

The priest shall make an atonement for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins shall ye be clean before the Lord. Lev. xvi. 30.

The man whose name is the Branch . . . shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory: . . . and he shall be a priest upon his throne. Zec. vi. 12, 13.

I will raise me up a faithful priest, who shall do according to that which is in my heart, . . . and I will build him a sure house. 1 Sam. ii. 35.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Having an High Priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Heb. iv. 14; x. 21, 22.

Wherefore, holy brethren, . . . consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; who was faithful to him that appointed him, as Moses was faithful in all his house. Heb. iii. 1, 2.

Jesus, our great High Priest,
Has shed His blood and died;
Our guilty conscience needs
No sacrifice beside:
His precious blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

I. WATTS.

Jesus is Prophet.

Jesus . . . was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. Luke xxiv. 19.

By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. Hos. xii. 13.

Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul that will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Acts iii. 22, 23.

When he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. Matt. xxi. 10, 11.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. John iv. 19.

Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. John vi. 14.

Many of the people, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the prophet. John vii. 40.

God, having in many portions and in divers manners spoken in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son. Heb. i. 1, 2.

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Rev. xix. 10.

Great Prophet of our God,
Our tongues shall bless thy name;
By Thee the joyful news
Of our salvation came,—
The joyful news of sins forgiven,
Of hell subdued, and peace with heaven.

I. WATTS.

Joy.

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And there was great joy in that city. Acts viii. 5, 8.

Thou hast made known to me the ways of life ; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Acts ii. 28.

Behold, my servants shall rejoice ; . . . behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart. Isa. lxxv. 13, 14.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound ; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day. Ps. lxxxix. 15, 16.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. John xv. 11.

We joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Rom. v. 11.

Whom having not seen, ye love ; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. 1 Peter i. 8.

Thou wilt show me the path of life : in thy presence is fulness of joy ; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Ps. xvi. 11.

The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads ; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isa. xxxv. 10.

I have a heritage of joy,
That yet I may not see ;
The hand that bled to make it mine,
Is keeping it for me.

A. L. WARING,

Joy.

God giveth to the man that pleaseth him, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy. Eccl. ii. 23.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Ps. li. 12, 13.

Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man . . . till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. Job viii. 20, 21.

My soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation. Ps. xxxv. 9.

Go your way; eat the fat, and drink the sweet; and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh. viii. 10.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation. Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice; let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. Ps. xcv. 1; v. 11.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword be in their hand: to execute . . . the judgment written; this honor have all his saints. Ps. cxlix. 2, 5, 6, 9.

Fountain of pure, unending bliss,
Thou boundless, fathomless abyss;
Thee would I laud in loveliest lays
Of rapturous notes, with sweetest praise;
Through time and through eternal days.

W. H. P.

Judge of the Poor.

With righteousness shall he judge the poor. Isa. xi. 4.

I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor. For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. Ps. cxl. 12; ix. 18.

Behold God is mighty, and despiseth not any. He preserveth not the life of the wicked, but giveth right to the poor. He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression. Job xxxvi. 5, 6, 15.

Lord, who is like unto thee, who delivereth the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him? For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. Ps. xxxv. 10: Isa. xxv. 4.

For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him. Ps. xii. 5.

I will greatly praise the Lord. For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul. Ps. cix. 30, 31.

I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. Zeph. iii. 12: Isa. xxix. 19.

How safe the helpless whom the Lord defends;
How well supplied the poor to whom He lends;
His ear in pity the afflicted hears,
And gives them joy for sorrow, smiles for tears.

W. H. P.

Judging Others.

The Lord shall judge the people. For God is judge himself.
Ps. vii. 8; 1. 6.

David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this shall surely die. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. 2 Sam. xii. 5, 7.

Judge not, that ye be not judged; for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone. Thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest. Matt. vii. 1; John viii. 7; Rom. ii. 1.

With me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of . . . man's judgment. He that judgeth me is the Lord. 1 Cor. iv. 3, 4. See xi. 31.

Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come; who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall each man have his praise from God. Rom. xiv. 4; 1 Cor. iv. 5.

Let us not judge one another any more; but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block, or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Rom. xiv. 13; 2 Cor. v. 10.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged. Luke vi. 37.

“He shall judge among the people”
Whose own life their ransom bought;
Who can pity all their weakness,
While He knows their every thought.

W. H. P.



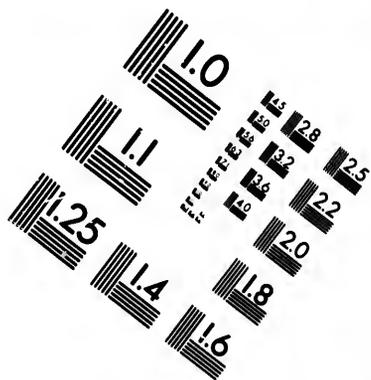
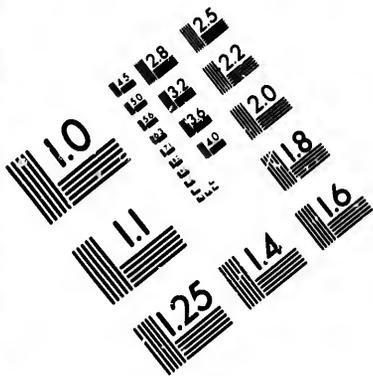
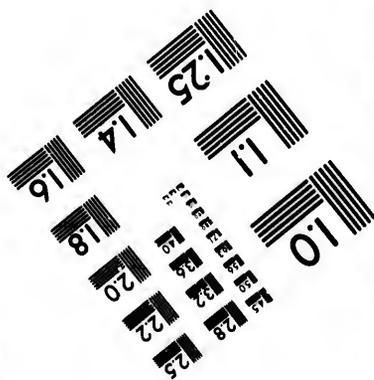
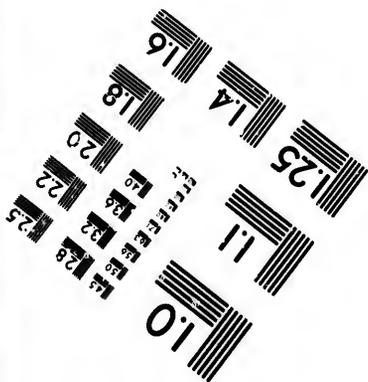
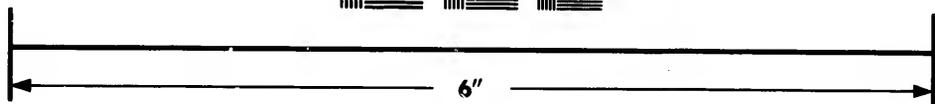
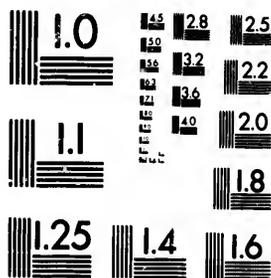


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Justified.

How can man be justified before God? Job ix. 2.

If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me:—for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Job ix. 20 : Ps. cxliii. 2 : Eccl. vii. 20 : Rom. iii. 23.

How then can man be justified with God? He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, both are abomination in the sight of the Lord. Job xxv. 4 : Prov. xvii. 15.

Behold now I have ordered my cause, I know that I shall be justified. For he is near that justifieth me;—a just God and a Saviour. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness; . . . that he might be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. Who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification. Job xiii. 18 : Isa. l. 8 ; xv. 21 : Rom. iii. 24-26 ; iv. 25.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion : . . . behold thy king cometh unto thee : he is just and having salvation. By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many : for he shall bear their iniquities. Be it known unto you, therefore, . . . that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins ; and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Zech. ix. 9 : Isa. l. iii. 11 : Acts xiii. 38, 39.

How can the guilty else but die,
 If subject to God's scrutiny,
 And justice doth decide?
 But hark, the law itself hath cried,
 Sinners are justly justified,
 Since Christ for them hath died!

W. H. P.

Justified.

In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified. Isa. xlv. 25.

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. Wherefore the law hath been our tutor to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Gal. ii. 16; iii. 24.

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Rom. iv. 4, 5.

That no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, is evident; for, The just shall live by faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the law. Gal. iii. 11; Rom. iii. 28.

Ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. 1 Cor. vi. 11; Gal. v. 4.

Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; . . . through whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. v. 1, 2.

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God. Rom. viii. 33, 34.

Christ the sinless for my guilt,
As a sinner freely died;
Trusting in the blood He spilt,
I am fully justified.

W. H. P.

Keeping God's Commands.

He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. 1 John iii. 24.

The Lord our God be with us ; . . . that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments. 1 Kings viii. 57, 58.

Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God hath led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. Deut. viii. 2.

Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 1 John ii. 3.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me : and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John xiv. 21.

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected : hereby know we that we are in him. 1 John ii. 4, 5.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my father's commandments, and abide in his love. John xiv. 15 ; xv. 10.

O God of wisdom, power and love,
Send from thy gracious throne above,
Thy Spirit to my inmost heart,
That He may never hence depart.
Engrave thy law upon my soul,
My life to fashion and control.

W. H. P.

Keeping God's Precepts.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. In keeping of them there is great reward. Ps. xix. 8, 11.

This is the love of God ; that we keep his commandments. 1 John v. 3.

If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. John xiv. 15.

Whoso keepeth his word, in him, verily is the love of God perfected. 1 John ii. 5.

If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John xiv. 23.

I will run in the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein do I delight. Ps. cxix. 32, 35.

A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. . . . And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. Ezek. xxxvi. 26, 27.

I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments. My soul hath kept thy testimonies ; and I love them exceedingly. Ps. cxix. 60, 167.

Keep my commandments, and live ; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers : write them upon the table of thine heart. Prov. vii. 2, 3.

Lord, let Thy precious precepts be
Deep graven on my heart ;
That I may ever cleave to Thee,
Nor from Thy ways depart.

W. H. P.

Kept.

Kept by the power of God. 1 Peter i. 5.

They made me keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept. Cant. i. 6.

A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment; lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. Isa. xxvii. 2, 3.

Keep me as the apple of the eye. Ps. xvii. 8.

He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye. Zech. ii. 8.

O keep my soul, and deliver me. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked. Ps. xxv. 20; cxl. 4.

Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me. . . . Those that thou gavest me I have kept. John xvii. 11, 12.

Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, . . . and that thou wouldest keep me from evil. 1 Chron. iv. 10.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord is faithful who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. Num. vi. 24: Ps. cxxi. 5: 2 Thess. iii. 3.

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. i. 12.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory, and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen. Jude 24, 25.

His honor is engaged to save
The meanest of His sheep;
All, whom His heavenly Father gave,
His hands securely keep.

I. WATTS.

Knowing God.

The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. Dan. xi. 32.

Show me now thy way, that I may know thee. Ex. xxxiii. 13.

My people shall know my name. I will give them an heart to know me. Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. Isa. lii. 6 : Jer. xxiv. 7 : Hosea viii. 2.

They that know thy name will put their trust in thee. Ps. ix. 10.

That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. Prov. xxii. 19.

This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John xvii. 3.

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might ; let not the rich man glory in his riches : but him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord, who exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth : for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord. Jer. ix. 23, 24 : 2 Peter i. 2.

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. i. 12.

All things have been delivered unto me of my Father : and no one knoweth the Son, save the Father, neither doth any know the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Matt. xi. 27.

How sweet to know and love Thee, Lord,
Infinite as Thou art ;
And have Thy presence and Thy word
Abiding in my heart.

W. H. P.

Knowing the Lord.

Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the Lord. 2 Chron. xxx. 22.

The Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. Hosea iv. 1.

I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. Hosea vi. 6.

As they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind. Rom. i. 28.

Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame. 1 Cor. xv. 34.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Prov. ix. 10.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee: . . . yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. We give thanks to God, . . . praying always for you; . . . that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will, . . . and increasing in the knowledge of God in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; . . . being fruitful in every good work. Prov. ii. 1-5: Col. i. 3, 9, 10.

Knowing the Lord! what knowledge half so sweet,
As those receive who listen at His feet!
That soul is well endowed with all that's best,
Who with this knowledge is divinely blest.

W. H. P.

Law.

From his right hand went a fiery law. Dent. xxxiii. 2.

The law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did. Heb. vii. 19.

That no man is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. Therefore by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight. Gal. iii. 11: Rom. iii. 20.

I had not known sin but by the law. For by the law is the knowledge of sin. Rom. vii. 7; iii. 20.

The commandment is a lamp, and the law is a light. For whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Prov. vi. 23: Eph. v. 13.

I was alive without the law once, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment . . . I found to be unto death. Rom. vii. 9, 10.

The law entered that the offence might abound; that through the commandment sin might become exceeding sinful. The strength of sin is the law. Rom. v. 20; vii. 13, 16: 1 Cor. xv. 56.

The people wept when they heard the law. Neh. viii. 9.

As many as are of the works of the law, are under the curse; for cursed is every one that continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them. The law worketh wrath. Gal. iii. 10: Rom. iv. 15.

The threatenings of Thy broken law
Impress the soul with dread:
If God His sword of justice draw
It strikes the sinner dead.

I, WATTS.

Led.

He led forth his own people like sheep. . . . He led them on safely, so that they feared not. Ps. lxxviii. 52, 53.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Jer. x. 23.

I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. Isa. xlii. 16.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. Ps. v. 8.

I am the Lord thy God who teacheth thee to profit, who ledest thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Isa. xlviii. 17.

I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren. . . . The Lord . . . led me in the right way. Gen. xxiv. 27, 48.

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. Prov. iv. 11.

He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. Ps. cvii. 7.

Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. Deut. viii. 2.

He ledeeth me! O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught;
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that ledeeth me.

PROF. J. H. GILMORE.

Life.

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life. In his favor is life. Prov. xiv. 27 : Ps. xxx. 5.

With thee is the fountain of life. Ps. xxxvi. 9.

I will give to him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. Rev. xxi. 6.

The gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. vi. 23.

See, I have set before thee this day life and good. . . . Therefore choose life, that thou mayest live. Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely. Deut. xxx. 15, 19 : Rev. xxii 17.

Man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord. O Lord, by these things men live, and by these is the life of my spirit. Deut. viii. 3 : Isa. xxxviii. 16.

Incline your ear, and come unto me : hear, and your soul shall live. I am the bread of life. If any man eat of this bread he shall live for ever. Isa. lv. 3 : John vi. 48, 58.

He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. And on either side of the river was there the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month : and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Rev. xxii. 1, 2.

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Rev. ii. 7 ; xxii. 14.

O life ! how blessed ! how divine !
High life, the earnest of a higher.

W. T. WATSON.

Life.

In him was life. John i. 4.

He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever. Ps. xxi. 4.

As the Father hath life in himself, even so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself. John v. 26.

Thou wilt show me the path of life. Ps. xvi. 11.

Whoso findeth me findeth life. I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. I am come that they might have life; and that they might have it more abundantly. Prov. viii. 35: John viii. 12; x. 10.

God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John iv. 9.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him. John iii. 16, 36.

This is the record (witness) that God gave to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 1 John v. 11, 12.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and . . . hath passed out of death unto life. John v. xxiv.

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;

Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.

Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

P. P. BLISS.

Light.

God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good. Truly the light is sweet. Gen. i. 3, 4; Eccl. xi. 7.

O Lord, my God, lighten mine eyes. The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart. Ps. xiii. 3: Prov. xv. 30.

The light of the body is the eye: therefore if thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light: . . . as when a lamp with its bright shining doth give thee light. Luke xi. 34-36.

O that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; when his lamp shined upon my head, and by his light I walked through darkness. Job xxix. 2, 3.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness. Ps. cxii. 4. See xcvii. 11.

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. Ps. iv. 6; lxxx. 3.

He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; he will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Job xxxiii. 27, 28.

God is the Lord, who hath showed us light. The light of the righteous rejoiceth (burneth brightly). Ps. cxviii. 27: Prov. xiii. 9.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. And it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. Prov. iv. 18: Zech. xiv. 7.

Fill Thou my soul, celestial fount of light,
And let Thy beams illumine all my way,
To that bright land in which is known no night,
But where shines one glad, everlasting day.

W. H. P.

Like God.

Who in the skies can be compared unto the Lord? Who amo.g the sons of the gods is like unto the Lord? Ps. lxxxix. 6.

In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him. Gen. v. 1.

God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him. Gen. i. 26, 27.

Whom he foreknew, he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of his Son. Rom. viii. 29.

The new man . . . is renewed after the image of him who created him. Col. iii. 10.

We all, with unveiled face reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Cor. iii. 18.

Be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and . . . put on the new man, which hath been created after God's image in righteousness and holiness of the truth. Eph. iv. 23, 24.

As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness. As we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. Ps. xvii. 15: 1 Cor. xv. 49: 1 John iii. 2.

They shall see his face: and his name shall be in their foreheads. Rev. xxii. 4.

O glorious hour! O blest abode!
I shall be with and like my God,
And flesh and sin no more control
The sacred pleasures of my soul.

I. WATTS.

Like that Loved.

They . . . separated themselves unto a shameful thing, and became abominable like that which they loved. Hosea ix. 10.

The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They that make them are like unto them ; so is every one that trusteth in them. Ps. cxxxv. 15, 18.

They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. Ps. cvi. 19, 20.

The children of Israel . . . served idols, . . . and they followed vanity and became vain. 2 Kings xvii. 9, 12, 15.

Thus saith the Lord, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone away from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? Jer. ii. v.

Solomon loved many strange women, besides the daughter of Pharaoh. . . . Solomon clave unto these in love. And . . . it came to pass when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab ; . . . and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And so did he for all his strange wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. 1 Kings xi. 1-4, 7, 8.

They that make a graven image are all of them vanity ; and their desirable things shall not profit : . . . they see not nor know : that they may be ashamed. . . . He feedeth on ashes : a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? Isa. xlv. 9, 20.

And is my life to be like that I love?
Then let my heart be set on things above.
O Jesus, so reveal Thyself to me,
That I may be a reflex, Lord, of Thee.

W. H. P.

Living Waters.

Wells without water. Fountains abounding with water. A well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon. 2 Peter ii. 17: Proc. viii. 24: Cant. iv. 15.

O that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem. 2 Sam. xxiii. 15.

If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. I will give unto him that is athirst, of the fountain of the water of life freely. John vii. 37: Rev. xxi. 6.

Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? John iv. 11.

If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. John iv. 10.

Give me this water that I thirst not. John iv. 15.

Spring up, O well; sing ye to it. With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Num. xxi. 17: Isa. xii. 3.

With thee is the fountain of life. All my springs are in thee. Ps. xxxvi. 9; lxxxvii. 7.

Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. John iv. 14; vii. 38.

Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

C. WESLEY.

Long Life.

Righteousness tendeth to life. Prov. xi. 19.

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days. Prov. x. 27.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom :
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
For by me shall thy days be multiplied, and the years
of thy life shall be increased. Prov. ix. 10, 11.

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise
of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.
1 Tim. iv. 8.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many
days, that he may see good ? Keep thy tongue from
evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from
evil, and do good ; seek peace, and pursue it. Hear, O
my son, and receive my sayings ; and the years of thy
life shall be many. Ps. xxxiv. 12-14 : Prov. iv. 10.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man
that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it
is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain
thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than
rubies : and all the things thou canst desire are not to
be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right
hand ; and in her left hand riches and honor. Her
ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are
peace. Prov. iii. 13-17.

My son, forget not my law ; but let thine heart keep
my commandments. For length of days, and long life,
and peace shall they add to thee. Prov. iii. 1, 2.

Well may the righteous praise the Lord,
For lengthened life, and mercies given ;
And the blest promise in His word,
Of an unending life in heaven.

W. H. P.

Love.

Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three ; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor. xiii. 13.

The fruit of the Spirit is love. Gal. v. 22.

We give thanks to God, . . . since we heard of your . . . love in the Spirit. Col. i. 3, 4, 8.

We have not received the Spirit of fear, but the Spirit of . . . love. 2 Tim. i. 7.

There is no fear in love ; but perfect love casteth out fear. 1 John iv. 18.

Now the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart. 1 Tim. i. 5.

Love is the fulfilling of the law. Let all your things be done with love. Rom. xiii. 10 : 1 Cor. xvi. 14.

Love thinketh (imputeth) no evil. 1 Cor. xiii. 5.

Love covereth a multitude of sins. Love covereth all sins. 1 Peter iv. 8 : Prov. x. 12.

Love is strong as death. . . . Many waters cannot quench love. Cant. viii. 6, 7.

Love never fail' . . . 1 Cor. xiii. 8.

Love is of God ; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God ; for God is love. 1 John iv. 7, 8.

God is love : and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. He that loveth not abideth in death. 1 John iv. 16 ; iii. 14.

Spirit of love, when will my soul
Yield to thy strong and sweet control?
To serve as angels do above,
Impelled by heaven's great law of love.

W. H. P.

Love of God.

The Lord . . . loved the people. Deut. xxxiii. 2, 3.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John iv. 10, 19.

The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people: for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you. Deut. vii. 7, 8.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John iv. 9.

I have loved you, saith the Lord. Mal. i. 2.

We know and have believed the love that God hath toward us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God in him. 1 John iv. 16.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. John xv. 9, 10.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God. 1 John iii. 1.

Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. John xiii. 1.

Who shall separate us from the love of God? Rom. viii. 35.

I have loved thee with an everlasting love. Jer. xxxi. 3.

O love of God, how strong and true,
Eternal, and yet ever new:
Eternal, love, in Thee we rest,
For ever safe, for ever blest.

H. BONAR.

Love the Greatest Grace.

Love is of God. For God is love. 1 John iv. 7, 8.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor. xiii. 1-13.

Happy the heart where graces reign,
Where love inspires the breast;
Love is the brightest of the train,
And strengthens all the rest.

This is the grace that lives and sings,
When faith and hope shall cease;
'Tis this shall strike our joyful strings
In brightest realms of bliss.

J. WESLEY.

Love to God.

All things work together for good to them that love God. Rom. viii. 28.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. Ps. xviii. 1.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. Mark xii. 30.

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Ps. cxvi. 1.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints. Ps. xxxi. 23.

Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. John xxi. 15.

Lovest thou me? . . . feed my lambs. . . . Feed my sheep. John xxi. 15, 16.

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. 1 John v. 3.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John xiv. 15, 23.

They shall prosper that love thee. Ps. cxxii. 6.

The Lord preserveth them that love him. Ps. cxlv. 20.

The faithful God keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him. Deut. vii. 9.

Let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. Judges v. 31.

Do I not love Thee, O my Lord?

Behold my heart and see;
And turn each curséd idol out
That dares to rival Thee.

P. DOBDRIDGE.

Lying.

The Lord hateth . . . a lying tongue. Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord. Prov. vi. 16, 17 ; xii. 22.

The wicked . . . go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. Israel shall not, speak lies. Ps. lviii. 3 : Zeph. iii. 13.

Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit. He feedeth on ashes ; a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand ? Hosea xi. 12 : Isa. xlv. 20.

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ ? This is the antichrist, even he that denieth the Father and the Son. 1 John ii. 22.

(They) who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, this is the deceiver and the antichrist. 2 John vii.

If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John i. 6, 8.

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 1 John ii. 4, 9.

If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar : for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen ? 1 John iv. 20.

If ye have bitter envying and strife in your heart, glory not, and lie not against the truth ! James iii. 14.

The man who lies is both a fool and knave,
And Satan's meanest menial and slave ;
He thinks that through his covering of lies,
God's weapons cannot pierce, nor yet his eyes.

W. H. P.

Lying.

A righteous man hateth lying. Prov. xiii. 5.

He that practises deceit shall not dwell within my house : he that speaketh falsehood shall not abide in my sight. Ps. ci. 7.

Ye shall not . . . deal falsely, nor lie one to another. Lev. xix. 11.

The Lord hateth . . . a lying tongue. The law is . . . made . . . for the ungodly, and for liars. Prov. vi. 16, 17 : 1 Tim. i. 9.

Put away lying, and speak every man truth with his neighbor. Lie not one to another, seeing ye have put off the old man with his deeds. Eph. iv. 25 : Col. iii. 9. See John viii. 44.

I hate and abhor lying. Let lying lips be struck dumb. Ps. cxix. 163 ; xxxi. 18.

The lying tongue is but for a moment. For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped. Prov. xii. 19 : Ps. lxxiii. 11.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue. What shall he give to thee, and what shall he do more to thee, thou deceitful tongue. Ps. cxx. 2, 3.

A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape. . . . He that speaketh lies shall perish. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone : which is the second death. Prov. xix. 5, 9 : Rev. xxii. 15 ; xxi. 8.

Oh, for the men in our time and land,
Who to the truth at any cost would stand ;
Who would not, all of India's wealth to win,
Or to obtain renown, or cover sin,
Tell what is false ; but would far rather die,
Than bear the stain and stigma of a lie.

W. H. P.

Man's Ways.

Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 2 Chron. xxvii. 7.

I have kept thy precepts, and thy testimonies : for all my ways are before thee. Ps. cxix. 168.

The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings. Prov. v. 21.

Thine eyes are upon all the ways of the sons of men ; to give every one according to his ways. Jer. xxxii. 19.

I the Lord, search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways. Jer. xvii. 10.

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov. xiv. 12.

All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but the Lord weigheth the spirits. Prov. xvi. 2.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord. Lam. iii. 40.

Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Jer. vi. 16.

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Prov. xvi. 7.

Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways ! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. Ps. lxxxix. 13, 14. See cxix. 59 : Isa. xlviii. 17 ; lv. 8, 9.

Thy way, O Lord, I seek, not mine to tread ;
All other ways than Thine I truly dread ;
" Show me Thy way," O Lord, Thy way is right,
And ever onward grows more smooth and bright.

W. H. P.

Marriage.

Marriage is honorable in all. Heb. xiii. 4.

The head of the woman is the man; . . . but the woman is the glory of the man. Howbeit neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman; but all things are of God. 1 Cor. xi. 3, 7, 11, 12.

God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: a male and a female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it. Gen. i. 27, 28.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, . . . forbidding to marry. 1 Tim. iv. 1, 3.

Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. I will therefore that the younger woman marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. 1 Cor. vii. 2: 1 Tim. v. 14. See Gen. ii. 18.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord. A prudent wife is from the Lord. Prov. xviii. 22; xix. 14.

This is a true saying, If a man desireth the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, . . . one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity. Let deacons (also) be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 1 Tim. iii. 1, 2, 4, 12.

How blest two lives that heaven has deigned to wed,
And so made one;
Like streams that find their common river bed,
And blended run.

W. H. P.

Married—husband.

He that is married is careful . . . how he may please his wife. 1 Cor. vii. 33.

The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an helper suited to him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man: . . . and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: and of the rib which he took from man, the Lord God formed woman, and brought her to the man. And the man said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman, because she is taken out of man. Gen. ii. 18-23.

From the beginning of the creation God made them a male and a female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh; so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Mark x. 6-9.

Let not the husband put away his wife. 1 Cor. vii. 11.

Art thou bound to a wife? seek not to be loosed. Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the Lord . . . hateth putting away. 1 Cor. vii. 27: Matt. xix. 9: Mal. ii. 15, 16.

Isaac . . . took Rebecca, and she became his wife, and he loved her. Gen. xxiv. 67.

Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Let every one of you . . . so love his wife even as himself. Col. iii. 19: Eph. v. 33. See vs. 25, 28, 29: 1 Peter iii. 7.

The Saviour, in devotion to His bride,
Left His bright home, and for her lived and died.
And so should we, as Christians, for our wives,
Renounce our selfish comforts, if not lives.

W. H. P.

Married—Wife.

She that is married is careful . . . how she may please her husband. 1 Cor. vii. 34. See Prov. xii. 4; xxxi. 10-12, 28.

The head of the woman is the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. And let the wife see that she reverence her husband. 1 Cor. xi. 3, 8, 9: Eph. v. 33.

Unto the woman (God) said, . . . Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. For the husband is head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church. . . . Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Gen. iii. 16: Eph. v. 23, 24.

(Let) the aged women teach the young women to love their husbands; . . . to be obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Titus ii. 3-5.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands, that if any obey not the word, they may without the word be won by the behaviour of their wives; beholding your chaste behaviour coupled with fear. For how knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? Col. iii. 18: 1 Peter iii. 1, 2: 1 Cor. vii. 16.

Let not the wife depart from her husband. For the woman who hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he liveth. 1 Cor. vii. 10: Rom. vii. 2.

The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead she is at liberty to be married to whom she will, only in the Lord. 1 Cor. vii. 10.

A loyal wife is royally enthroned;
Her sceptre love, her empire grandly zoned
With a world-circling realm—her husband's heart.

W. H. P.

Meekness.

The fruit of the Spirit is . . . meekness. Gal. v. 22. 23.

The meek shall eat and be satisfied. The meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Ps. xxii. 26; xxxvii. 11.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matt. v. 5.

The Lord lifteth up the meek. He will beautify the meek with salvation. Ps. cxlvii. 6; cxlix. 4.

Put on, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, humbleness of mind, meekness. And receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. Col. iii. 12; James i. 21.

The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way. Ps. xxv. 9.

The Lord hath appointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Isa. lxi. 1; Matt. xi. 29.

The meek shall increase their joy in the Lord. Isa. xxix. 19.

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness. Eph. iv. 1, 2.

The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit . . . is in the sight of God of great price. 1Peter iii. 4.

Seek meekness. Zeph. ii. 3.

“Seek meekness.” Moses was most meek
Of all God’s saints of old:
And so the Lord to him did speak,
And His blest truths unfold.
Jesus was meeker far than he,
And meek His followers should be.

W. H. P.

Mingled.

The children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth. And a mixed multitude went up also with them. Ex. xii. 37, 38.

And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting; and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: but now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all but this manna before our eyes. . . . And the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; and Moses also was displeased. Num. xi. 4-6, 10.

They lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them: but were mingled among the heathen and learned their works. And they served their idols, which were a snare unto them. Ps. cvi. 14.

The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations. . . . For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands. Ezra ix. 1, 2.

Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the nations; strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not; yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth it not. Ephraim also is like a silly dove, without heart. Though I have redeemed them, yet have they spoken lies against me. They return, but not to the Most High: they are like a deceitful bow. They have deeply corrupted themselves. Hosea vii. 8, 9, 11, 16; ix. 9.

Israel must sow her field with unmixed seed,
Nor even plough with ox the ass beside;
Her garments must not be of mingled thread:
Nor should God's seed and Satan's be allied.

W. H. P.

Missions—Foreign.

He shall speak peace to the heathen. Zech. ix. 10.

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a testimony unto all the nations: and then shall the end come. Matt. xxiv. 14.

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. Say unto the heathen that the Lord reigneth. Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned. Ps. xvi. 3, 10: Mark xvi. 15, 16.

It behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Luke xxiv. 46-48.

Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Be it known unto you therefore, that this salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and they will hear it. Acts i. 8; xxviii. 28.

I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Rev. xiv. 6.

Jesus . . . spake, . . . saying, All authority is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and disciple all nations; baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world (age). Matt. xxviii. 18-20.

Fly abroad, thou mighty Gospel,
Win and conquer,—never cease;
May thy lasting wide dominions
Multiply and still increase:
Sway thy sceptre,
Saviour, all the world around.

P. WILLIAMS.

Missions—Home.

Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in (Christ's) name, . . . beginning at Jerusalem. Luke xxiv. 47.

The words which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, . . . was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee. Acts x. 36, 37.

When Jesus was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue. And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee. Matt. xiii. 54 : Luke iv. 44.

And he appointed twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach. And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching, and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him. Mark iii. 14 : Luke viii. 1.

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not : but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. x. 5-7.

When Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee. Matt. xi. 1 : Mark i. 39.

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. And he said unto them, The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few : pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Luke x. 1, 2.

Tell the good news the first to those most near,—
Thy friends and neighbors round, and kindred dear ;
For so the Saviour did, and bid us do,
And thence diffuse His light the whole world through.

W. H. P.

Ministerial Support.

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Gal. vi. 6.

(Jesus) appointed twelve that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach. Mark iii. 14.

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying, . . . As ye go, preach. . . . Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass, in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. Matt. x. 5-10.

The Lord appointed other seventy also. And he said unto them, . . . Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes; . . . and into whatsoever house ye enter, . . . remain, eating and drinking such things as they give; for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Luke x. 1, 4-7.

Who goeth a warfare at any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? . . . For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown to you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? Do ye not know that they who minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they who wait at the altar, are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel should live by the gospel. 1 Cor. ix. 7-14.

God was the portion of His ministers of old,
And theirs the tithes of fruit, field, fowl, and fold;
The best alone was worthy to be given
To the anointed messengers of heaven.
And so we render to the Lord to-day,
What to His servants freely we repay.

W. H. P.

Ministry.

If any man minister let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever, Amen.
1 Peter iv. 11.

All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and God hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor. v. 18.

Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord that thou fulfil it. Study to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of life. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Be diligent in these things: give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear unto all. Take heed to thyself, and to the teaching. Continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee. Col. iv. 17: 2 Tim. ii. 15: 1 Tim. iv. 13-16.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether . . . ministry, let us wait on our ministering. Rom. xii. 6. See 1 Cor. iv. 1.

I adjure thee before God, and Christ Jesus, who shall one day judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word, be urgent in season, out of season; convict, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come that they will not endure sound doctrine, but will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 2 Tim. iv. 1, 2, 5.

Sound abroad the wondrous story
Of redeeming grace and love;
Till the earth, filled with His glory,
Echoes to the strains above.

W. H. P.

Mothers.

The woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Her children arise up and call her blessed. Prov. xxxi. 30, 28.

As is the mother, so is her daughter. Ezek. xvi. 44.

When Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. . . . And his head was brought in a charger to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. Matt. xiv. 6-11.

Ahaziah . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother. For his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. 1 Kings xxii. 52: 2 Chron. xxii. 3.

Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. Ps. cix. 14, 15.

The words of King Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him. Prov. xxxi. 1. See 2 Tim. i. 3-5.

Behold King Solomon, with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him. Cant. iii. 11.

Hannah said, . . . For this child I prayed, and the Lord hath given me my petition that I asked of him; therefore also I have lent him to the Lord as long as he liveth. 1 Sam. i. 22, 27, 28.

Pharaoh's daughter said, . . . Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And . . . Elisha . . . said, . . . Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? Ex. ii. 9: 2 Kings iv. 26.

A mother's hands, what jewels rare they hold!
More precious far than richest gems or gold:
By holy influence, and teachings wise,
To train for earth, and fashion for the skies.

W. H. P.

Mourners Comforted.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matth. v. 5.

I am troubled ; I am bowed down greatly : I go mourning all the day long. Ps. xxxviii. 6.

God . . . comforteth those that are cast down. 2 Cor. vii. 6.

Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy ? Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction. Ps xlii. 9 : lxxxviii. 9.

I will restore comforts unto . . . mourners. I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. Isa. lvii. 18 : Jer. xxxi. 13.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing. Thou hast put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness. Ps. xxx. 11.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek ; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted ; to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound ; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God ; to comfort all that mourn ; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Isa. lxi. 1-3.

Mourning souls, dry up your tears,
 All your sighs the Saviour hears :
 Feels too, like a winged dart,
 Every pang that rends your heart.
 For your sorrows you shall sing,
 When He doth His comfort bring.
 Sweet the joy He doth impart
 To the sad and sorrowing heart.
 Be not then with grief oppressed,
 But with Christ's own comfort blest.

W. H. P.

Hear God.

And Abraham drew near (the Lord) and said, Wilt thou consume the righteous with the wicked? Gen. xviii. 23.

Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners to hear him. Luke xv. 1.

Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord shall say. Deut. v. 27.

Let us draw near hither unto God. 1 Sam. xiv. 36.

Let the priests that come near to the Lord sanctify themselves. I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me. Ex. xix. 22: Lev. x. 3.

The Lord will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him. Num. xvi. 5.

Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, . . . and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the Lord. Jer. xxx. 18, 21.

It is good for me to draw near to God. Ps. lxxiii. 28.

Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. James iv. 8.

The law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did, by the which we draw nigh to God. Having therefore boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus; let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith. Heb. vii. 19; x. 19, 22.

Now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. ii. 13.

So nigh, so very nigh to God
I cannot nearer be;
For in the person of His Son
I am as near as He.

ROBERT CHAPMAN.

Nearness of God.

While they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. Luke xxiv. 15.

Be not far from me, O my God. Make haste for my help. Ps. lxxi. 12.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Isa. lv. 6.

Hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. . . . Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it; deliver me because of mine enemies. Ps. lxix. 16, 18.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Ps. cxlv. 18.

What nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? Deut. iv. 7.

I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. Lev. xxvi. 12.

I called upon thy name, O Lord . . . thou hast heard my voice: . . . thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee. Sam. iii. 55-57.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Ps. xxxiv. 18.

Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth. Ps. cxix. 151.

Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above :) or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But . . . The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart, and in thy mouth. Rom. x. 6-8.

Speak to Him, thou, for He hears,
And spirit with spirit can meet.
Closer is He than breathing,
And nearer than hands and feet.

A. TENNYSON.

New Heavens, Etc.

I create new heavens, and a new earth. Isa. lxy. 17.

We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new. . . . And one of the seven angels talked with me saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, . . . And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And . . . the kings of the earth do bring their glory into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. . . . And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever doeth an abomination or a lie; but only they that are written in the Lamb's book of life. 2 Peter iii. 13: Rev. xxi. 1-5, 9, 10, 22-27.

“Jerusalem the golden,” with God's own presence bright;
Where comes nor sin, nor sorrow, nor pain, nor death, nor night:
I long for thee, dear city, thy rapture and thy rest;
To be at home with Jesus, and dwelling with the blest.

W. H. P.

Not Forsaken.

Persecuted, but not forsaken. 2 Cor. iv. 9.

Forsake me not, O Lord. Ps. xxxviii. 21.

The Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee ;
he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deut. xxxi. 6.

Wherefore dost thou forget us forever, and forsake
us so long time ? Lam. v. 20.

Fear not ; for thou shalt not be ashamed. For a
small moment have I forsaken thee ; but with great
mercies will I gather thee. Isa. liv. 4, 7.

Cast me not off in the time of old age, forsake me
not when my strength faileth. When I am old and
greyheaded, O God, forsake me not, until I have showed
thy strength to this generation, and thy power to every
one that is to come. Ps. lxxi. 9, 18.

Even to old age, and to hoar hairs will I carry you,
and deliver you. I will never leave thee nor forsake
thee. Isa. xlvi. 4 : Heb. xiii. 5.

They that know thy name will put their trust in
thee : for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek
thee. I have been young, and now am old ; yet have I
never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging
bread. Ps. ix. 10 ; xxxvii. 25.

Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my God
hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking
child that she should not have compassion on the son of
her womb ? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget
thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of
my hands ; thy walls are continually before me. Isa.
xlix. 14-16.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes ;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake.

G. KEITH or R. KEENE.

Obedience.

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things that he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him. Heb. v. 8,9.

The people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. Josh. xxiv. 24.

Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the Lord: so shall it be well with thee, and thy soul shall live. Jer. xxxviii. 20.

We will obey the voice of the Lord our God, . . . that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God. Jer. xlii. 6.

If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. Ex. xix. 5, 6.

Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Sam. xv. 22.

Behold, I set before you this day a blessing . . . if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God. Obey my voice . . . according to all I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God. Deut. xi. 26, 27: Jer. xi. 4.

We ought to obey God rather than man. Acts v. 29.

God hath given the Holy Spirit to them that obey him. Acts v. 32.

The winds and streams Thy voice obey,
 Each rolling sphere, each ocean wave:
 All living creatures—shall not they
 Whom Jesus came from heaven to save?
 Sooner let suns refuse to shine
 Against their Maker's word divine.

W. H. P.

Obedience to Parents.

Jacob obeyed his father and his mother. And (Jesus) went down with (Joseph and Mary) to Nazareth, and was subject unto them. Gen. xxviii. 7 : Luke ii. 51.

The house of the Rechabites said . . . we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, . . . and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. Jer. xxxv. 3, 8, 10.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel. Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he hath commanded you : therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab, the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me forever. Jer. xxxv. 18, 19.

A wise son heareth his father's instruction ; but a scorner heareth not rebuke. Prov. xiii. 1.

Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father. My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother. Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Lev. xix. 3 : Prov. vi. 20 ; xxiii. 22.

In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents. 2 Tim. iii. 1, 2.

Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Col. iii. 20 : Eph. vi. 1.

As Jesus to His parents did glad obedience give,
So would we have our children like their Example live.
As He to please His Father did labor, suffer, die,
So children who are like Him, shall dwell with Him on high.

W. H. P.

Old Age.

The eyes of Israel were dim for age, that he could not see.
Gen. xlviii. 10.

Ahijah could not see ; for his eyes were set by reason of his age. 1 Kings xiv. 4.

Now, Barzillia was a very aged man : . . . and Barzillia said unto the king, How long have I to live ? I am this day fourscore years old : can I discern between good and evil ? Can thy servant taste what I eat or drink ? Can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women ? Wherefore then should thy servant be a burden unto the king ? 2 Sam. xix. 34, 35.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten ; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow ; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Ps. xc. 10.

If a man live many years and rejoice in them all ; yet let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them ; while the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened ; nor the clouds return after the rain : in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the street ; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low ; yea, they shall be afraid of what is high, and fears shall be in the way ; and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail : because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. Eccl. xi. 7, 8 ; xii. 1-5.

Old age walks thoughtful on the silent, solemn shore
Of that vast ocean it must sail so soon.

YOUNG.

Old Men.

Old men, . . . let them praise the name of the Lord. Ps. cxlviii. 12, 13.

Righteousness tendeth to life. The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age ; they shall be fat and flourishing ; to show that the Lord is upright : he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. Ps. xcii. 12-15.

Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man and full of days. And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died . . . being old, and full of days. And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died : his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. Gen. xxv. 8 ; xxxv. 29 : Deut. xxxiv. 7.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days. Ps. cii. 24.

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in its season. Job v. 26.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth : and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not ; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come. Ps. lxxi. 17, 18.

Even to your old age I am He ; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you : I have made, and I will bear ; even I will carry, and will deliver you. Isa. xlvi. 4.

Even down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love ;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

G. KEITH.

On the Sea.

The God of heaven . . . made the sea. The sea is his and he made it. Jonah i. 9 : Ps. xc. 5.

Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand? Who hath placed the sand for the bounds of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it? and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it. Isa. xl. 12: Jer. v. 22. See Ps. lxxv. 7.

He gathereth the sea together as an heap, he layeth up the depth in the storehouses. He gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment. Ps. xxxiii. 7: Prov. viii. 29.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters; yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves arise thou stillest them. Ps. cxiii. 3; lxxxix. 9 See cxxxix. 9, 10.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. For he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Ps. cvii. 23-30.

The voice that stilled rough Galilee,
Can calm the roaring, boisterous sea.
The hand that holds the restless wave,
Hath power the mariner to save.

W. H. P.

Overcoming.

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. Rev. xii. 11.

Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world : and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John v. 4.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God ? I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. 1 John iv. 5 ; ii. 14.

He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. Rev. ii. 11.

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth, saving he that receiveth it. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment ; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out : and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God : and I will write upon him my new name. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that overcometh shall inherit all things : and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Rev. ii. 7, 17 ; iii. 5, 12, 21 ; xxi. 7.

To him that overcometh,
A crown of life shall be :
He with the King of glory
Shall reign eternally.

G. DUFFIELD.

Pardon,

A God ready to pardon. Neh. ix. 17.

I have sinned: what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? . . . Why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? Job vii. 20, 21.

Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, . . . and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord. Jer. iii. 13.

I have sinned. . . . Now, therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord. 1 Sam. xv. 24, 25.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. lv. 7.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Ps. xxv. 11; li. 9.

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions; and as a cloud thy sins. Isa. xliii. 25; xlv. 22.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity? Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven, . . . until now. Micah vii. 18; Num. xiv. 19.

And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word. The iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found; for I will pardon them. Num. xiv. 20; Jer. l. 20.

He pardoneth all thy sins,
Though heaped like mountains round;
And 'neath God's pardoning love engulfed,
They're sought, but never found.

W. H. P.

Parents.

By faith, Moses when he was born, was hid three months by his parents, because they saw that he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. Heb. xi. 23.

The children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 2 Cor. xii. 14.

If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. 1 Tim. v. 8.

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children. Prov. xiii. 22.

Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation. . . . For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment. Gen. xviii. 18, 19.

And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly. . . . And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who hath fed me all my life long unto this day, the angel who hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; . . . and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. Gen. xlviii. 14-16.

The God of thy father shall help thee; and . . . bless thee. The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. Gen. xlix. 25, 26.

My boast is not that I deduce my birth,
From loins enthroned, and rulers of the earth;
But higher far my proud pretensions rise—
The son of parents passed into the skies.

WM. COWPER.

Patience.

Here is the patience of the saints. Rev. xiv. 12.

We glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope. But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Rom. v. 3, 4; viii. 25.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into manifold trials; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing. James i. 2-4.

In all things commending ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience. 2 Cor. vi. 4.

Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. James v. 7, 8, 10: Heb. vi. 11, 12.

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. Heb. xii. 1, 2.

Ye have need of patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise. Heb. x. 36.

Be patient, and thy murmurings quell;
In love, "He doeth all things well."
The glad heart singeth after pain,
As sunshine cometh after rain.

W. H. P.

Peace.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace. Isa. lii. 7.

The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ. Acts x. 36.

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances ; to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace. . . . He came and preached peace unto you who were afar off, and to them that were nigh. Eph. ii. 15, 17.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak : for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints : but let them not turn again to folly. Ps. lxxxv. 8.

O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments ! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. Isa. xlvi. 18.

Great peace have they who love thy law : and nothing shall offend them. Ps. cxix. 165.

All thy children shall be taught of the Lord ; and great shall be the peace of thy children. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation : but be of good cheer ; I have overcome the world. Isa. liv. 13 : John xvi. 33.

Peace, thou art come to abide,
 Deep as the fathomless sea ;
 Calm as the motionless tide
 On the stilled lake of Galilee.
 Peace that distils with His peace-speaking Word,
 Is the infinite, unfailing peace of the Lord.

W. H. P.

Peace.

The Lord will bless his people with peace. Ps. xxix. 11.

The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. The way of peace they know not. Isa. lvii. 20, 21 ; lix. 8.

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace : thereby good shall come unto thee. Job xxii. 21.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us ; for thou hast also wrought all our works for us. Isa. xxvi. 12.

The work of righteousness shall be peace ; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in peaceable habitations, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places. Isa. xxxii. 17, 18.

God hath called us to peace. 1 Cor. vii. 15.

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body ; and be ye thankful. 2 Thess. iii. 16 : Col. iii. 15.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee : because he trusteth in thee. Isa. xxvi. 3.

Let not your heart be troubled : believe in God, believe also in me. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John xiv. 1, 27.

As under the ocean's wide billows there lieth,
A calm that's unstirred by the tempest's rough blast ;
So down in the soul that on Jesus relieth,
There's peace undisturbed, and that ever shall last.

W. H. P.

Peace Making.

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. James iii. 18.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Matt. v. 9.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Heb. xii. 14: Eph. iv. 3.

God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 1 Cor. xiv. 33.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companion's sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Ps. cxxii. 6-8.

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Rom. xiv. 19.

If it be possible as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their works' sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Rom. xii. 18: 1 Thess. v. 12, 13.

By quiet streams in peaceful pastures lie
The thriving flocks beneath the shepherd's eye;
So Christians fearless feed, and rest, and grow,
While Peace secures them from the fear of foe.

W. H. P.

Peace Universal.

A time of peace. Eccl. iii. 8.

He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it. Isa. ii. 4: Micah iv. 4.

He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Ps. xlvi. 9.

The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. Ps. lxxii. 3.

The battlebow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace to the nations. Zech. ix. 10.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. Luke ii. 14: Isa. ix. 6, 7.

In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. Ps. lxxii. 7.

Peace, with her olive wreaths shall wave

Her wand from shore to shore;

And men shall reap their precious fruits

From fields war-cursed no more.—

Till the war-drum throbs no longer, and the battle-flags
are furled

In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world.

W. H. P.—A. TENNYSON.

Persecuted.

He that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Gal. iv. 29.

Thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, . . . persecutions, . . . what persecutions I endured ; but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution. 2 Tim. iii. 10-12. See Acts viii. 1 ; xiii. 49-52.

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you. . . . These things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. John xv. 20, 21.

Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. v. 10.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad,—leap for joy ; for, behold, your reward is great in heaven : for in like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. Mark v. 11, 12 : Luke vi. 23.

Being reviled, we bless ; being persecuted, we endure ; being defamed, we entreat. 1 Cor. iv. 12, 13.

Bless them that persecute you : bless, and curse not. Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you : that ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven : for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. Rom. xii. 14 : Matt. v. 44, 45.

The Saviour prayed not only for the good,
But those who hated him and sought his blood.
His cruel enemies He died to save,
And to his persecutors, pardon gave.
And so his followers like Him should be,
And love and bless their foes as cheerfully.

W. H. P.

Pleasing God.

By faith Enoch, . . . before his translation, had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him. Heb. xi. 5, 6.

The Lord taketh pleasure in his people. Ps. cxlix. 4.
The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. Ps. cxlvii. 11.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or a bullock. Ps. lxxix. 30, 31.

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me : and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts ; ye ministers of his that do his pleasure. Ps. l. 23 ; ciii. 21.

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Prov. xvi. 7.

Thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant ; even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters : I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Isa. lv. 4, 5.

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Rom. xv. 1.

To do good and to communicate forget not : for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Heb. xiii. 16. See Phil. iv. 18 ; 1 Thess. iv. 1.

I would not please myself, dear Lord, but Thee,
In all Thou wouldest have me do or be ;
To serve Thy gracious pleasure I would try
To live and toil, or e'en endure and die :
And then when life is o'er, please Thee on high.

W. H. P.

Pleasing God.

Even Christ pleased not himself. Rom. i. 3.

Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water : and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him ; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matt. iii. 16, 17. See xvii. 5.

Then said Jesus, . . . he that sent me is with me : . . . for I do always those things that please him. John viii. 28, 29.

If I yet pleased men, I should not be a servant of Jesus Christ. But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak ; not as pleasing men, but God, who trieth our hearts. Gal. i. 10 : 1 Thess. ii. 4.

We beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye received of us how ye ought to walk, and to please God, ye would abound more and more. 1 Thess. iv. 1.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 1 John iii. 21, 22.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

Oh, that in thought, and deed, and word,
I could well please my blessed Lord ;
Angels could not more happy be,
Who serve Him ever perfectly.

W. H. P.

P.

Power by the Spirit.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power. Acts x. 38.

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and there went out a fame of him through all that region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. Luke iv. 14, 15.

Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my Spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth. Isa. xlii. 1, 4.

(John) shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, . . . and many of the children of Israel shall he turn unto the Lord their God. Luke i. 13, 15, 16.

Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, . . . and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the people. And Barnabas . . . was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Acts vi. 5, 8: xi. 22, 24.

Truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord. Micah iii. 8.

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high. Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Zech. iv. 6: Luke xxiv. 49: Acts i. 8. See Rom. xiv. 18, 19: 1 Cor. ii. 4: Eph. iii. 14, 16.

Spirit of might, who still doth dwell
In those who love the Saviour well:
Thy glorious power to me impart,
That I may speak from heart to heart.

W. H. P.

Praise.

(David) appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to thank and praise the Lord; every morning, and likewise at even. 1 Chron. xvi. 4; xxiii. 30.

It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers . . . lifted up their voice with the . . . instruments of music, and praised the Lord, . . . that the house was filled with a cloud: . . . for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God. 2 Chron. v. 13, 14.

Praise ye the Lord: . . . ye that stand in the house of the Lord; . . . for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant. Ps. cxxxv. 1-3.

(Jehoshaphat) . . . appointed singers unto the Lord, that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army. . . . And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set liers in wait against . . . (those) that were come against Judah; and they were smitten. 2 Chron. xx. 21, 22.

Let the saints exult in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds; let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people: . . . this honor have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord. Ps. cxlix. 5-9.

At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. Acts xvi. 25, 26.

Ye that fear the Lord, praise him. Sing praises to God, sing praises. Ps. xxii. 23: xlviii. 6.

Lift up your hearts, your voices raise,
To Him whose goodness claims your praise.
For love's free gifts, a boundless store;
Praise Him all creatures evermore.

W. H. P.

Praise.

The people that shall be created shall praise the Lord. Ps. cii. 18.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. Ps. li. 15.

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me. Ps. l. 23.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Ps. xlvi. 1. See cvii. 32.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of his saints. Ps. cxlvii. 12; cxlix. 1.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Ps. cvii. 15.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise him, all ye people. Ps. cxvii. 1. See Isa. xlii. 12.

I will praise thee, O God, with my whole heart. I will sing praises unto thy name while I have any being. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. Ps. ix. 1; cxlvi. 2; cxlv. 4.

Praise ye the Lord. . . . Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Ps. cl. 1, 2, 6.

Praise God, to whom all praise belongs,
Angels and seraphs, in your songs;
And saints with all creation raise
To Him, your grateful hymns of praise,
For He deserves the noblest praise
Through boundless space and endless days.

W. H. P.

Prayer.

Behold he prayeth. Acts ix. 11.

What is the Almighty that we should serve him?
And what profit should we have if we pray unto him?
Job xxi. 15.

Ye have not because ye ask not. Ask and ye shall receive. James iv. 2 : John vi. 24.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Ps. lxxv. 2.

There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. Rom. x. 12.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice : have mercy also upon me and answer me. Ps. xxvii. 7.

He shall be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry ; when he shall hear, he will answer thee. Isa. xxx. 19.

Incline thine ear unto me ; in the day when I call, answer me speedily. Ps. cii. 2.

Before they call, I will answer ; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Isa. lxxv. 24.

In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud : and the Lord shall hear me. Ps. v. 3 ; lv. 17.

Pray without ceasing. Men ought always to pray, and not to faint. 1 Thess. v. 17 : Luke xviii. 1.

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of,
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

A. TENNYSON.

Prayer Desired.

The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended. Ps. lxxii. 20.

There is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee. Isa. lxiv. 7.

There is none among them that calleth unto me, . . . They have not cried unto me with their heart, but they howl upon their beds. Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker. Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Thus saith the Lord God, . . . I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded. . . . I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it. . . . I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them. Hosea vii. 7, 14 : Isa. xlv. 11 ; lxii. 6, 7 : Ezek. xxxvi 33, 37.

He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray. Continuing instant in prayer. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit Luke xviii. 1 : 1 Rom. xii. 12 : Eph. vi. 18.

Ask, and it shall be given you : seek, and ye shall find. Be anxious for nothing ; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. Luke xi. 9 : Phil. iv. 6 : Col. iv. 2 : 1 Tim. ii. 8.

Strange that such changes come in one short hour,
Spent with the One who hears and answers prayer :
That weakness kneeling, rises with such power,
And joy and peace succeed to grief and care.
But stranger far that want should stay away
From Him who giveth all to those who pray.

W. H. P.

Prayer God's Delight.

The prayer of the upright is his delight. Prov. xv. 8.

Then said Solomon, . . . Now, my God, let me, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent to the prayer of this place. 2 Chron. vi. 1, 40.

The Lord appeared unto Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer: . . . now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent to the prayer of this place. 2 Chron. vii. 12, 15.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. Ps. vi. 9.

Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. Acts x. 4.

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Ps. cxli. 2.

The four living creatures and four-and-twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of saints. Rev. v. 8.

The priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven. 2 Chron. xxx. 27.

Another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. Rev. viii. 3, 4.

“ O sacred head once wounded,
And side, and hands, and feet,
To blend with prayers sweet odors
Before the mercy-seat.

W. H. P.

Prayers Answered.

Every one that asketh receiveth. Matt. vii. 8.

(Hannah) said, For this child I prayed ; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him : therefore I have lent him to the Lord as long as he liveth. 1 Sam. i. 26-28.

Eli said (to Hannah), Go in peace : and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. The Lord fulfil all thy petitions. 1 Sam. i. 17 : Ps. xx. 5.

Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it might not grieve me ! And God granted him that which he requested. 1 Chron. iv. 10.

What man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone ? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent ? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him. Matt. vii. 9-11.

Jonathan said unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee. 1 Sam. xx. 4.

Delight thyself also in the Lord ; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Ps. xxxvii. 4.

“ Ask what ye will,” the loving Lord doth say,
More willing far to hear than we to pray.
He gives us freely from His bounteous store,
And bids us oftener come and ask for more :
For none the less had He, though millions came,
His goodness and His fulness are the same.

W. H. P.

Prayers of the Righteous.

The Lord is far from the wicked ; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. The desire of the righteous shall be granted. Prov. xv. 29 ; x. 24.

Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble : thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear. Ps. x. 17.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will save them Ps. cxlv. 18, 19.

If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 1 John iii. 21, 22.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. John xv. 7.

This is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us : and if we know that he heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of him. 1 John v. 14, 15.

All things whatsoever ye ask for, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Mark xi. 24 : John xvi. 23.

Behold the throne of grace !
 The promise calls me near,
 There Jesus shows a smiling face,
 And waits to answer prayer.
 My soul ! ask what thou wilt ;
 Thou canst not be too bold :
 Since His own blood for thee He spilt,
 What else can He withhold ?

J. NEWTON.

Praying for Ministers.

Joshua . . . fought with Amalek. . . . And . . . when Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon: and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, . . . until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. Ex. xvii. 10-13.

Brethren, pray for us. Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that God would open to us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds; that I may make it manifest as I ought to speak. 1 Thess. v. 25: Col. iv. 2-4.

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; that I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; that I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. Rom. xv. 30-32. See Eph. vi. 18, 19.

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as it is with you; and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil men: for all have not faith. Ye also, helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf. 2 Thess. iii. 1, 2: 2 Cor. i. 11. See Acts iv. 29, 30.

Pray for us; for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Heb. xiii. 18, 19.

Come as a teacher sent from God,
Charged His whole counsel to declare;
Lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod,
While we uphold thy hands with prayer.

J. MONTGOMERY.

Preaching.

The men of Nineveh . . . repented at the preaching of Jonas.
Matt. xii. 41.

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. And he appointed twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach. Mark i. 14; iii. 14. See Titus i. 3.

And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Mark xvi. 20.

It behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Luke xxiv. 46, 47.

They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which were spoken by Philip. . . . And there was great joy in that city. Acts viii. 4, 5, 8.

This is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will befall us; now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household. 2 Kings vii. 9.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark xvi. 15.

The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. Luke xvi. 16.

It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 1 Cor. i. 21. See xv. 11.

“Go, preach My gospel,” saith the Lord,
 “Bid the whole earth My word receive;
 He shall be saved who trusts My word,
 And be condemned who'll not believe.”

I. WATTS.

Preserved.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him : but all the wicked will he destroy. Ps. cxlv. 20.

I have sinned, what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? Job vii. 20.

Depart from evil, and do good : and dwell for evermore. For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints : they are preserved for ever. He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him. Ps. xxxvii. 27, 28, 40.

Preserve me, O God : for in thee do I put my trust. O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be ashamed ; for I put my trust in thee. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my soul ; for I am godly : O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Ps. xvi. 1 ; xxv. 20 ; lxxxvi. 1, 2.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Ps. cxxi. 7, 8.

The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. 2 Tim. iv. 18.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly ; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. v. 23.

The soul that on Jesus in faith but reposes,
May sleep amid fiery billows, on roses ;
For, from the worst evils that Satan can send,
He'll ever preserve them, and safely defend.

W. H. P.

Preserved.

The Lord preserveth the faithful. Ps. xxxi. 23.

The Lord . . . preserveth the souls of his saints: he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Ps. xcvi. 10. See lv. 22.

The Lord said to Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not. And this is the Father's will who hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. — To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Luke xxii. 31, 32; John vi. 39; 1 Peter i. 4, 5.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor powers, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. viii. 35-39. See xvii. 12.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any one pluck them out of my hand. My Father who gave them me is greater than all; and no one is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. Those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. John x. 27-30; xvii. 12.

Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given;
More happy, but not more secure,
Are the glorified spirits in heaven.

TOPLADY.

Pride.

Those that walk in pride he is able to abase. Dan. iv. 37.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly ; but the proud he knoweth afar off. Ps. cxxxviii. 6.

Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord. God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Prov. xvi. 5 : James iv. 6.

The wicked through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God ; God is not in all his thoughts. Ps. x. 4.

Hear ye, . . . and be not proud : for the Lord hath spoken. But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride. Jer. xiii. 15, 17.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. xvi. 18.

Be not highminded, but fear. For who maketh thee to differ from another ? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive ? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it. Rom. xi. 20 : 1 Cor. iv. 7.

When (Nebuchadnezzar's) heart was lifted up, and his mind was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. Dan. v. 20. See iv. 29-33.

The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock ; . . . that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground ? Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord. Obad. 3, 4.

Oh ! why should the spirit of mortal be proud ?
Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-flying cloud ;
From the gilded saloon to the bier and the shroud,
Oh ! why should the spirit of mortal be proud ?

WM. KNOX.

Promises.

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac : and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son ; accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead ; —being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. Heb. xi. 17-19 : Rom. iv. 21.

Now to Abraham were the promises made and to his seed, which is Christ. For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Gal. iii 16 : 2 Cor. i. 20.

There are priests that offer gifts according to the law : but . . . he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. Heb. viii. 4, 6.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises. 2 Cor. vii. 1 : 2 Peter i. 4.

Through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Peter i. 4.

This is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 1 John ii. 25.

The Lord hath promised the crown of life to them that love him. James i. 12.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering ; for he is faithful that promised. Heb. x. 23.

Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Heb. x. 36.

God's promises, how firm they stand !
With mines of wealth, like mountains grand !
And those who on their truth rely,
Securely live, triumphant die.

W. H. P.

Promotion.

Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another. Ps. lxxv. 6, 7.

I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause; who doeth great things; . . . to set up on high those that be low; that those who mourn may be exalted to safety. Job v. 8, 9, 11.

The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifeth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dung-hill; that he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. 1 Sam. ii. 7: Ps cxiii. 7, 8.

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For, . . . he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away, Luke i. 46-48, 51-53.

The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground. He poureth contempt upon princes: . . . yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock. Ps. cxlvii. 6; cvii. 40, 41.

The meek shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. Isa. xxix. 19.

Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? James ii. 5.

Rich are the poor with God's own favor crowned;
In him their needs are met, their joys abound;
On His strong gracious promises they rest,
Securely guarded, and supremely blest.

W. H. P.

Prosperity.

The prosperity of fools shall destroy them. Prov. i. 32.

In my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved. Ps. xxx. 6.

I spake unto thee in thy prosperity : but thou saidst, I will not hear. Jer. xxii. 21.

God helped (Uzziah); . . . and his name spread far abroad. For he was marvellously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense. 2 Chron. xxvi. 7, 8, 15, 16.

When Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him. 2 Chron. xii. 1.

Israel is a luxuriant vine, which putteth forth fruit : according to the multitude of his fruit he hath multiplied his altars ; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly pillars. And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding. Hosea x. 1 ; xiii. 2.

As they were increased, so they sinned against me. Of their silver and their gold have they made them idols. According to their pasture, so were they filled ; *they were* filled, and their heart was exalted ; therefore have they forgotten me. Hosea iv. 7 ; viii. 4 ; xiii. 6.

Prosper us only, Lord, as we
Thy beaming sunshine well may bear ;
Or let our pathway clouded be,
If better for us, here, or there.

W. H. P.

Prosperity.

The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. The Lord . . . hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. Gen. xxxix. 2 : Ps. xxxv. 27.

Uzziah . . . set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, . . . and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper. 2 Chron. xxvi. 1, 5.

If thou wouldest seek diligently unto God, and make thy supplication to the Almighty : if thou wert pure and upright ; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. Job viii. 5, 6.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord : O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Ps. cxviii. 25.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee. Ps. cxxii. 6.

O Lord, I beseech thee, let thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant : . . . and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day. Neh. i. 11.

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established ; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chron. xx. 20.

The God of heaven, he will prosper us ; therefore we his servants will arise and build. Neh. ii. 20.

Now, my son, the Lord be with thee ; and prosper thou, and build the house of the Lord thy God, as he hath said of thee. 1 Chron. xxii. 11.

We prosper with Thee, blessed Lord, abiding,
And in Thy love and promises confiding,
Through life, and death, and in eternity,
Thy favor, Lord, is true prosperity.

W. H. P.

Provided For.

God who made the world and all things therein, . . . giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. Acts xvii. 24, 25.

Who provideth for the raven his food, when his young ones cry unto God, and wander for lack of meat? Job xxxviii. 41.

The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. Ps. civ. 21; cxlvii. 9.

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Ps. cxlv. 9, 15, 16.

O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Who giveth food to all flesh; for his mercy endureth forever. Ps. cxxxvi. 1, 25.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. . . . These all wait upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. Ps. civ. 24-28.

They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Ps. xxxiv. 10.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things. Ps. ciii. 2, 5.

No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. lxxxiv. 11.

The hand that opens when the birds and beasts do cry,
Will, I am sure, the children's wants supply.
The Father will His hungry household feed,
When He attends to every creature's need.

W. H. P.

Provided For.

Jehovah-jireh,—the Lord will provide. Gen. xxii. 14.

Give us this day our daily bread. Matt. vi. 11.

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. . . . Behold the fowls of the air : for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns : yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they ? Matt. vi. 25, 26.

Feed me with food convenient for me. Prov. xxx. 8.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow ; they toil not, neither do they spin : and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith ? Therefore, take no thought, saying, What shall we eat ? or, What shall we drink ? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed ? . . . For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness ; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt vi. 28-33.

He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things.—Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. Rom. viii. 32 : 1 Tim. vi. 17.

My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. iv. 19.

Though troubles assail us, whatever betide,
His promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."
His saints what is needful shall ne'er be denied,
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

J. NEWTON.

Purified.

Many shall be purified, and made white. Dan. xii. 10.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy hill? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart. Ps. xxiv. 3, 4.

He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend. Prov. xxii. 11.

God, who knoweth the hearts, . . . put no difference between us (Jews) and them (Gentiles), purifying their hearts by faith. Acts xv. 8, 9.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Matt. v. 8: 1 Peter i. 22.

Christ hath loved us, and hath given himself for us; . . . that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. And every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Eph. v. 2. Titus ii. 14: 1 John iii. 3.

Who may abide the day of his coming? and who stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Mal. iii. 2, 3.

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is his abode.

J. KEEBLE.

Putting Away Evil.

They put away the strange gods from among them, and served the Lord. Judges x. 16.

Jacob said, . . . put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean ; . . . and let us arise and go up to Bethel ; and I will make there an altar unto God. Gen. xxxv. 2, 3.

If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods . . . from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only. 1 Sam. vii. 3.

Manasseh . . . took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built, . . . and cast them out of the city. And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and sacrificed thereon. 2 Chron. xxxiii. 15, 16.

They themselves report concerning us what manner of entering in we had unto you ; and how ye turned unto God from idols, to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven. 1 Thess. i. 9.

I will wash mine hands in innocency : so will I compass thine altar, O Lord. Ps. xxvi. 6.

Wash you, make you clean ; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes ; cease to do evil ; learn to do well. Return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. Amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord. Isa. i. 16, 17 : Jer. xviii. 11 ; xxvi. 13.

Turn us, O Lord, from sinful ways,
That we may serve Thee all our days.
Then us, as gold and silver fined,
An offering on thine altar bind.

W. H. P.

Putting Away Sin, and Serving God.

The children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the Lord only. 1 Sam. vii. 4.

The workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land, . . . did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord. 2 Kings xxiii. 24.

Put away the gods which your fathers served, which were on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt: and serve ye the Lord. Josh. xxiv. 14.

When Asa heard . . . the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land, . . . and renewed the altar of the Lord. . . . And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord . . . with all their heart and with all their soul. 2 Chron. xv. 8, 12.

Depart from evil and do good. Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers. Ps. xxxiv. 14: 2 Kings xvii. 13.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Ps. cxix. 101: Isa. lv. 7.

Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, . . . nor defile yourselves with their idols: . . . walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments and do them. Ezek. xx. 18, 19. See 2 Kings xvii. 35, 36.

Oh, help me by Thy gracious power
To turn from sin this very hour;
That henceforth all my life may be
Wholly devoted, Lord, to Thee.

W. H. P.

Rain.

No herb of the field had yet sprung up: for the Lord God had not yet caused it to rain on the earth. Gen. ii. 5.

Who divided channels for the rain, and a track for the thunder's flash, to cause it to rain; . . . to satisfy the waste and desolate ground; and to cause the tender grass to spring forth? Job xxxviii. 25-27.

Behold, God is great, . . . for he draweth up the water-drops, which distil in rain from the vapor thereof; which the skies pour down, and distil on man abundantly. For to the snow he says, Fall thou on the earth, and to the pouring rain, even the pouring of his mighty rains. Job xxxvi. 26-28; xxxvii. 6.

I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain. As for me, I would seek unto God, . . . who doeth great things, and marvellous things without number: who giveth rain upon the earth. Ps. cxxxv. 5, 7; Job v. 8-10.

This people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; . . . neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God who giveth rain. Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain, even of the Lord, who maketh lightnings, and he shall give them showers of rain. Jer. v. 23, 24; Zech. x. 1.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance when it was weary. Ps. lxxviii. 9.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; . . . who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. Ps. cxlvii. 7, 8. See Joel ii. 23.

O'er all the garden of the world is falling
The blessed rain, sweet heaven's fruitful dew,
Shook from the soft wings of the "morning stars,"
Who speed His errands through the gulfs of blue.

T. H. RAND.

Rebuke.

It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. Eccl. vii. 5.

He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favor than he that flattereth with the tongue. Prov. xxviii. 23.

Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee : rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself, and disclose not the secret of another : lest he that heareth it revile thee, and thine infamy turn not away. Prov. ix. 8 ; xxv. 9, 10.

Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend. Prov. xxvii. 5, 6.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten : be zealous therefore and repent. Rev. iii. 19.

He that saith unto the wicked, Thou are righteous ; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him : but to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them. Prov. xxiv. 24, 25.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart ; thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him. Lev. xix. 17.

Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness ; and let him reprove me, it shall be as oil upon the head ; let not my head refuse it. Ps. cxli. 5.

If thy brother trespass against thee rebuke him ; and if he repent, forgive him. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. Exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Luke xvii. 3 : 1 Tim. v. 20 : 2 Tim. iv. 2 : Titus ii. 15.

With faithfulness rebuke thy neighbor's sin,
And thou his confidence and love shalt win ;
Or better still, absolve thyself from blame,
And rescue him perchance from guilt and shame.

W. H. P.

Redeemed.

They shall call them the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord ; . . . a city not forsaken. Isa. lxi. 12.

O Lord, . . . arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercy's sake. Ps. xlv. 23, 26.

Thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought ; but ye shall be redeemed without money. Isa. lii. 3.

The Lord liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity—distress. 2 Sam. iv. 9 : 1 Kings i. 29.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants ; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Ps. xxxiv. 2^d

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits ; who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; who healeth all thy diseases ; who redeemeth thy life from destruction. Ps. ciii. 2-4.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good ; for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. Ps. cvii. 1, 2.

God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave. Ps. xlix. 15.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave ; I will redeem them from death : O death, I will be thy plagues ; O grave, I will be thy destruction : repentance shall be hid from me. Hosea xiii. 14.

To ransom us from sin and shame,
God's only Son, our Saviour came ;
And conquering death by dying, He
Triumphant rose, and made us free
From sin and death eternally ;
For which we praise His name.

W. H. P.

Redeemed.

These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and the Lamb. Rev. xiv. 4.

Hear me, O Lord: for thy lovingkindness is good:
 . . . draw nigh unto my soul and redeem it: deliver me
 because of mine enemies. Ps. lxxix. 16, 18.

The Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine
 enemies. Micah iv. 10.

O my God, unto thee will I sing with the harp. . . .
 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee, and
 my soul, which thou hast redeemed. Ps. lxxi. 22, 23.

The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come
 with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be
 upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy:
 and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isa. li. 11.
 See Rev. v. 9; xiv. 3.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law,
 being made a curse for us. Who gave himself for us,
 that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify
 unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
 Gal. iii. 13: Titus ii. 14.

Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price,
 therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit
 which are God's. Forasmuch as ye know that ye were
 not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold;
 . . . but with the precious blood of Christ. 1 Cor. vi.
 17, 20: 1 Peter i. 18.

All glory to Jesus, who stooped from the sky;
 And in love to redeem us, did suffer and die;
 All glory and praise for such wonderful love,
 By the ransomed on earth, and the ransomed above.

W. H. P.

Refuge.

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and his children shall have a place of refuge. Prov. xiv. 26.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort; . . . for thou art my rock and my fortress: I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in him will I trust. Ps. lxxi. 3; xci. 2.

Because thou hast made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee; neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. Ps. xci. 9, 10.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. I am as a wonder unto many, but thou art my strong refuge. Ps. xlvi. 1; lxxi. 7.

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed; a refuge in times of trouble. The eternal God is thy refuge; and underneath are the everlasting arms. Ps. ix. 9; Deut. xxxiii. 27.

In God is my salvation and my glory: The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. The Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. Ps. lxii. 7; xciv. 22.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. He is the tower of salvation. Prov. xviii. 10; 2 Sam. xxii. 51.

In the cleft of the Rock is a refuge complete:
Not a foe can disturb in that blissful retreat:
If the soul seeks its God when the wicked assail,
Then the angels of darkness can never prevail.
In the cleft of the Rock I will hasten to hide;
In the cleft of the Rock I shall safely abide:
For the Lord with His hand will protect me when there;
I shall rest in His love! I shall feel His sweet care!

ELIZA H. MORTON.

Rejoicing.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous. Ps. cxviii. 15.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee ;
and my soul which thou hast redeemed. Ps. lxxi. 23.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous : and
shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. Ps.
xxxii. 11.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of
our God we will set up our banners. Our heart shall
rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.
Ps. xx. 5 ; xxxiii. 21.

Let the righteous be glad ; let them rejoice before
God ; yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Let the heart
of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Ps. lxviii. 3 ; cv. 3.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee : I will sing praise
to thy name, O thou Most High. My soul shall be joy-
ful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation. Ps.
ix. 2 ; xxxv. 9.

Be glad, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord
your God. Joel ii. 23.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be
joyful in my God ; for he hath clothed me with the
garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe
of righteousness. Isa. lxi. 10.

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. Rejoice
in the Lord alway ; and again I say, rejoice. Rejoice
evermore. Phil. iii. 1 ; iv. 4 : 1 Thess v. 16.

Joyful we live on our Saviour relying ;
Joyful in hope of more joyfully dying :
Joyful we taste of the fruits of his love,
In assurance of feasting upon it above.

W. H. P.

Rejoicing.

The eunuch . . . went on his way rejoicing. Acts viii. 39.

The righteous doth sing and rejoice. Prov. xxix. 6.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright. Ps. xxxiii. 1.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. Ps. v. 11.

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. . . . The King of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. Zeph. iii. 14, 15.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. Ps. xl. 16; cvii. 21, 22.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise; and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp and the voice of a psalm. . . . Make a joyful noise to the Lord the King. Ps. xcvi. 4-6.

Rejoice; God reigns as King;
 This glorious King adore;
 Lift up your voice and sing
 His praises evermore.
 With sweetest song, your praise prolong;
 With heart and voice, rejoice, rejoice.

W. H. P.

Religion—Personal.

God . . . will render to every man according to his works.
Rom. ii. 6.

If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Josh. xxiv. 15.

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, . . . Follow me. Peter . . . seeing the disciple whom Jesus loved following, . . . saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me. John xxi. 15, 19-22. See Prov. ix. 12.

Let us choose for us that which is right: let us know among ourselves what is good. For the work of a man shall (God) render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways. Job xxxiv. 4, 11.

Let each man prove his own work, and then shall he have his glorying in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. For each man shall bear his own burden. Gal. vi. 4, 5. See Esther iv. 14.

Every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Rom. xiv. 12: 1 Cor. iii. 8: 2 Cor. v. 10.

Whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. Eph. vi. 8: Col. iii. 25.

When at God's judgment bar we stand,
At His omnipotent command,
Think you we'll heed in that great day,
What others think, or do, or say?

W. H. P.

Repentance.

It behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. Luke xxiv. 46, 47.

He called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth two and two. And they went out, and preached that men should repent. Mark vi. 7, 12.

The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. 2 Tim. ii. 24, 25.

I showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. Acts xxvi. 20.

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts ii. 38. See vs. 39.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter iii. 9.

Despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Rom. ii. 4: Acts iii. 19. See Acts xi. 18: Luke xv. 4-7.

Lord, when men repentant fly
From their sins to seek Thy face,
Thou on them with pitying eye,
Dost bestow thy pardoning grace.

W. H. P.

Repentance.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance which is unto life, not to be repented of. 2 Cor. vii. 10.

If thy people . . . sin against thee, . . . and . . . bethink themselves, . . . and repent, and make supplication unto thee, . . . saying, We have sinned ; . . . and return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul : . . . then hear thou their prayer and their supplication, . . . and forgive thy people. 1 Kings viii. 44-50.

Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols ; and . . . from all your abominations ; . . . that the house of Israel may go no more astray from me ; . . . but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God. Ezek. xiv. 6, 11.

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Mark i. 4.

In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand : repent ye, and believe the gospel. Matt. iii. 1, 2 : Mark i. 14, 15.

The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment against this generation, and shall condemn it ; because they repented at the preaching of Jonas ; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. Matt. xii. 41.

God . . . raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his own right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. Acts v. 30, 31.

Though Thy people from Thee stray
Into sin's forbidden way,
Yet if they repentant call,
Thou wilt freely pardon all.

W. H. P.

Rest.

Then had the church rest; . . . and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were edified. Acts ix. 31.

Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon : for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions ? Cant. i. 7.

If thou knowest not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents. Cant. i. 8.

The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ; he leadeth me beside the waters of rest. Ps xxiii. 1, 2.

My people have been lost sheep ; . . . they have wandered from mountain to hill, and have forgotten their resting place. Behold I will both search my sheep, . . . and will bring them to their own land. And . . . I will feed my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord. . . . They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. Jer. l. 6 : Ezek. xxxiv. 11, 13, 15, 28.

Return unto thy rest, oh my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. Ps. cxvi. 7.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. Thus saith the Lord. . . . In returning and rest shall ye be saved ; In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Ps. xxxvii. 7 : Isa xxx. 15.

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest ;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

H. BONAR.

Rest.

Issachar . . . saw that rest was good. Gen. xlix 14, 15.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law; that thou mayest give him rest in the day of adversity. Ps. xciv. 12, 13.

The Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from thy hard bondage. Isa. xiv. 3.

Let us fear . . . lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any . . . should seem to come short of it. Heb. iv. 1.

Thus saith the Lord, Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Jer. vi. 16.

Let us labor . . . to enter into that rest, lest any man fall into disobedience (unbelief). Heb. iv. 11.

Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matt. xi. 28-30.

We who have believed do enter into rest. Heb. iv. 3.

He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Heb. iv. 10.

O that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. Ps. lv. 6.

Arise, and depart; for this is not your rest. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Micah ii. 10: Rev. xiv. 13. See Heb. iv. 8, 9.

Life's sun goes sinking in the purpling west;
To weary toilers soon comes welcome rest,
And greetings glad at home with loved ones blest.

W. H. P.

Resurrection.

(Paul) preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. Acts xvii. 18.

Of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. Acts xxiii 6.

If the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised; and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 1 Cor. xv. 16, 17.

We should . . . trust in God who raiseth the dead; —knowing that he who raised up the Lord Jesus, shall raise up us also by Jesus. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 2 Cor. i. 9; iv. 14: 1 Thess. iv. 14.

Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment. John v. 28, 29.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 1 Cor. xv. 20, 21.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. John v. 25: 1 Thess. iv. 16.

Jesus, the dead, from death arose,
And triumphed o'er His vanquished foes.
Hence His redeemed from death shall rise,
And hail Him coming in the skies.

W. H. P.

Resurrection.

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked ; but others said, We will hear thee concerning this yet again. Acts xvii. 32.

If a man die, shall he live again? Job xiv. 14.

Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? For, as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. Acts xxvi. 8: John v. 21.

Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise thee? Ps. lxxxviii. 10.

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Isa. xxvi. 19.

Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thy hands. God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. He will swallow up death in victory. Job xiv. 15: Ps. xlix. 15: Isa. xxv. 8.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death; O death, I will be thy plagues: O grave, I will be thy destruction. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. Death is swallowed up in victory. Hosea xiii. 14: 1 Cor. xv. 26, 54.

Christ is risen from the grave,
With the will and power to save:
Death, the victor, vanquished lies;
Weeping mourners, dry your eyes;
Slumbering saints, arise and sing,
"Death hath lost his venom'd sting.
Christ is risen, no more to die;
Grave, where is thy victory?"

W. H. P.

Returning.

The Lord shall smite . . . and heal ; and they shall return to the Lord. And when he came to himself, he said, . . . I will arise and go unto my father. Isa. xix. 22 : Luke xv. 17, 18.

If thy people . . . sin against thee, . . . and repent, and make supplication unto thee, . . . saying, We have sinned, . . . and return unto thee with their heart ; . . . then hear thou their supplication, . . . and forgive thy people. 1 Kings viii. 44-50.

Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal. iii. 7.

Turn thou me, and I shall be turned ; for thou art the Lord my God. Jer. xxxi. 18.

Return unto me, for I have redeemed thee. Isa. xlv. 22.

Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger towards us to cease. Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned ; renew our days as of old. Ps. lxxxv. 4 : Lam. v. 21.

Turn again unto the Lord God ; . . . for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him. 2 Chron. xxx. 6, 9.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Behold, we come unto thee ; for thou art the Lord our God. Lam. iii. 40 : Jer. iii. 22.

Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord ; for I am married unto you. Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backsliding. Jer. iii. 14, 22.

Return, O wanderer, to Thy God, and rest.
Leave sin, and want, and suffering, and be blest.

W. H. P.

Revival.

They that dwell under his shadow shall return ; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine ; the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Hosea xiv. 7.

O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known ; in wrath remember mercy. Hab. iii. 2.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is holy ; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isa. lvii. 15.

Will thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee ! Ps. lxxxv. 6.

O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn unto the Lord : say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously : so will we render the fruit of our lips. Hosea xiv. 1, 2.

Come, and let us return unto the Lord : for he hath torn, and he will heal us. After two days will he revive us ; and we shall live in his sight. And he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain upon the earth. Hosea vi. 1-3.

Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. And I will cause the shower to come down in its season ; there shall be showers of blessing. Mal. iii. 7 : Ezek. xxxiv. 26.

Revive thy work, O Lord,
And give refreshing showers,
The glory shall be all thine own ;
The blessing shall be ours.

A. MIDLANE.

Reward.

Verily, there is a reward for the righteous. Ps. lviii. 11.

Whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. Eph. vi. 8.

Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak : for your work shall be rewarded. 2 Chron. xv. 7.

Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men : to give everyone according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Jer. xxxii. 19.

I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruits of his doings. Jer. xvii. 10.

Let us not be weary in well doing : for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. vi. 9, 10.

He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward ; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man, shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors ; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind ; and thou shalt be blessed ; for they cannot recompense thee ; for thou shalt be recompensed in the resurrection of the just. Matt. x. 41, 42 : Luke xiv. 12-14.

Rewards for our service are promised and sure,
Of beauty and worth that will ever endure ;
And to have and enjoy them will always be ours,
With unending life, and unfailing powers.

W. H. P.

Reward.

Every man shall receive his own reward, according to his own labor. 1 Cor. iii. 8. See Matt. xxv. 31-40.

Unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy : for thou renderest to every man according to his work. Ps. lxii. 12.

God will render to every man according to his deeds. For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways. Rom. ii. 6 : Job xxxiv. 11.

Every one of us shall give account of himself to God. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels ; and then shall he reward every man according to his works. Rom. xiv. 12 : 2 Cor. v. 10 : Matt. xvi. 27.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men ; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance : for ye serve the Lord Christ. Col. iii. 23, 24.

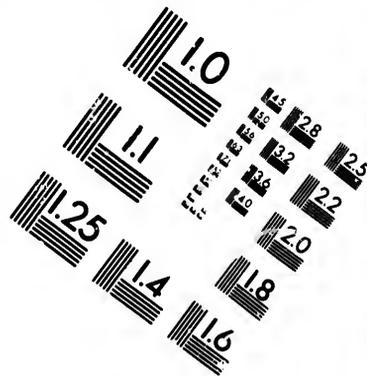
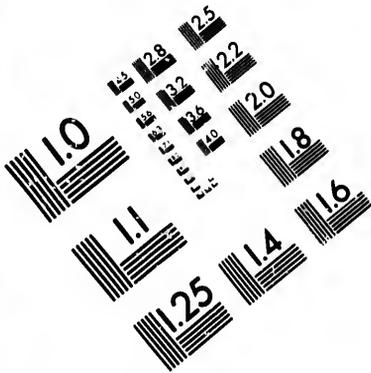
I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God ; and the books were opened : and another book was opened, which is the book of life : and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it ; and death and hades delivered up the dead which were in them : and they were judged every man according to their works. Rev. xx. 12, 13.

Behold, I come quickly ; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his works shall be. Rev. xxii. 12.

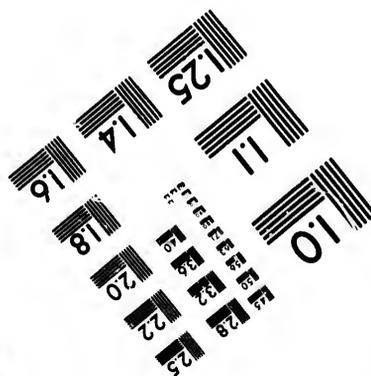
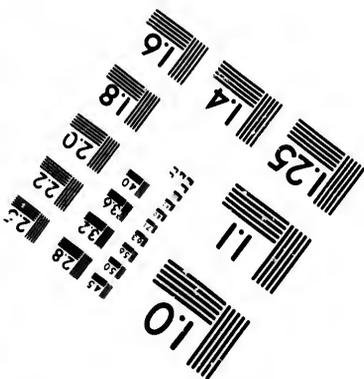
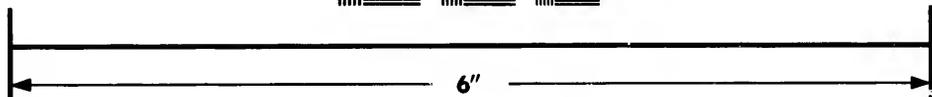
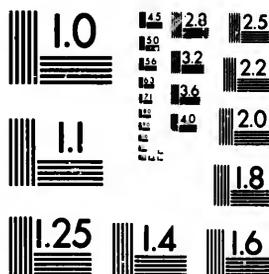
Rewarded at thy throne, O God, we'll see
Each Christian act, however small it be ;
Rewarded thus by rich rewards eternally :
And howsoe'er neglected or obscure
In life the worker, his reward is sure

W. H. P.





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Riches a Blessing.

Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches, and honor. Gen. xiii. 2 : 2 Chron. xxxii. 27.

The crown of the wise is their riches : and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. Prov. xiv. 24 ; xxix. 4.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Prov. x. 22.

O Lord, . . . both riches and honor come of thee, . . . and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 1 Chron. xxix. 11, 12.

Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God : for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth. Deut. viii. 18.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. Wealth and riches shall be in his house : and his righteousness endureth for ever. Ps. cxii. 1, 2.

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life. Prov. xxii. 4.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Length of days are in her right hand ; and in her left hand riches and honor. Prov. iii-13-16.

Riches and honor are with me ; yea, durable riches and righteousness. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment : that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance ; and I will fill their treasures. Prov. viii. 18-21.

My Father is rich in houses and lands,
He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands !
Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold,
His coffers are full. He has treasures untold.
I'm a child of the King ! a child of the King !
With Jesus my Saviour, I'm a child of the King !

HATTIE E. BUELL.

Riches a Snare.

Let not the rich man glory in his riches. Jer. ix. 23.

They that sell (the flock) say, Blessed be the Lord ; for I am rich. Zech. xi. 5.

If riches increase, set not your heart upon them. For riches certainly make themselves wings ; they fly away. Ps. lxii. 10 : Prov. xxiii. 5.

Ephraim said, Surely I am become rich. Ephraim is like a silly dove without heart. Hosea xii. 8 ; vii. 11.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God. 1 Tim. vi. 17.

Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab. And the Ammonites gave gifts unto Uzziah : and . . . he strengthened himself exceedingly. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction. 2 Chron. xviii. 1 ; xxvi. 8, 16.

How hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall. Mark x. 24 : Prov. xi. 28.

Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor. But Hezekiah rendered not according to the benefit done unto him ; for his heart was lifted up : therefore there was wrath upon him. 2 Chron. xxxii. 27, 25.

Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke. Will he esteem thy riches ? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength. Job xxxvi. 18, 19.

Lord, I ask not for riches, that deceive and then fly ;
But I ask for the wisdom to have treasures on high ;
With enough for the present, and with God to supply,
I have plenty in life, and a home in the sky.

W. H. P.

Riches Uncertain.

Riches are not for ever. Uncertain riches. Prov. xxvii. 24 : 1 Tim. vi. 17.

Give me neither poverty nor riches. Prov. xxx. 8.
Labor not to be rich. Prov. xxiii. 4.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. Ps. xxxvii. 16.

Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. Prov. xvi. 8.

He that hath an evil eye hasteth after riches, and knoweth not that want shall come upon him. Prov. xxviii. 22.

He that maketh haste to be rich shall not go unpunished. As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not ; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool. Prov. xxviii. 20 : Jer. xvii. 11.

There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. Eccl. v. 13.

They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all evils : which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. He that received seed among the thorns, is he that heareth the word ; and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 1 Tim. vi. 9, 10 : Matt. xiii. 22.

Extol not riches then, the toil of fools.
The wise man's cumbrance, if not snare
To slacken virtue, and abate her edge,
Than prompt her to do aught may merit praise.

JOHN MILTON.

Running a Race.

They that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize. 1 Cor. ix. 24.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. Ps. cxix. 32.

The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint. Eccl. ix. 11: Isa. xl. 30, 31.

Draw me, we will run after thee. Cant. i. 4.

Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan? Gal. v. 7: Jer. xii. 5.

Every man that striveth in the games is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly. But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high-calling of God in Christ Jesus. Heb. xii. 1, 2; 1 Cor. ix. 25, 26; Phil. iii. 13, 14.

So run, that ye may obtain. 1 Cor. ix. 24.

Press onward, Christian, in the heavenward race;
Win the blest prize, and take thy crown and place.

W. H. P.

Sabbath.

To-day is a Sabbath unto the Lord. Ex. xvi. 25.

Six days shall work be done ; but on the seventh is a Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Ex. xxxi. 15.

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work ; but the seventh day is a sabbath unto the Lord thy God : in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, [that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou, (Deut. v. 14)] nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates : for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. Ex. xx. 8-11.

Blessed is the man that . . . keepeth the sabbath from polluting it. Isa. lvi. 2.

Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the Lord thy God commanded thee. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day ; and call the sabbath a delight, and the holy of the Lord, honorable ; and shalt honor it, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words : then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord ; and I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father : for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Deut. v. 12 ; Isa. lviii. 13, 14.

Sweet Sabbath ! day of seven the best,
 God's resting day, Divinely blest :
 Surcease from toil to mortals given ;
 Emblem of endless rest in heaven.

W. H. P.

Salvation.

Salvation is of the Lord. Jonah ii. 9. See Titus ii. 11.

Save us, O God of our salvation. 1 Chron. xvi. 35.

Look unto me and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else. Isa. xlv. 22.

Truly my soul waiteth upon God, from him cometh my salvation. Ps. lxii. 1. See Lam. iii. 26.

Wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee. Prov. xx. 22.

Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation,—save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Ps. cxix. 116; lxxxvi. 2.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord. . . .
He shall . . . save them because they trust in him.
Ps. xxxvii. 39, 40.

Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Isa. xii. 2.

Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Prov. xxix. 25.

We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts xv. 11: 1 Thess. v. 9.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. x. 9, 10.

Salvation, the song of the sainted in light,
The theme in which angels and seraphs delight,
The joy of the ransome, on earth and above,
The fruit and fruition of infinite love.
Salvation, the purchase of Christ's pain and death,
Is given to those who receive it by faith.

W. H. P.

Sanctified.

Sanctified by God the Father;—in Christ Jesus;—by the Spirit; through the truth. Jude 1: 1 Cor. i. 2; vi. 11: John xvii. 19.

The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself. Ps. iv. 3.

Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it, that he might . . . sanctify it. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification. Eph. v. 25: 1 Thess. iv. 3.

By the which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Heb. x. 10, 14.

Sanctify yourselves therefore, for I am the Lord your God, . . . who doth sanctify you. Lev. xx. 7, 8.

In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 2 Tim. ii. 20, 21.

Abstain from every appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. v. 22, 23.

Capture, and keep me Thine, Thou God of power;
To Thee I yield a willing captive free:
To love and serve with all I am and have each hour,
A sacred vessel set apart for Thee:
Filled with Thyself and by Thyself, to be
Meet for Thy use to all eternity.

W. H. P.

Satan—the Devil.

Then entered Satan into Judas, . . . and he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray (Jesus). Luke xxii. 3, 4.

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. 1 John iii. 8.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it. John viii. 44. See Gen. ii. 16, 17; iii. 1-6.

The woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. We are not ignorant of his devices. The serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety. And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Gen. iii. 13; 2 Cor. ii. 11; xi. 3, 14.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Eph. vi. 11; James iv. 7.

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered, . . . It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word . . . of God. Matt. iv. 1-4.

Be sober; be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 1 Peter v. 8, 9; Eph. vi. 16, 17.

God's hand can baffle Satan's rage,
His word restrain the tempter's power:
That hand shall guard my youth and age,
That word defend me every hour.

W. H. P.

Satan Doomed.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise partook of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. 1 John iii. 8 : Heb. ii. 14, 15.

There was war in heaven : Michael and his angels fought against the dragon ; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not ; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world : he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ : for the accuser of our brethren (see Job i. 8-10 ; ii. 3-5) is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. Rev. xii. 7-10.

Woe to the earth, and the sea, for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Rev. xii. 12.

I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him into the abyss, and shut and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be finished. Rev. xx. 1-3.

The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are ; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Rev. xx. 10.

Regions of sorrow, doleful shades, where peace
And rest can never dwell ; hope never comes,
. . . But torture without end still urges, . . . fed
With ever burning fuel unconsumed.

JOHN MILTON.

Satisfied.

O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the Lord. Dent. xxxiii. 23.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Ps. xc. 14.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Isa. lv. 2.

The Lord upholdeth the righteous; . . . and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. Ps. xxxvii. 17, 19; xxxvi. 8.

I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord. Jer. xxxi. 14.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. Ps. lxiii. 5; lxxv. 4; xvii. 15.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, . . . for he satisfieth the longing soul. Ps. cvii. 8, 9.

I shall be satisfied when I behold thee,
I shall be like thee, my Saviour and King;
And in the radiance that will enfold thee,
I shall enfolded be, too, while I sing—
“Lo, I am satisfied, Saviour, am satisfied,
Wearing thy likeness, and near to thy side—
What can I ask for in glory beside.”

MRS. J. C. YULE.

Seed of the Upright Blessed.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Ps. cxii. 1, 2.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. Ps. xxv. 12, 13.

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children. Prov. xiii. 22.

A just man that walketh in his integrity, blessed are his children after him. Prov. xx. 7.

Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the eyes of the Lord thy God. Deut. xii. 28. See iv. 40; v. 29; xii. 25.

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. Ps. xxxvii. 25.

God is in the generation of the righteous: he is ever merciful and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. Ps. xiv. 5; xxxvii. 26.

The children of thy servants continue, and their seed shall be established before thee. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. Ps. cii. 28; Isa. lxv. 23.

The Lord . . . will bless them that fear him, both small and great. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ps. cxv. 13, 14.

How great the blessings promised to the good;
Far more than any loving parents could
Crave for themselves; their children's plighted share
In heaven's protection, and God's loving care.
Better than untold gold by far is this,
God's favor here, with hope of heavenly bliss.

W. H. P.

Seeing God.

Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. John xx. 20.

Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. Behold, I go forward, but he is not there ; and backward, but I cannot perceive him : on the left hand where he doth work, but I cannot behold him ; he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him. Isa. xlv. 15 ; Job. xxiii. 8, 9.

No man hath seen God at any time ; the only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. John i. 18.

How is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world ? John xiv. 22.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me ; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John xiv. 21.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be ; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him ; for we shall see him as he is. For now we see through a glass, darkly ; but then face to face. 1 John iii. 2 : 1 Cor. xiii. 12. See Job xix. 25-27.

Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God. They shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads. Matt. v. 8. Rev. xxii. 4.

Thrice happy they who reach the place
Where they shall see the Saviour's face,
And sing the wonders of His grace,
In songs of everlasting praise,
With the redeemed through endless days.

W. H. P.

Seeing God's Beauty and Glory.

How great is his beauty. His glory is above the heavens.
Zech. ix. 17: Ps. cxiii. 4.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. Ps. xxvii. 4.

Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty. Isa. xxxiii. 17.

I beseech thee, show me thy glory. Ex. xxxiii. 18.

I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee. And thou shalt stand upon a rock; and . . . while my glory passeth by, I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by. Ex. xxxiii. 19, 21, 22.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, (the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. John i. 14: 2 Cor. iv. 6.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see my glory. Father, I will also that they whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory. Isa. xl. 5; lxvi. 18: John xvii. 24.

Let me behold Thy glory, Lord, and O, do not conceal
From me the hidden beauty Thy mercy doth reveal.
Let me behold in Jesus Thy pardoning power and grace,
Till with Thyself in glory, I see Thee face to face.

W. H. P.

Seeing the Invisible.

(Moses) endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Heb. xi. 27.

What sign doest thou, that we may see and believe thee. John vi. 30. See Mark xv. 32.

Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. John iv. 48.

Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. John xx. 25.

Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. John xx. 29.

We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John iv. 14.

Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it, and was glad. John viii. 56.

We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. We walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor. iv. 18; v. 7.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country, . . . that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Heb. xi. 13-16.

O, blest is he to whom is given
The instinct that can tell
That God is on the field, when He
Is most invisible.

F. W. FABER.

Seeking God.

Jehoshaphat . . . set himself to seek the Lord. 2 Chron. 20: 3.

God . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men, . . . that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us. Acts xvii. 26, 27.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Isa. lv. 6.

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early. Isa. xxvi. 9. See Ps. xxvii. 8.

I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me. Prov. viii. 17.

Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? O that I knew where I might find him! Cant. iii. 3. Job xxiii. 3.

Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall seek me with all your heart. Jer. xxix. 13.

By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. I said, I will rise now, and go about the city, in the streets and in the broadways, I will seek him whom my soul loveth. . . . The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? It was but a little that I passed from them, when I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go. Cant. iii. 1-4.

Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God. Thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. 1 Chron. xxii. 19; Deut. iv. 29.

If I seek Him, shall I find Him?

Canst thou tell me? Say.

Yes! Though even earth and heaven

Should pass away.

W. H. P., from J. M. NEALE.

Separation.

The seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins Neh. ix. 2.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Ps. i. 1, 2.

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. Prov. iv. 14, 15.

Now it came to pass, when they heard the law, they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. Neh. xiii. 3.

Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump. I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother, be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one, no, not to eat. Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which ye received from us. Men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 1 Cor. v. 6, 7, 11: 2 Thess. iii. 6: 1 Tim. vi. 5: 2 Tim. iii. 4, 5.

How sweet, with God, from sin apart;
His love transfused through all the heart.

W. H. P.

Separation.

Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. Israel then shall dwell in safety alone. Num. xxiii. 9: Deut. xxxiii. 28.

Thy people Israel . . . thou didst separate from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance. 1 Kings viii. 52, 53.

Ye shall not walk in the customs of the nations that I cast out before you; for . . . I am the Lord your God who have separated you from the peoples. And ye shall be holy unto me; for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that ye should be mine. Lev. xx. 23, 25, 26.

The people . . . that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, . . . came to their brethren, . . . and entered into an oath to walk in God's law . . . and to do all the commandments of the Lord. Neh. x. 28, 29.

I remember thee, . . . the love of thine espousals; how thou wentest after me in the wilderness . . . Israel was holiness unto the Lord. Now therefore make confession unto the Lord, . . . and do his pleasure; and separate yourselves from the peoples of the lands. Jer. ii. 2: Ezra x. 11.

He brought us out, that he might bring us in. Deut. vi. 23.

Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. John xv. 19: 2 Cor. ix. 17, 18.

Earth's fondest friendship I resign,
Its honors, wealth, and pleasure;
For I am His, and He is mine,
My Lord, my life, my treasure.

W. H. P.

Serving God.

They put away the strange gods from among them, and served the Lord. Judges x. 16.

We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord and served Baalim and Ashtaroth ; but now deliver us out of the hands of our enemies, and we will serve thee. 1 Sam. xii. 10.

If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve. If ye do return unto the Lord with all your heart, then put away the strange gods from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only. No man can serve two masters ; for either he will hate the one, and love the other ; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Joshua xxiv. 15 : 1 Sam. vii. 3 : Matt. vi. 24.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. God forbid that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods : for the Lord our God, he it is that brought us up . . . from the house of bondage, . . . and preserved us in all the way wherein we went ; . . . therefore will we also serve the Lord our God. The Lord our God will we serve. Joshua xxiv. 15, 18, 24.

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth : and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood and in Egypt ; and serve ye the Lord. Matt. iv. 10 : Joshua xxiv. 14.

All things do serve thee, Lord ;
All creatures great and small :
Help me to serve thee too, my God,
Thou Maker of us all.

H. BONAR.

Serving God.

A seed shall serve him. His servants shall serve him. Ps. xxii. 30 : Rev. xxii. 3.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people : that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear. Luke i. 68, 74, 75 : Heb. xii. 28.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Rom. xii. 1 : Heb. ix. 13, 14.

God, whose I am, and whom I serve;—is my witness : whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son. Acts xxvii. 23 : Rom. i. 9.

My son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind. For the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him. If any man serve me, him will my Father honor. 1 Chron. xxviii. 9 : 2 Chron. xxix. 11 : John xii. 26.

Dismiss me not, thy service, Lord,
But train me for thy will;
And I will ask for no reward,
Except to serve Thee still.

T. T. LYNCH.

Serving Others.

David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep. Acts xiii. 36.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us ; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 John iii. 16.

I am among you as he that serveth. As the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Luke xxii. 27 : Matt. xx. 28.

We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. For Christ also pleased not himself. Rom. xv. 1, 2, 3.

Let no man seek his own, but each his neighbor's good. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 1 Cor. x. 24 : Gal. vi. 2.

Though I am free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of the many, that they might be saved. 1 Cor. ix. 19 ; x. 33.

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be made rich. By love serve one another. 2 Cor. viii. 9 : Gal. v. 13.

All works are good, and each is best,
As most it pleases Thee :
Each worker pleases when the rest
He serves in charity ;
And neither man nor work emblesed
Wilt Thou permit to be.

T. T. LYNCH.

Sheep.

They go their way like sheep, they are all afflicted because there is no shepherd. Zech. x. 2.

I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. They were scattered, because there was no shepherd : and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. 1 Kings xxii. 17 : Ezek. xxxiv. 5.

My sheep wandered . . . upon all the face of the earth ; and . . . became meat to all the beasts of the field, because there was no shepherd. Ezek. xxxiv. 6, 8.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep. All we like sheep have gone astray : we have turned every one to his own way ; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Ps. cxix. 176 : Isa. liii. 6.

Ye were as sheep going astray ; but are now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. 1 Peter ii. 25.

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker : for he is our God ; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Ps. xcv. 6, 7.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. But a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him : for they know not the voice of strangers. John x. 27. 5.

I was a wandering sheep,
I did not love the fold ;
I did not love my Shepherd's voice,
I would not be controlled.

The Shepherd found His sheep,
Nigh famished on the wold,
And now I love my Shepherd's voice,
My Shepherd, and my fold.

FROM H. BONAR.

Shepherds.

Woe to the shepherds . . . that feed themselves. Should not the shepherds feed the flock? Ezek. xxxiv. 2.

The shepherds are become brutish, and have not inquired of the Lord; therefore they have not dealt wisely, and their flock are scattered. Jer. x. 21.

Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, saith the Lord. Therefore, thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock and driven them away, and have not visited them. My people hath been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place. All that found them have devoured them. Jer. xxiii. 1, 2; 1. 6, 7.

He that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. John x. 12, 13.

Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth the flock. Zech. xi. 17.

“Woe to the worthless shepherds,”
Who care not for the fold,
But who are only eager
For honors, ease, and gold.

Blest Jesus, Thou “Good Shepherd,”
When these false shepherds flee,
Mid dangers and deserts,
We'll trust our all to Thee.

W. H. P.

Showers.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth. Ps. lxxii. 6.

Are there any among the vanities of the heathen that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers. Jer. xiv. 22.

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. Zech. x. 1.

Thou visiteth the earth, and waterest it. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; settlest the furrows thereof; thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness: they drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills rejoice on every side. Ps. lxxv. 9-12.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, and my speech shall distil as the dew; as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as showers upon the grass. For thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. I, even I, will feed them in a good pasture. And I will make them, and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; and there shall be showers of blessing. Deut. xxxii. 2: Exek. xxxiv. 11, 14, 26.

“There shall be showers of blessing,”
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Saviour above;

“There shall be showers of blessing,”
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,
“Sound of abundance of rain.”

EL. NATHAN.

Sin.

Sin is the transgression of the law. All unrighteousness is sin.
1 John iii. 4 ; v. 17.

To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not,
to him it is sin. James iv. 17.

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Rom. xiv. 23.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret
sins in the light of thy countenance. Ps. xc. 8.

I know your manifold transgressions, and your
mighty sins. Amos v. 12.

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever
before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and
done evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified
when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.
For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and
our sins testify against us : for our transgressions are
with us ; and as for our iniquities, we know them. Ps.
li. 3, 4 ; Isa. lix. 12.

Be sure your sin will find you out. Num. xxxii. 23.

Mine iniquities have gone over mine head : as a
heavy burden are they too heavy for me. Ps. xxxviii. 4.
Fools make a mock at sin. Prov. xiv. 9.

Whosoever committeth sin is the slave of sin. John
viii. 34.

Whosoever committeth sin is of the devil, for the
devil sinneth from the beginning. 1 John iii. 8.

The soul that sinneth it shall die. Ezek. xviii. 4, 20.

He that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul :
all they that hate me love death. Prov. viii. 36.

My sins, my sins, my Saviour ! as on Thy soul they fell,
Their number and their greatness, who as Thyself can tell ?

W. H. P.

Sin Universal.

By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all sinned. For, by one man's disobedience the many were constituted sinners. Rom. v. 12, 19.

God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. Gen. vi. 12.

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside; they are altogether become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no not one. Ps. xiv. 2, 3.

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. For there is no difference: for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Rom. iii. 19, 22, 23.

There is no man that sinneth not. 1 King viii. 46.

We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; as it is written. There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips. . . . There is no fear of God before their eyes. Rom. iii. 9-13, 18.

There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Eccl. vii. 20.

Man sinned, and through and through
His heart and life the infection spread.
One sinned, and mortals scarcely knew,
Till the whole race in sin were dead.

W. H. P.

Singers.

The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after: among them were the damsels playing with timbrels. Ps. lxxviii. 25.

David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. 1 Chron. xiii. 8.

Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over the song; he instructed about the song; because he was skilful. For in the days of David and Asaph of old, there were chiefs of the singers and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. 1 Chron. xv. 22: Neh. xii. 46.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord. Ps. cxxxviii. 4, 5.

Kings of the earth, and all people, princes, and all judges of the earth, . . . let them praise the name of the Lord; for his name alone is excellent, his glory is above the earth and heavens. Ps. cxlviii. 11, 13

None saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night? Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, even a prayer unto the God of my life. Job xxxv. 10: Ps. xliii. 8. See lxxvii. 6.

Let the saints be joyful in glory, let them sing aloud upon their beds. Ps. cxlix. 5.

Sing to the God who gave thee cause, voice, and heart to sing,
To Jesus who is worthy, thy grateful anthems bring:
Sing of His saving power, His faithfulness and love;
And through life's latest hour sing on in realms above.

Singing glory! Hallelujah!

W. H. P.

Singers.

Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the business of the house of God. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. Nels. xi. 22; xii. 42.

The righteous doth sing and rejoice. Prov. xxix. 6.
Behold my servant shall sing for joy of heart. Isa. lxxv. 14.

I will sing a new song unto thee, O God; upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praise unto thee. Ps. cxliv. 9. See xl. 3.

Give thanks unto the Lord with harp. Sing praises unto him with a psaltery and on instruments of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Ps. xxxiii. 2, 3; cxlix. 1. See xevi. 1, 2; xxviii. 1.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Ps. civ. 33.

Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Eph. v. 18, 19.

I will sing with the spirit, I will sing with the understanding also. 1 Cor. xiv. 15.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. iii. 16.

God sent His singers upon earth,
With songs of gladness and of mirth;
That they might touch the hearts of men,
And bring them back to God again.
He gave a various gift to each,
To charm, to strengthen, and to teach.

STARK.

Singing.

These are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the Lord; . . . and they ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. 1 Chron. vi. 31, 32.

Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power. Ps. xxi. 13.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Ps. c. 2; cv. 2.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Ps. xcvi. 1.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day. Ps. xxx. iv; xevi. 2.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise. I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing praises with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel. Ps. lvii. 7; lxxi. 22.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God. Praise the Lord with harp; sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument with ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise. Ps. cxlvii. 7; xxxiii. 2, 3.

I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed. Ps. xiii. 6; lxxi. 23.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth; sing forth the glory of his name: make his praise glorious. Ps. lxvi. 1, 2.

Raised on devotion's lofty wing,
Do thou, my soul, His praises sing;
And let His praise employ thy tongue,
Till listening worlds shall join the song.

BLACKLOCK.

Sinigug.

Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises to the Lord. . . . And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped. 2 Chron. xxix. 30.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Ps. cxxvi. 1, 2.

Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things; let this be known in all the earth. Isa. xii. 5. See xlix. 13.

I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder; and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. Rev. xiv. 2, 3.

The four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof. For thou wast slain, and didst redeem us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and didst make us unto our God a kingdom of priests: and we shall reign on the earth. Rev. v. 8-10.

Faith tunes the lips to grateful song,
And peace and joy the notes prolong;
While hope's sweet foretaste in the soul
Stirs its rapt powers with love's control:
Till singing through death's gate it flies,
With eager transports to the skies;
There with the ransomed hosts to sing
The glories of its Saviour King.

W. H. P.

Sons of God.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom. viii. 14.

When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Gal. iv. 4, 5.

It shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God. Hosea i. 10.

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John i. 12.

Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life. Phil. ii. 14, 15.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. . . . Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1 John iii. 1-3.

Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Gal. iv. 6, 7.

What richer portion can a soul desire,
Or to what prouder heights can he aspire,
Than rightfully to claim God as his own,
And that the Lord should own him as His son.

Sorrowful Yet Rejoicing.

As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing. 2 Cor. i. 10.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines ; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat ; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls ; yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Hab. iii. 17, 18.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. Be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God. Ps. xcvii. 12 : Joel ii. 23.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. Ps. iv. 7.

The meek shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. Isa. xxix. 19.

Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted : but the rich, in that he is made low : because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. James i. 9, 10.

Happy are ye that weep now : for ye shall laugh. Happy are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy : for, behold, your reward is great in heaven. Luke vi. 21-23. See Acts v. 40, 41.

Weeping saint, why dost thou mourn ?
Jesus all thy grief hath borne.
He can heal thy sore and smart,
And relieve thy aching heart.

Weeping saint, dry up thy tears,
Banish sorrow, cease thy fears ;
Jesus knows and feels thy pain,
He will give thee joy again.

W. H. P., from A. M. TOPLADY,

Sowing and Reaping.

Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. vi. 7.

He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity. He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. Prov. xxii. 8 : Gal. vi. 8.

They that plow iniquity and sow wickedness, reap the same. They sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. Job iv. 8 : Hosea viii. 7.

He that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward. Prov. xi. 18.

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to mercy. Hosea x. 12.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Ps. cxxvi. 5, 6.

He that observeth the wind shall not sow ; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand : for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters. But thus I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly ; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you ; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness. Eccl. xi. 4, 6 : Isa. xxxii. 20 : 2 Cor. ix. 6, 8, 10.

Now the sowing and the weeping,
Working hard and waiting long ;
Afterward the golden reaping,
Harvest-home and grateful song.

F. R. HAVERGAL

Spirit of Wisdom.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding. Isa. xi. 2.

Thou gavest thy good spirit to instruct them. Neh. ix. 20.

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things. John xiv. 26.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. ii. 9-14.

Ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things. And ye need not that any one teach you: but his anointing teacheth you concerning all things. 1 John ii. 20, 27.

No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. xii. 3.

When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall bear witness of me: . . . for he shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you. John xv. 26; xvi. 14.

Spirit of truth dwell thou with me,
And let me more of Jesus see:
Shed on His word Thy light divine,
And make it with His radiance shine.

W. H. P.

Steadfastness.

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts ii. 42.

I will open my mouth in a parable : I will utter dark sayings of old : . . . shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord : . . . that they might set their hope in God : . . . and not be as their fathers, . . . a generation that set not their hearts aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God. For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant. Ps. lxxviii. 2, 4, 7, 8, 37.

If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him ; if iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot ; yea, thou shalt be steadfast. Job xi. 13-15.

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we are become partakers of (with) Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Heb. iv. 14 ; iii. 14.

Be sober, be vigilant ; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour : whom resist steadfast in the faith. Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest ye being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 1 Peter v. 8, 9 : 2 Peter iii. 17.

Settle and fix my wavering heart,
O blessed Christ, on Thee ;
And let it never more depart,
Or ever changeful be :

But like a tower amid the shock
Of bootless winds and tide,
Let faith firm founded on the rock,
In quiet peace abide.

W. H. P.

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Stewardship.

Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required. Luke xii. 48.

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards here, that a man be found faithful. 1 Cor. iv. 1, 2.

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter iv. 10.

David said, . . . Who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chron. xxix. 10, 14.

Freely ye have received, freely give. Matt. x. 8.

Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him. 2 Chron. xxxii. 25.

(Hannah said,) . . . For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore I also have lent him to the Lord as long as he liveth. 1 Sam. i. 27, 28.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? Ps. cxvi. 12.

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well-pleasing unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. xii. 1.

By lovingkindness, undeserved, divine,
 My whole desire is turned from self to Thee;
 Thou gracious Lord, I am no longer mine,
 But Thine to love and serve eternally—
 Accept the life which to Thyself I give,
 And in Thy service gladly will I live.

W. H. P.

Strength.

The Lord will give strength to his people. Ps. xxix. 11.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee. Give thy strength unto thy servant. Ps. lxxxiv. 5; lxxxvi. 16.

Seek the Lord, and his strength : seek his face evermore. The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. Ps. cv. 4 : Dan. xi. 32.

My soul droppeth for heaviness : strengthen thou me according to thy word. Ps. cxix. 28.

He giveth power to the faint ; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall : but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength ; they shall mount up with wings as eagles ; they shall run, and not be weary : and they shall walk and not faint. Isa. xl. 29, 31.

It is God that girdeth me with strength. Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle. In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul. Ps. xviii. 32, 39 ; cxxxviii. 3.

The God of Israel, he giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God. Ps. lxxviii. 35. See Eph. iii. 14, 16.

When I am weak, then am I strong. I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me. 2 Cor. xii. 10 : Phil. iv. 13.

As thy days, so shall thy strength be. My strength is made perfect in weakness. Deut. xxxiii. 25 : 2 Cor. xii. 9.

When cares and sorrows round me rise,
And hope grows weak, and comfort dies ;
When weary with my griefs and toils,
And from life's ills my heart recoils ;
With joy I hear Christ say to me,
E'en " as thy days, thy strength shall be."

W. H. P.

Strength.

He is wise in heart and mighty in strength. He is mighty in strength and wisdom. Job ix. 4; xxxvi. 5.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power; in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 1 Chron. xxix. 11, 12.

Ascribe ye strength unto God. God giveth strength and power unto his people. Ps. lxxviii. 34, 35.

O our God, . . . we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; . . . but our eyes are upon thee. 2 Chron. xx. 12.

Quit you like men, be strong. Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 1 Cor. xvi. 13 : Eph. vi. 10.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God. The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. Ps. lxxi. 16; cxviii. 14.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isa. xxvi. 4.

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Ps. xxvii. 1; Isa. xii. 2.

We pray for you, . . . that ye might be strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power. Col. i. 9, 11.

Strong in the Lord of hosts,
And in His mighty power,
The man who in the Saviour trusts,
Is more than conqueror.

C. WESLEY.

Strife.

Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love covereth all sins. Prov. x. 12.

A wrathful man stirreth up strife : but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife. Prov. xv. 18.

As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire ; so is a contentious man to kindle strife. Prov. xxvi. 21.

Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out ; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. Prov. xxvi. 20.

Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out ; yea, strife and reproach shall cease. Prov. xxii. 10.

He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife. Prov. xxviii. 25.

There was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. Luke xxii. 24.

It is an honor for a man to cease from strife : but every fool will be meddling. Prov. xx. 3.

The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water : therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with. Prov. xvii. 14.

Now the works of the flesh are, . . . emulations, wraths, strifes. Gal. v. 19, 20.

Whereas there is among you envying and strife, are ye not carnal and walk as men ?—Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory ; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 1 Cor. iii. 3 : Phil. ii. 3 : James iii. 16.

Blest are the men of peaceful life,
Who quench the coals of growing strife ;
They shall be called the heirs of bliss,
The sons of God—the God of peace.

I. WATTS.

Talking With God.

Abram fell on his face : and God talked with him. And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham. Gen. xvii. 3, 22.

O Lord, . . . let me talk with thee. Jer. xii. 1.

Arise and go forth into the valley, and I will talk with thee there. Ezek. iii. 22.

Surely I would speak with the Almighty. Job xiii. 3.

Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee. Ezek. ii. 1.

Call thou, and I will answer : or let me speak, and answer thou me. Job xiii. 22.

If he call thee, thou shalt say, Speak, Lord ; for thy servant heareth. 1 Sam. iii. 9.

Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, who am but dust and ashes. If now I have found grace in thy sight, show me a sign that thou talkest with me. Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice : cause me to hear it. Gen. xviii. 27 : Judges vi. 17 : Cant. viii. 13.

Ye yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. Ex. xx. 22.

If I speak to Him, will He hear me?
Will He deign to talk with man?
Lift up thy voice and address Him,
And His words in the Scriptures scan.

He hath come again to "the garden,"
And He speaketh to each one,
In words that are sweet and tender,
From the lips of His own dear Son.

W. H. P.

Talking with God.

The Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And . . . Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. Ex. xxxiii. 11 ; xxxiv. 29.

We have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth. Deut. v. 24.

Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of fire, as thou hast heard, and live? Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: . . . and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire. Deut. iv. 33, 36.

God, who in various ways spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. And . . . we have heard him, . . . and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. Heb. i. 1, 2 : John iv. 42.

Thou hast both seen him, and He it is that speaketh with thee. John ix. 37.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak ; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints : but let them not turn again to folly. I will set me upon my watch, . . . and will watch and see what he will speak unto me, and what I shall answer when I am argued with. Ps. lxxxv. 8 : Hab. ii. 1.

I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. He shall take of mine, and declare it unto you. John xvi. 12-14.

A little talk with Jesus,

How it smoothes the rugged road ;

How it seems to help me onward,

When I faint beneath the load.

When my heart is crushed with sorrow,

And mine eyes with tears are dim ;

There's naught can yield me comfort,

Like a little talk with Him.

F. J. CROSBY.

Testimony.

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. Rev. xii. 11.

O Lord, open thou my lips ; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. Ps. li. 15.

I am the Lord thy God : . . . open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Ps. lxxxii. 10.

I have yet to speak on God's behalf. Job xxxvi. 2.

Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace. Be not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. Acts xviii. 9 : 2 Tim. i. 8.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God ; I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only. Ps. lxxi. 16.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord. A true witness delivereth souls. Therefore speak what thou knowest. Holding forth the word of life. Isa. xliii. 10 : Prov. xiv. 25 : Job xxxiv. 33 : Phil. ii. 16.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. Ps. lxvi. 16.

Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. Mark v. 19.

We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen. John iii. 11. See Ps. xl. 9, 10.

He that cometh from above is above all. . . . And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth . . . He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. John iii. 31-33.

Tell men that Christ came to be their Redeemer ;
 Spread the glad tidings the wide nations o'er ;
 Speak it as softly as whispering zephyr ;
 Sound it as loud as the thunder can roar ;
 Herald it forth to the most distant shore,
 Till all shall hear it, believe, and adore.

W. H. P.

Temptation.

Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan. Matt. iv. 1: Mark i. 13.

We have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities ; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Heb. iv. 15.

In that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb. ii. 18.

Lead us not into temptation. Matt. vi. 13.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Matt. xxvi. 41.

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation. 2 Peter ii. 9.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man : but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able ; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. x. 13.

They on the rock are they, who, when they have heard, received the word with joy ; and these have no root, who for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. Luke viii. 13.

To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write ; . . . Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which is about to come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Rev. iii. 7, 10.

When temptations round me close,
And my faith and hope oppose ;
When the powers of sin assail,
And seem ready to prevail ;
Thou who once didst make them flee,
O defend and rescue me.

Even me.

W H. P.

Thanksgiving.

David . . . appointed . . . Levites . . . to thank and praise the Lord: . . . and to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at even. 1 Chron. xvi. 2, 4; xxiii. 30.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High. Ps. xcii. 1.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. Ps. cvii. 21, 22.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. Ps. xc. 2.

Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess: but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. v. 18-20.

I will give thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people. I will offer unto thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people: in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Ps. xxxv. 18; cxvi. 17, 19.

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name. Ps. l. 14; c. 4.

Thanks we give, and praises sing,
To our gracious God and King:
For the goodness He displays,
In His works, and in His ways.
Thanks we'll give, and songs of praise,
For His grace, through endless days.

W. H. P.

Thanksgiving.

Then . . . did David make it the chief work to give thanks unto the Lord. 1 Chron. xvi. 7.

I will praise the name of the Lord with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. And it shall please the Lord more than an ox or a bullock. Ps. lxxix. 30, 31.

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. v. 16-18.

Every creature of God is good, and to be received with thanksgiving. 1 Tim. iv. 4.

Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Phil. iv. 6: Col. iii. 15.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. By him therefore let us offer a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. 2 Cor. ix. 15: Heb. xiii. 15.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, . . . abounding therein with thanksgiving. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. Col. ii. 6, 7; iii. 17.

Thanks we'll give for ever, Lord,
For Thy goodness to our race;
For the treasures of Thy word,
And the riches of Thy grace.

W. H. P.

The Goodness of God.

The goodness of God endureth continually. Ps. lii. 1.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Ps. xxvii. 13.

I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. Ex. xxxiii. 19.

According to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Ps. xxv. 7; lxxvi. 5.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, unto the soul that seeketh him. Lam. iii. 25.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. Neh. i. 7.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Ps. xxxiv. 8.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. Ps. cxlv. 4, 7.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Ps. cxviii. 29.

There is none good but one, that is, God. Mark x. 18.

Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Ps. c. 4, 5.

O give to every human heart,
To taste and see how good Thou art;
With grateful love, and reverent fear,
To know how blest Thy children are!

P. DODDRIDGE,

The Good Shepherd.

The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John x. 11.

He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. Jer. xxxi. 10. See 1 Sam. xvii. 34, 35.

Behold, I will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock, . . . so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered. . . . And I will feed them with good pasture, . . . upon the mountains of Israel. Ezek. xxxiv. 11-15.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of death-shade, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Ps. xxiii. 1-4.

I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own: . . . and I lay down my life for the sheep. . . . And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. John x. 14, 15, 28. See vs. 29, 30.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that have their young. Isa. xl. 11. See Micah v. 4.

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine, . . . and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. Luke xv. 4, 5. See vs. 6, 7.

Blest Shepherd of Thy blood-bought sheep,
Who doth Thy flock in safety keep,
And kindly feed: I too would ever be
From want and worry free, tended by Thee.

W. H. P.

The Holy Spirit.

This spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive. John vii. 39.

God . . . hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.
1 Thess. iv. 8.

If ye being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke xi. 13.

(God) hath sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Cor. i. 22.

After ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance. Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Eph. i. 13, 14; iv. 30.

We through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Gal. v. 5.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Rom. xv. 13.

Take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Ps. li. 11.

My Spirit abideth among you. I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; . . . for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you? Hag. ii. 5: John xiv. 16, 17: 1 Cor. vi. 19.

Come Holy Spirit, dwell within my breast,
Calming its fears, and soothing me to rest.
Strengthen the hope by Thee in mercy given,
And be my earnest of, and guide to heaven.
So shall my heart be filled with love and praise,
And grateful songs my willing lips shall raise.

W. H. P.

The Human Heart.

God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Gen. vi. 5.

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God : God is not in all his thoughts. His ways are always grievous. He hath said in his heart, I shall never be moved. . . . His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud : under his tongue is mischief and vanity. He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten. . . . He will never see it. Ps. x. 4-11.

As he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Prov. xxiii. 7.

Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Eccl. viii. 11.

The heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live. Eccl. ix. 3.

Out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, . . . blasphemy, pride, foolishness ; all these evil things come from within. Matt. xv. 19 : Mark vii. 21-23.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked ; who can know it ? For the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. Jer. xvii. 9 : Gen. viii. 21.

Who can say, I have made my heart clean ? Create in me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me. Prov. xx. 9 : Ps. li. 10.

A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. . . . And I will cause you to walk in my statutes. Ezek. xxxvi. 26, 27.

Take Thou these stony, sinful hearts, O Lord ;
Transform, and cleanse them by Thy power and word ;
So shalt Thou be in them henceforth adored.

W. H. P.

The Lord—A King.

The Lord . . . was king in Jeshurun. The Lord shall be king of all the earth. Dent. xxxiii. 5 : Zech. xiv. 9.

Sing praises to God, sing praises ; sing praises unto our king, sing praises. God is the king of all the earth. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. Ps. xlvii. 6, 7 ; xev. iii.

The Lord most high is terrible : he is a great king over all the earth. I am a great king, saith the Lord of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen. Ps. xlvii. 2 : Mal. i. 14.

The Lord is king for ever and ever. The Lord sitteth king for ever. The Lord is . . . an everlasting king. Ps. x. 16 ; xxix. 10 : Jer. x. 10.

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your king. The Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. Isa. xliii. 15 : Num. xxiii. 21.

The Lord is our defence, and the Holy One of Israel is our king. Let the king hear us when we call. The Lord is our king ; he will save us. Ps. lxxxix. 18 ; xx. 9 : Isa. xxxiii. 22.

Sing, O daughter of Zion : shout, O Israel : . . . the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee. . . . The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty ; he will save. Zeph. iii. 14, 15, 17.

Thou art my king, O God. I will extol thee, my God, O king ; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Ps. xlv. 4 ; cxlv. 1.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him ; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. Ps. cxlix. 2.

What untold worlds Thy word commands,
Dread Sovereign of unnumbered lands !
Yet boundless as is Thy control,
Thou reignest Monarch in my soul.

W. H. P.

The Lord's Supper.

Upon the first day of the week, the disciples came together to break bread. Acts xx. 7.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one loaf, one body: for we are all partakers of that one loaf. 1 Cor. x. 16, 17.

Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it; and he gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the (new) covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. Matt. xxvi. 20, 26-29.

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus Christ the same night on which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 1 Cor. xi. 23-26.

Precious feast by Jesus given,
To remind us of His love;
And to point our thoughts to heaven,
To the festal board above;
Feeding on such precious fare,
Faith may well endure or dare;
Till in glory He shall come
For His bride to take her home."

W. H. P.

The Natural Man.

The carnal mind is enmity against God ; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Rom. viii. 7.

Who can say, I have made my heart clean ; I am pure from my sin ? Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Prov. xx. 9 : Ps. li. 5.

Though thou wash thee with nitre, and take much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord. Jer. ii. 22.

How many are mine iniquities and my sins ? Innumerable evils have compassed me about ; mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up : they are more than the hairs of mine head : therefore mine heart faileth me. Job xiii. 23 : Ps. xl. 12.

Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints ; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. How much less the abominable and polluted man, that drinketh iniquity like water ? Job xv. 15, 16.

Who can understand his errors ? Make me to know my transgression and my sin. I know nothing against myself ; yet am I not hereby justified. For in many things we all offend. If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. Ps. xix. 12 : Job xiii. 23 : 1 Cor. iv. 4 : James iii. 2 : 1 John i. 8, 10.

God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of men's heart is evil from his youth. The heart of the sons of men is full of evil. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it ? Gen. vi. 5 : Eccl. ix. 3 : Jer. xvii. 9.

How dreadful is the picture God's hand paints
Of sinful man, and even of His saints.
Man's nature is so sin-grained through and through,
That it must be created all anew.

W. H. P.

The Rich and Poor.

The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all. Prov. xxii. 2.

The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the Lord to make an atonement for your souls. Ex. xxx. 15.

God accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor, for they all are the work of his hands. Job xxxiv. 19.

Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich. Prov. xxviii. 6.

Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. Prov. xi. 4.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. Ps. xxxvii. 16.

Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. Prov. xvi. 8.

The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. Eccl. v. 12.

Take heed and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack. Luke xii. 15: 2 Cor. viii. 15.

The rich and poor of every land and age,
The high and low, the simpleton and sage,
Helpless and naked all alike were born,
And all to death and dust alike return.
Their good or ill ends not with each alone,
But meets them all before God's judgment throne.
Then poor will be the rich in naught but gold,
And poverty acquire wealth untold.

W. H. P.

The Righteous.

The Lord loveth the righteous. Ps. cxlvi. 8.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth them out of them all. He heareth the prayer of the righteous. Ps. xxxiv. 19 : Prov. xv. 29.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The desire of the righteous shall be granted. 1 Peter iii. 12 : Ps. xxxiv. 17 : Prov. x. 24.

The righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger and stronger. Job xvii. 9.

The righteous shall flourish like the balm tree : he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Ps. 12.

Verily there is a reward for the righteous. For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous ; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield. Ps. lviii. 11 ; v. 12.

Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth. To the righteous good shall be repaid. Say ye to the righteous, It shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Prov. xi. 31 ; xiii. 21 : Isa. iii. 10.

The righteous doth sing and rejoice. Prov. xxix. 6. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. The hope of the righteous is gladness. Ps. xxxiii. 1 : Prov. x. 28.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. Num. xxiii. 10.

The righteous hath hope in his death. Prov. xiv. 32.

O, how supreme the happiness
Of those who have God's righteousness ;
They live encircled by his love,
And dying dwell with Him above.

W. H. P.

The Righteous and the Wicked.

The Lord trieth the righteous ; but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Ps. xi. 5. See Prov. xi. 31.

Evil pursueth sinners ; but to the righteous good shall be repaid. Prov. xiii. 21. See Ps. i.

(God) will render . . . tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man that doeth evil ; . . . but glory, honor, and peace, to every man that worketh good. Rom. ii. 6, 9, 10. See Prov. xiv. 32 : Mal. iii. 18.

It shall be well with them that fear God : . . . but it shall not be well with the wicked. Eccl. viii. 12, 13.

Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him : for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked ! it shall be ill with him : for the reward of his hands shall be given him. Isa. iii. 10, 11.

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. 2 Peter ii. 9.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory : and before him shall be gathered all nations : and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats : and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the king say to them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . Then shall he say also to them on his left hand, Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. . . . And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Matt. xxv. 31-46. See xiii. 40-43.

What untold blessings shall reward the just,
Both here on earth, and evermore in heaven ?
But oh, the wicked filled with anguish must
Be into everlasting darkness driven.

W. H. P.

The River.

A river went out of Eden to water the garden. Gen. ii. 10.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it ; thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water. Ps. lxxv. 9. See xxxvi. 8.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them. . . . I will open rivers on the bare heights ; and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. Isa. xli. 17, 18 ; xliii. 20.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. Ps. xlvi. 4.

He that believeth on me, . . . out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. John vii. 38.

Behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house, . . . at the south side of the altar ; . . . to the ankles ; . . . knees ; . . . loins ; . . . waters to swim in ; a river that could not be passed over. . . . And . . . everything that liveth, . . . whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live. . . . And by the river, upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof fail ; it shall bring forth fruit every month. . . . And the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine. Ezek. xlvi. 1-5, 9, 12.

He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. And on either side of the river was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month : and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Rev. xxii. 1, 2.

God's river broadens as it flows,
And calmer, clearer, deeper grows ;
Till myriads gather on its strand,
With trees of life on either hand.

W. H. P.

The Rock.

He opened the rock and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river. They drank of that spiritual rock which followed them; and that rock was Christ. Ps. cv. 41: 1 Cor. x. 4.

A man shall be as an hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest: as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Isa. xxxii. 2.

Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by. Ex. xxxiii. 21, 22.

Their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. Neither is there any rock like our rock. For who is God, save the Lord? and who is a rock save, our God? The Lord liveth, and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation. Deut. xxxii. 31: 1 Sam. ii. 2: 2 Sam. xxii. 32, 47.

Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak; and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. . . . Ascribe ye greatness unto our God. The Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. Deut. xxxii. 4.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress; my . . . God, my rock, in whom I will trust. Ps. xviii. 2.

Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Rom. ix. 33.

O safe to the rock that is higher than I,
My soul in its sorrow and conflicts would fly:
So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine would I be:
Thou blest "Rock of Ages," I'm hiding in Thee!
Hiding in Thee!

W. O. CUSHING.

The Saviour.

God according to his promise, raised unto Israel a Saviour, even Jesus. Acts xiii. 23.

O thou hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a sojourner in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man that cannot save? Jer. xiv. 8, 9.

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Isa. lxiii. 1. See Zeph. iii. 17.

We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John iv. 14.

The angel said unto the shepherds, Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Him hath God exalted with his own right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto Israel and the remission of sins. Luke ii. 10, 11: Acts v. 31.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. 1 Tim. i. 15: Acts iv. 12.

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. John x. 9: Luke xix. 10.

The Saviour! O what endless charms
Dwell in that blissful sound;
Its influence every fear disarms
And spreads delight around.

A. STEELE.

The Tongue.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Prov. xviii. 21.

Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked ;
from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity : who
whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to
shoot their arrows, even bitter words : that they may
shoot in secret at the perfect : suddenly do they shoot
at him, and fear not. Ps. lxiv. 2-4.

Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue :
neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it
cometh. Job v. 21.

My soul is among lions : and I lie even among them
. . . whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue
a sharp sword. Continually are they gathered together
for war. They have sharpened their tongue like a ser-
pent ; adders' poison is under their lips. Ps. lvii. 4 ;
xli. 3.

Why boasteth thou thyself in mischief ; O mighty
man ? . . . Thy tongue deviseth mischief ; like a sharp
razor, working deceitfully. . . . Thou lovest all devour-
ing words, O thou deceitful tongue. God shall likewise
destroy thee for ever. Ps. lii. 1-5.

Then said they, Come, let us devise devices against
Jeremiah. . . . Come, and let us smite him with the
tongue. Jer. xviii. 18.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and
bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this
man's religion is vain. Behold, how great a matter a
little fire kindleth ! And the tongue is a fire, a world
of iniquity ; . . . it defileth the whole body, and setteth
on fire the course of nature ; and it is set on fire of hell.
. . . . The tongue can no man tame ; it is an unruly evil,
full of deadly poison. James i. 26 ; iii. 5-8.

Take my tongue, and let it be
From all evil wholly free ;
Speaking only words that flow
From a heart as pure as snow.

W. H. P.

The Word of Life.

Holding forth the Word of Life. Phil. ii. 16.

Man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God doth man live. Deut. viii. 3.

Incline your ear, and come unto me : hear and your soul shall live. He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but is passed out of death into life. Isa. lv. 3 : John v. 24.

Thy word hath quickened me. Ps. cxix. 50.

The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John vi. 63. See James i. 21 : 2 Tim. iii. 15.

Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. James i. 18 : 1 Peter i. 23.

Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me. These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God ; and that believing, ye might have life through his name. John v. 39 ; xx. 31.

I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. Job xxiii. 12.

And now, I commend you to God, and to the word of grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified. Wherefore putting away all wickedness, . . . as new-born babes, long for the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. Acts xx. 32 : 1 Peter ii. 1, 2.

God's word is fraught with life and quickening power ;
And, like the seed beneath the genial shower,
Yields to the influence of the sun and soil,
And with rich fruit repays the sower's toil.

W. H. P.

The Word of Power.

The king's word hath power. Upholding all things by the word of his power. Eccl. viii. 4 : Heb. i. 3.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God. For he commanded, and they were created. Heb. xi. 3 : Ps. cxlviii. 5.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made : and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth. For he spake, and it was done : he commanded and it stood fast. Ps. xxxiii. 6, 9. See Gen. i. 3-24.

Lo, he uttereth his voice, and that a mighty voice. For he is strong that executeth his word. Ps. lxxviii. 33 : Joel ii. 11.

My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isa. lv. 11.

For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb. iv. 12.

Is not my word like as to fire ? saith the Lord : and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces ? Jer. xxiii. 29.

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee. And they were astonished at his teaching ; for his word was with power. Luke iv. 14, 32.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. John v. 25.

What power inheres in Thine almighty word,
Thou sovereign framer of all worlds, and Lord ;
Speak to the nations, and each wayward soul,
And bid them yield to Thy divine control.

W. H. P.

Tithes.

Melchizedek king of Salem . . . was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed . . . Abram. . . . And he gave him tithes of all. Gen. xiv. 18-20.

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: and this stone which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. Gen. xxviii. 20-22.

All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. Lev. xxvii. 30, 32: Deut. xiv. 22.

As soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. 2 Chron. xxxi. 5.

Bring ye all the tithes unto the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Mal. iii. 10.

Oh, render with a willing heart
 To God His own and rightful due;
 The tenth has ever been His part,
 Of all that breathed the air, or grew.
 And when to Him His own was given,
 The land enjoyed the smile of heaven.

W. H. P.

Tried.

The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold, but the Lord trieth the hearts. Prov. xvii. 3.

After these things God did try Abraham. By faith Abraham when he was tried; offered up Isaac, and he that had received the promises offered up . . . his only begotten son. Gen. xxii. 1; Heb. xi. 17.

The Lord trieth the righteous. Ps. xi. 5.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. Ps. xxvi. 2.

The righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. Ps. vii. 9.

I know my God, that thou triest the hearts. Thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee. 1 Chron. xxix. 17; Jer. xii. 3.

The Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of their doings. Jer. xvii. 10.

Thou, O God, . . . hast tried us as silver is tried. Ps. lxvi. 10.

I have refined thee, but not with silver: . . . I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. Isa. xlvi. 10.

When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Job xxiii. 10.

He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years. Mal. iii. 3, 4.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

G. KEITH.

Tried.

Others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: . . . (of whom the world was not worthy). Heb. xi. 36, 38.

The Lord appeared unto (Moses) in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and . . . behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. Ex. iii. 2.

When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee: . . . for I am with thee. Isa. xliii. 2, 5.

We went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. Ps. lxvi. 12. See Daniel iii. 19-25.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into various trials, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. That the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be proved by fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Jas. i. 2: 1 Peter i. 7.

The Lord's fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem. For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Isa. xxxi. 9: Mark ix. 49.

Everything that may abide the fire, ye shall make it go through the fire, and it shall be clean. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be tried by fire; and the fire shall prove each man's work, of what sort it is. Num. xxxi. 23: 1 Cor. iii. 13.

Trials make the promise sweet;
Trials give new life to prayer;
Trials bring me to His feet,
Lay me low and keep me there.

WM. COWPER.

Trusting God.

Hezekiah . . . trusted in the Lord God, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any before him. 2 Kings xviii. 4.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Ps. cxviii. 8, 9.

Put not your trust in princes ; nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. Trust not in any brother. Thus saith the Lord, Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh. Ps. cxlvi. 3 : Jer. ix. 4 ; xvii. 5, 6.

Oh how great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee : which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men. Ps. xxxi. 19.

O taste and see that the Lord is good : blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Ps. xxxiv. 8.

Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. Ps. xl. 4 ; lxxxiv. 12.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh ; . . . neither shall cease from yielding fruit. Jer. xvii. 7, 8.

Lord, how blessed it would be,
Did we only trust in Thee ;
Trust Thy wisdom, love and power,
Fully, firmly, every hour.

W. H. P.

Trusting God.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but whose trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about. Ps. xxxii. 10.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy. . . . O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Ps. lxxxvi. 1, 2.

I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. Zeph. iii. 12.

Mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord; in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute. Ps. xli. 8.

Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Ps. xxxvii. 3.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed trusting in the Lord. Isa. xxvi. 3: Ps. exii. 7.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Isa. l. 10.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust him. Job xiii. 15.
Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Prov. xxix. 25.

Our fathers trusted in thee; they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. . . . They trusted in thee, and were not confounded. Ps. xxii. 4, 5.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. Ps. cxxv. 2.

When the days are dark and chill,
And God's ways seem full of ill,
Trust Him still.
Trust Him fully, firmly, ever,
And He'll surely fail thee never;
Trust Him ever.

W. H. P.

Trusting the Lord.

Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. Prov. xvi. 20.

They that know thy name will put their trust in thee : for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. Ps. ix. 10.

That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee, this day, even to thee. Prov. xxii. 19.

O my God, I trust in thee ; let me never be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph. In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion. Ps. xxv. 2 ; lxxi. 1.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord : he is their help and their shield. As for God, his way is perfect ; the word of the Lord is tried : he is a buckler to all them that trust in him. Ps. cxv. 11 : 2 Sam. xxii. 31.

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I have put my trust ; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Ps. lvi. 3, 4.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants ; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. Ps. xxxiv. 22 ; ii. 12.

Behold, God is my salvation ; I will trust and not be afraid : for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song ; he also is become my salvation. Isa. xii. 2.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever ; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isa. xxvi. 4.

Leave God to order all thy ways,
And trust in Him, whate'er betide ;
Thou'lt find Him in the evil days
Thy all-sufficient strength and guide ;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love,
Builds on the rock that none can move.

G. C. NEWMARK.

Unbelief.

The Lord . . . was wrath, . . . because they believed not in God, and trusted not in His salvation. Ps. lxxviii. 21, 22.

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Rom. xiv. 23.

When he (the Comforter) is come, he will reprove the world of sin, . . . because they believed not on me. John xvi. 8, 9.

To whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Heb. iii. 18, 19.

They are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. They despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word. Deut. xxxii. 20 : Ps. cvi. 24, 25.

Without faith it is impossible to please God : for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them : but seek after him. Heb. xi. 6.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? He that believeth not God hath made him a liar ; because he hath not believed in the witness that God hath borne concerning his Son. Rom. x. 14 : 1 John v. 10.

He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. John iii. 18.

He that believeth not the Son shall not see life ; but the wrath of God abideth on him. But the fearful, and unbelieving, . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. John iii. 36 : Rev. xxi. 8.

O sin of sins, to think that God can lie !
That He whose word sustains the earth and sky,
Can ever let one word that He has spoken,
Or promise sure that He has made, be broken.

W. H. P.

Unbelief versus Faith.

He did not many mighty works there, because of their unbelief. Jesus seeing their faith, said to the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins are forgiven. Matt. xiii. 58: Mark ii. 5, 6: See vi. 5, 53-56.

Elisha's servant.—Alas, my master, what shall we do? 2 Kings vi. 15.

Elisha.—Fear not; for they that be with us, are more than they that be with them. 2 Kings vi. 16.

The children of Israel.—Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Ex. xiv. 11.

Moses.—Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you to-day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. Ex. xiv. 13.

The spies.—We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. There we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, who come of the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. Num. xiii. 31, 33.

Caleb.—Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. Num. xiii. 30.

Saul.—Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. 1 Sam. xvii. 33.

David.—The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. 1 Sam. xvii. 37.

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe.

WM. H. BATHURST.

Under His Wings.

Boaz said unto (Ruth), . . . The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord (God) of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. Ruth ii. 11, 12.

Hide me under the shadow of thy wings. Ps. xvii. 8.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust. Ps. xci. 4.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee; yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. Ps. lvii. 1.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, but ye would not. Luke xiii. 34.

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. I will trust in the covert of thy wings. In the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Ps. xxxvi. 7; lxi. 4; lxiii. 7.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders. Ps. xci. 1; Deut. xxxiii. 12.

In God I have found a retreat,
Where I can secretly abide:
No refuge nor rest so complete;
And here I intend to reside.

O what comfort it brings, as my soul sweetly sings;
I am safe from all danger while under His wings.

ASA HULL.

Unfruitful.

These are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. Mark iv. 18, 19.

Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images. Hosea x. 1.

What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? Therefore I say unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. Isa. v. 4: Matt. xxi. 43.

And (Jesus) . . . was hungry: and seeing a fig tree afar off, having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves. Mark xi. 12, 13.

Jesus said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. He also spake this parable: A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he to the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down: why cumbereth it the ground? Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he pruneth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Mark xi. 14: Luke xiii. 6, 7: John xv. 2: Matt. iii. 10.

“Nothing but leaves?” No word or deed,
The sad to cheer, the hungry feed:
“The harvest past,” no gathered sheaves!
For heaven’s garner nought but leaves!

W. H. P.

Unholy Alliances.

Can two walk together except they be agreed? Amos iii. 3.

It came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them wives of all that they chose. And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. Gen. vi. 1, 2, 11.

When the Lord . . . shall bring thee into the land, whither thou goest to possess it, and shall cast out many nations before thee; . . . thou shalt make no covenant with them; neither shalt thou make marriages with them; . . . for they will surely turn away your heart after other gods. Deut. vii. 1-4: 1 Kings xi. 2.

The children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites; and they took their daughters to be their wives; . . . and served their gods. Judges iii. 5, 6.

Ye have trespassed, and married strange women, to increase the guilt of Israel. Did not Solomon . . . sin by these things? Among many nations was there no king like him, beloved of his God. . . . Yet even him did strange women cause to sin. For, . . . when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods. Ezra x. 10: Neh. xiii. 26: 1 Kings xi. 4.

Ahab . . . took to wife Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, . . . and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. There was none like unto Ahab, who did sell himself to do . . . evil in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 1 Kings xvi. 30, 31; xxi. 25. See 2 Kings viii. 16, 18. Luke xiv. 20.

Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers. 2 Cor. vi. 14.

In every age and every clime,
From Adam to the present time,
The wife has brought her husband down,
Or been his strength, and joy, and crown.

W. H. P.

United Prayer.

The word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, . . . when they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and Regem-melech, and their men, to pray before the Lord. Zech. vii. 1, 2.

The children of Moab, . . . and Ammon, . . . came against Jehoshaphat to battle. And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord. 2 Chron. xx. 1, 3, 4.

Then upon Jahaziel, . . . came the spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation; and he said, . . . Thus saith the Lord, . . . Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. . . . To-morrow ye go down against them: for the Lord will be with you. 2 Chron. xx. 14-17.

Sennacherib king of Assyria, . . . entered into Judah, . . . to fight against Jerusalem. And Hezekiah the king, and Isaiah the prophet, . . . prayed because of this, and cried to heaven. 2 Chron. xxxii. 1, 2, 20.

And the Lord sent an angel, and cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. 2 Chron. xxxii. 21.

Many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord. Zech. viii. 22.

The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to intreat the favor of the Lord. Zech. viii. 21, 22.

Bright thy presence when it breaketh,
 Lord, on some rapt soul apart;
 But more blessedly it dwelleth,
 When in prayer heart kindles heart:
 Oh, the raptures
 From such aided lips that start.

From T. H. GILL.

United Prayer.

Peter therefore was kept in prison : but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. Acts xii. 5.

Then Daniel, . . . made the thing known to . . . his companions : that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret ; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Daniel ii. 17, 18.

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel ii. 19.

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. Acts i. 14.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts ii. 2, 4.

And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, . . . Now, Lord, behold their threatenings : and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word ; . . . and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy servant Jesus. Acts iv. 23, 24, 29, 30.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together ; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. Acts iv. 31.

What a mighty prayer love bringeth,
 When true hearts together yearn !
 What a fragrant fire upspringeth,
 When glad lips together burn,
 Sweet the incense heavenward borne.

From T. H. GILL.

Unity.

All the rest of Israel were of one heart to make David king.
1 Chron. xii. 38.

The multitude of them that believed were of one heart, and of one mind. Acts. iv. 32.

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another; . . . that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God. Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ, that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel. Rom. xv. 5, 6 : Phil. i. 27.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity ! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard : that went down upon the skirts of his garments ; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion : for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. Ps. cxxxiii. 1-3.

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you ; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment. If there be any consolation in Christ, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye may be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Finally, brethren, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 1 Cor. i. 10 : Phil. ii. 1, 2 : 2 Cor. xiii. 11.

How sweet the fellowship of souls on earth,
Inspired with kindred hopes and kindred aims ;
Knitted by unity of heavenly birth,
And fired alike with love's celestial flames :
Well do they thus commend the Saviour's love,
And prove their title clear to realms above.

W. H. P.

Unity.

All the people arose as one man. So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man. Judges xx. 8, 11.

As we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office : so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Rom. xii. 4, 5.

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. 1 Cor. xii. 27. See Eph. iv. 16.

As the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body : so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free ; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 1 Cor. xii. 12, 13.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling ; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Holy Father keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one even as we are one : . . . that they all may be one ; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. . . . I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one ; that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Eph. iv. 4-6 : John xvii. 11, 22, 23.

How blest the sacred tie that binds,
 In sweet communion, kindred minds !
 How swift the heavenly course they run,
 Whose hearts, whose faith, whose hopes, are one !
 Nor shall the glowing flame expire,
 When dimly burns frail nature's fire ;
 Then shall they meet in realms above,
 A heaven of joy, a heaven of love.

BARBAULD.

Upheld.

The Lord upholdeth the righteous. Ps. xxxvii. 17.

Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live ; and let me not be ashamed of my hope. Ps. cxix. 116.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord ; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down : for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. Ps. xxxvii. 23, 24.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation : and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Ps. li. 12, 13.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. Ps. cxlv. 14.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. Ps. cxix. 117.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. xxxiii. 27.

My soul followeth hard after thee : thy right hand upholdeth me. When I said, My foot slippeth ; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up. Ps. lxiii. 8 ; xciv. 18.

Fear thou not ; for I am with thee : be not dismayed ; for I am thy God : I will strengthen thee ; yea, I will help thee ; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. xli. 10.

What though we fall, and bruised and wounded lie,
Our lips in dust !
God's arm shall lift us up to victory !
In Him we trust.

FRANCES POWER COBBE.

Uprightness.

The way of the just is uprightness. His countenance doth behold the upright. Isa. xxvi. 7: Ps. xi. 17.

The Lord giveth wisdom: . . . he layeth up sound wisdom for the upright: he is a shield to them that walk uprightly. Prov. ii. 6, 7.

The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. lxxxiv. 11.

Let integrity and uprightnes preserve me. Ps. xxv. 21.

He that walketh uprightly walketh surely. Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved. Prov. x. 9; xxviii. 18.

The upright shall dwell in the land. He that walketh uprightly shall abide. Prov. ii. 21: Ps. xv. 2.

The generation of the upright shall be blessed. Ps. xii. 2.

He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one that walketh in his uprightnes. Isa. lvii. 2.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace. Ps. xxxvii. 37.

The upright shall dwell in thy presence. Ps. cxl. 13.

He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly, . . . shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him and his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off. Isa. xxxiii. 15, 17.

How doth the upright like the palm tree stand,
Giving health, wealth, and beauty to the land:
Loved of the Lord while here on earth they stay,
And called to glory when they pass away.

W. H. P.

Waiting for God.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him Lam. iii. 25.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. Ps. cxxx. 5, 6.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you : . . . blessed are all they that wait for him, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you. Ps. xxxvii. 7 : Isa. xxx. 18.

I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God : many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Ps. xl. 1-3.

It is good that a man should both hope, and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. Lam. iii. 26.

He will swallow up death in victory ; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God : we have waited for him ; . . . we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Isa. xxv. 8, 9 ; lxiv. 4.

Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. They shall not be ashamed that wait for me. Prov. viii. 34 : Isa. xlix. 23.

Wait for the Lord, and though He tarry, wait,
Ten thousand suppliants throng His palace gate,
Nor yet one faileth audience to obtain,
None is forgotten, none can plead in vain.

J. B. GREENWOOD.

Waiting Upon God.

They that wait upon the Lord, shall inherit the earth Ps. xxxvii. 9.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee ; let me not be ashamed. . . . Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed. Ps. xxv. 1-3.

Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land. Ps. xxxvii. 34.

O my strength, I will wait on thee. Ps. lix. 9.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength ; they shall mount up with wings as eagles ; they shall run and not be weary ; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. xl. 31.

My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him. Ps. lxii. 5.

Wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee. Prov. xx. 22.

Thou art the God of my salvation ; on thee do I wait all the day. My soul waiteth only upon God ; from him cometh my salvation. Ps. xxv. 5 ; lxii. 1.

Turn thou to thy God : keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually. Hosea xii. 6.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress ; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us. Ps. exxiii. 2.

Wait on the Lord : be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart : wait, I say, on the Lord. Ps. xxvii. 14. See Isa. li. 5.

Man's weakness, waiting upon God,
Its end can never miss,
For men on earth no work can do
More angel-like than this.

F. W. FABER.

Walking After, Before, with God.

They shall walk after the Lord. Hosea xi. 10.

Josiah made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord. And all the people stood to the covenant. 2 Kings xxiii. 3.

If the Lord be God, follow him. Be ye followers of God, as dear children. 1 Kings xviii. 21 : Eph. v. 1.

When Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord . . . said unto him, I am the Almighty God ; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. Gen xvii. 1. See xxiv. 40.

Jacob . . . blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, . . . bless the lads ; . . . and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. Gen. xlviii. 15, 16.

Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness ; . . . and thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 1 Kings iii. 6.

The Lord said unto (Solomon), If thou wilt walk before me as David thy father walked ; . . . then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. 1 Kings ix 3-5.

Enoch walked with God : and he was not ; for God took him. Gen. v. 24. See vs. 22 ; vi. 9.

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah vi. 8. See Rev. iii. 4.

Walking with Thee, my God, Saviour benign,
Daily confer on me converse divine ;
E'en as a friend with friend,
Cheered to the journey's end,
Walking with Thee.

G. RAWSON.

White Raiment.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment.
Rev. iii. 5.

I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Rev. vii. 9, 10.

Let thy garments be always white. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear. Eccl. ix. 8: Rev. iii. 18.

What are these that are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? Rev. vii. 13.

These are they that came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev. vii. 14.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. Rev. xix. 7, 8.

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. Rev. iii. 4.

Clad in robes of purest white,
Ransomed saints in glory stand,
Filled with rapturous delight
Never known on sea or land:
Singing songs of love and praise
To the Lamb, in sweetest lays,
Through unending blissful days.

W. H. P.

Whole-hearted.

Jehoshaphat sought the Lord with all his heart. 2 Chron. xxii. 9.

In every work that (Hezekiah) began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered. 2 Chron. xxxi. 21.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Ps. cxix. 2, 3.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Ps. cxix. 10.

If . . . thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. Deut. iv. 29. See 1 Kings xiv. 8.

I entreated thy favor with my whole heart: . . . I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes. Ps. cxix. 58, 145.

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jer. xxix. 12, 13.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Ps. cxix. 34. See 2 Chron. vi. 14.

What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Deut. x. 12, 13.

Spirit Divine, my soul inspire
With Thine own self-consuming fire;
That all my ransomed powers may be
A living sacrifice for Thee.

W. H. P.

Widows and Orphans.

Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and the widow. Deut. xxvii. 19.

Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, . . . that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless. Isa. x. 1. 2.

Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, . . . Oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless. . . . Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless. Zech. vii. 9, 10: Ex. xxii. 22-24.

If I have withheld from the poor their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; or have eaten my morsel alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof: . . . if I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless when I saw my help in the gate: let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone. When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me: because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. I was a father to the poor; and the cause that I knew not I searched out. Job xxxi. 16-22; xxix. 11-16.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James i. 27.

Blest they, like Job, the Christly friend of old,
Who cause the widow's heart for joy to sing:
While wants and woes that to them are not told,
They seek to find, and help and succor bring.

W. H. P.

Willing Service.

The king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint. 2 Sam. xv. 15.

Zebulon and Naphthali were a people that jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field. Judges v. 18.

My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the Lord. Judges v. 9. See vs. 2.

All the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goat's hair. And Moses called . . . every wise-hearted man, . . . even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it. . . . And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came, . . . and they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work. . . . And Moses gave commandment, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. . . . For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work, . . . and too much. . . . And Moses blessed them. Ex. xxxv. 26 ; xxxvi. 2-7 ; xxxix. 43.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters, . . . in singleness of your heart as unto Christ : . . . as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men ; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance : for ye serve the Lord Christ. Eph. vi. 5, 6 : Col. iii. 23, 24.

The willing women wrought with care,
On fringes, lace, and curtains fair,
Of wool, and goats', and camels' hair.
And so did men of greatest skill
Work with a ready heart and will,
In silver, gold, and jewels rare :—
And we like them would labor still.

W. H. P.

Wine.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prov. xx. 1.

Because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied. Hab. ii. 5.

Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink, that continue until night till wine inflame them. And the harp and the lute, the tabret and the pipe, and wine are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither have they considered the operation of his hands. Isa. v. 11, 12.

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Prov. xxiii. 29, 30.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter froward things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or . . . upon the top of the mast. They have stricken me, thou shalt say, and I was not hurt; they have beaten me, and I felt it not; when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again. Prov. xxiii. 29-35.

O thou invisible spirit of wine! if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil.
 O God! that men should put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains!
 That we should, with joy, pleasance, revel, and applause, transform ourselves into beasts! . . .
 To be now a sensible man, by-and-by a fool, and presently a beast!
 O strange!—Every inordinate cup is unblessed, and the ingredient is of the devil.

WM. SHAKESPEARE.

Wine Forbidden.

A bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God ; not given to wine. Titus i. 7.

When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the Lord : he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. Num. vi. 2, 3.

The angel of the Lord appeared unto Manoah, and said unto her, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Now therefore beware, and drink not wine nor strong drink : . . . for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb. Judges xiii. 3-5.

The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink ; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. Isa. xxviii. 7.

The Lord spake unto Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die : it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations : that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean ; and that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them, by the hand of Moses. Lev. x. 8-11.

(John) shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink ; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. Luke i. 15.

Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess ; but be filled with the Spirit. Eph. v. 18.

O ye to whom the Lord has given
The work of leading souls to heaven,
Touch not the cup that dims the eyes
For seeing clearly to the skies.

W. H. P.

Wisdom.

Wisdom is better than strength. Wisdom is better than weapons of war. Eccl. ix. 16, 18. See vii. 19. Prov. xxi. 22.

Where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. The depth saith, It is not in me; and the sea saith, It is not with me. It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. The gold and the crystal cannot equal it; and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding. Job xxviii. 12-20.

God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Job xxviii. 23, 28: Prov. ix. 10.

God giveth understanding unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding. Dan. i. 20, 21.

The Lord giveth wisdom. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous. Prov. ii. 6, 7.

Christ . . . is made unto us wisdom. 1 Cor. i. 30.

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col. ii. 3.

Wisdom hath treasures greater far
Than east or west unfold;
And her rewards more precious are
Than all their stores of gold.

MICHAEL LOGAN.

Wisdom.

Wisdom is before him that hath understanding. Prov. xvii. 24.

A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine. Eccl. viii. 1.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies : and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand ; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her : and happy is every one that retaineth her. Prov. iii. 13-18.

He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul. Wisdom giveth life to them that have it. Prov. xix. 8 : Eccl. vii. 12.

Riches and honor are with me ; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold ; yea, than fine gold ; and my revenue than choice silver. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord. Prov. iv. 18, 19, 35.

How much better it is to get wisdom than gold ! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver. For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. Prov. xvi. 16 ; viii. 11.

Wisdom is the principal thing ; therefore get wisdom : and with all thy getting get understanding. If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not ; and it shall be given him. Prov. iv. 7 : James i. 5.

How happy is the one who hears
Instruction's warning voice ;
And who celestial wisdom makes
His early, only choice.

MICHAEL LOGAN.

Wisdom Incarnate, or Jesus Born.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Matt. ii. 1.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isa. vii. 14.

She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus : for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. i. 21.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given ; and the government shall be upon his shoulders : and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace Isa. ix. 6.

And the angel said unto (the shepherds) ; Fear not : for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke ii. 10, 11.

When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh : that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Gal. iv. 4 : Rom. viii. 3, 4.

As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same ; that through death he might destroy him that hath the power of death, that is, the devil ; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Heb. ii. 14, 15.

Add to your brilliance, all ye stars of night,
Sing as ye fly, ye rapturous hosts of light ;
Earthward He comes, the best beloved on high,
As man to live, for sinful man to die.

W. H. P.

Witnessing.

A true witness delivereth souls. Prov. xiv. 25.

A faithful witness will not lie. Out of the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. Prov. xiv. 5 : 2 Cor. xiii. 1.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe me, and understand, that I am he; . . . therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord. Isa. xliii. 10-12.

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Acts ii. 32. See iv. 20 ; v. 30-32.

When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, he shall testify of me : and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. John xv. 26, 27.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ : and great grace was upon them all. Acts iv. 33. See x. 40, 41 ; xiii. 30, 31.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day : and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. But ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you ; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Luke xxiv. 45-48 : Acts i. 8. See 1 John i. 1-3. Phil. ii. 14-16.

Blessed Spirit, of the Saviour
To my soul Thy witness bear ;
That I may with glowing ardor,
To mankind His love declare.

W. H. P.

Women Witnessing.

The Lord giveth the word ; and a great company of women publish the glad tidings. Ps. lxxviii. 11.

The angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye : for I know that ye seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here ; for he is risen, even as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples, He is risen from the dead. . . . And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word. Matt. xxviii. 5-8.

Certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre ; and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them that were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even as the women had said. Luke xxiv. 22-24.

These all continued with one accord in prayer, and supplication with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all together in one place. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts i. 14 ; ii. 1, 4.

And Peter said : . . . This is that which was spoken, by the prophet Joel ; It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh : and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. . . . And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit ; and they shall prophesy. Acts ii. 14-18.

“ The Lord doth give the word,” and far and fleet,
The women carry it with willing feet :
Not in the high broad ways where walketh fame,
But in earth's lowly haunts they tell His name.

KATE S. MCLAURIN.

Women Working.

Many women . . . followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him. Matt. xxvii. 55, 56. See xxvi. 6-13.

All the widows stood by (Peter) weeping, and showing the coats and garments which (Dorcas) had made, while she was with them. Acts ix. 39.

I will . . . that women adorn themselves in modest apparel; not with braided hair, and gold, or pearls, or costly raiment; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. 1 Tim. ii. 8, 9.

A woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised. Prov. xxxi. 30.

I commend unto you Phoebe our sister, a servant of the church at Cenchrea: that ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever she hath need of you: for she hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also. And I entreat thee also, true yoke-fellow, help those women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow-laborers, whose names are in the book of life. Rom. xvi. 1, 2: Phil. iv. 3.

“Who can find a virtuous woman?
 For her price exceeds rubies” and gold.
 “The heart of her husband can trust her,”
 With its treasures unsealed and untold.
 She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
 In her tongue is the sweet law of love;
 She looks to the ways of her household;
 And she fears the Lord all things above.
 Then “give her the fruit of her doings,”
 Let her praises her virtues recall;
 “For many have done virtuously,
 But thou truly excellest them all.”

W. H. P.

Work.

*The potters, and those that dwell among plantations and hedges,
... dwell with the king for his work. 1 Chron. iv. 23.*

His work is honorable and glorious. Ps. cxi. 3.
To every man his work. Mark xiii. 34.

We must work the works of him that sent me while
it is day; the night cometh when no man can work.
John ix. 4.

Son, go work to-day in my vineyard. Whatsoever
thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might: for there
is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in
the grave, whither thou goest. Matt. xxi. 28: Eccl.
ix. 10.

My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. My meat
is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his
work. John iv. 34: v. 17.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even
our Father, . . . comfort your hearts, and stablish them
in every good work and word. 2 Thess. ii. 16, 17.

I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished the
work which thou gavest me to do. John xvii. 4.

Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in
the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your
labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. xv. 58.

Unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy, for thou ren-
derest to every man according to his work. Ps. lxii. 12.

Be ye strong, and let not your hands be slack: for
your work shall be rewarded. I will give unto each of
you according to your works. 2 Chron. xv. 7: Rev. ii.
23.

To the work! To the work! We are servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our Master hath trod;
With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

F. J. CROSBY.

Work.

Paul thought not good to take with them him who withdrew from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. Acts xv. 38.

The Tekoites repaired ; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord. Neh iii. 5.

Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently. Jer. xlvi. 10.

Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king may appoint. 2 Sam. xv. 15.

Be strong all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work : for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you ; that ye, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. Hag. ii. 4 : 2 Cor. ix. 8.

They said, Let us rise up and build ; so they strengthened their hands for this good work. And all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof : for the people had a mind to work. Neh. ii. 18 ; iv. 6.

The workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it. And . . . they delivered the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, . . . and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the Lord, to repair and amend the house. And the men did the work faithfully. 2 Chron. xxiv. 13 ; xxxiv. 9-12.

Work in the early morning,

Work through the glowing noon ;

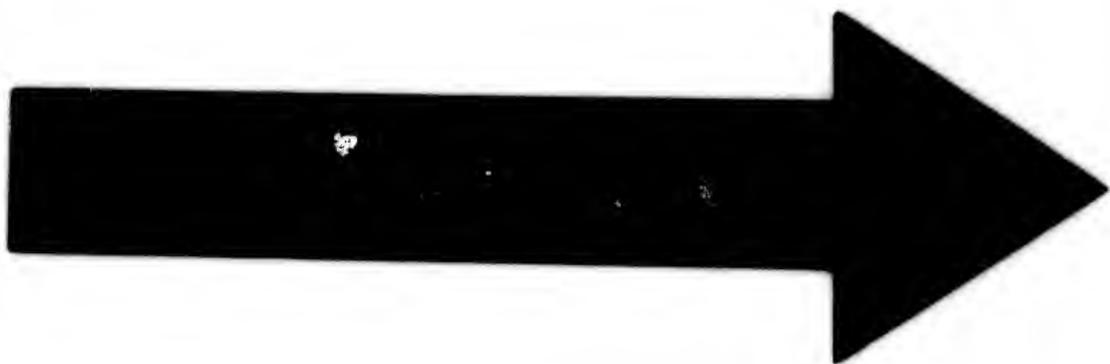
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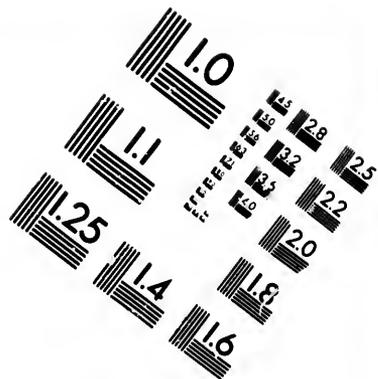
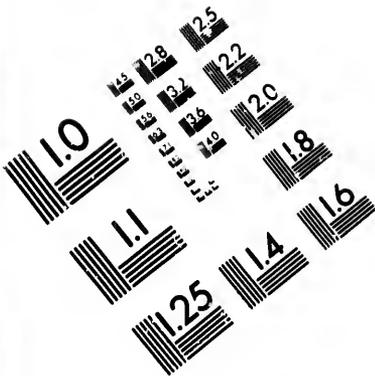
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Work with a will while life is given,

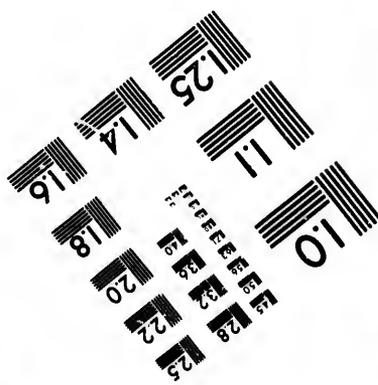
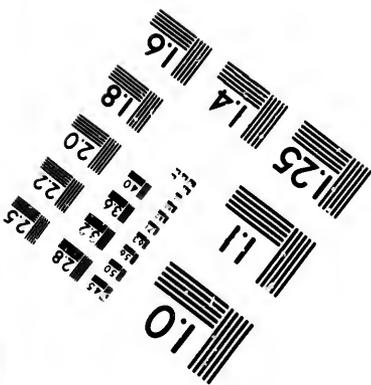
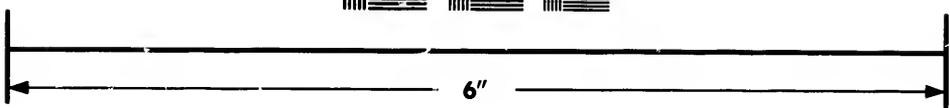
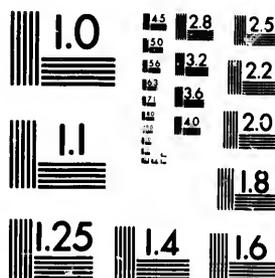
And then for rest go home to heaven.

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Young Men.

Young men, . . . let them praise the name of the Lord. Ps. cxlviii. 12, 13.

The witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen. And Saul was consenting unto his death. As for Saul, he made havoc of the church;—breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord. Acts vii. 58, 59; viii. 1, 3; ix. 1.

Run, speak to this young man:—for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel, for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. Zech. ii. 4: Acts ix. 15, 16.

Benhadad, king of Syria, gathered all his hosts together; . . . and he went up and besieged Samaria. And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab, king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou seen this great multitude? Behold I will deliver it this day into thine hand. . . . And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the Lord, by the young men of the princes of the provinces. And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; . . . and they slew every one his man; and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them. And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter. 1 Kings xx. 1, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21.

The glory of young men is their strength. I have written unto you young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one. Prov. xx. 29: 1 John ii. 14.

Young men God summons to the front,
To brave the battle's bannered brunt:
The world expects young men to win,
In battling with the powers of sin:
The Church looks for her sons to bring
Fresh trophies for their conquering King.

W. H. P.

Assurance.

I know not what may be my lot,
 In palace grand or lowly cot ;
 But humble though my home may be,
 The King of Glory dwells with me.
Chorus.—For I know whom I have believed,
 And am persuaded that He is able
 To keep that which I've committed
 Unto him against that day.

I know not what may be my pain,
 My grief, my loss, my joy, or gain :
 But having Him my soul hath claimed,
 The Christ of God, "I'm not ashamed."
Cho.—"For I know whom," etc.

I know not what fond friend may go,
 And leave me, or become my foe :
 But having found the Friend I need,
 He'll ever be my Friend indeed.
Cho.—"For I know whom," etc.

I know not what the way may be,
 The time or place He'll come for me :
 But little need I fear or care
 How life may close, or when, or where.
Cho.—"For I know whom," etc.

I know not on what blissful shore,
 May be my dwelling evermore :
 What sights may answer life's long dream,
 What service sweet, or joys supreme.
Cho.—But "I know whom," etc.

W. H. P.

Give Thanks.

“David made it the chief work to give thanks unto the Lord.”

Give thanks to God all people of all climes ;
 Give thanks to Him in all things, at all times ;
 Give thanks with heart and tongue, in prose and rhyme ;
 Give thanks in language simple and sublime.

Give thanks in childhood's gladsome, sunny hours ;
 Give thanks in youth's maturer, fuller powers ;
 Give thanks when life supplies the best it can ;
 Give thanks when age is running out its span.

Give thanks in health and sickness, loss and gain ;
 Give thanks in want and wealth, in ease and pain ;
 Give thanks when love and friendship cheer and bless ;
 Give thanks when hatred harms thee none the less.

Give thanks to God for what He is, the One
 For ever blessed Father, Spirit, Son :
 Give thanks for what He causes thee to know
 Of all the good His mercy doth bestow.

Give thanks for what of us He doth require,
 And that to do, He gives us the desire.
 Give thanks for longings that within us rise,
 And hope to realize them in the skies.

Give thanks for cloud and sunshine, joy and tears ;
 Give thanks for glowing hopes, and gloomy fears ;
 Give thanks that what He takes, and what survives,
 Weave golden threads of worth into our lives.

Give thanks that what sight faileth to perceive,
 Faith to God's loving care, can calmly leave :
 And since He cannot but do all things best,
 Give thanks for what He does, and trust the rest.

W. H. P.

Glad Tidings.

What vision bright o'er Judah's plains appears ?
 What rapturous songs salute the shepherds' ears ?
 Angels with news from heaven to earth draw near ;—
 Tidings the world has waited long to hear.

Tidings of grace to those by sin undone,
 Freely bestowed through God's incarnate Son :
 Mercy and grace, unbounded and unbought,
 To guilty rebels, undeserved, unsought.

Mercy, which sinless angels could not know ;
 Or which to those that sinned God did not show :
 Mercy, to bear which demons would have flown,
 If to their race such mercy had been shown.

Mercy, which must have thrilled the wondering skies,
 As it unfolded to angelic eyes ;
 Filling those beings with such strange delight,
 As tuned their tongues, and winged their earthward flight.

Those heavenly notes above Judea's plains,
 Inspired the shepherds with their joyous strains,
 To spread abroad the tidings far and near,
 That love divine had tabernacled here.

Those tidings heralded by angels there,
 Have round the world re-echoed everywhere ;
 That God's own Son had left His throne on high,
 Becoming man, for sinful man to die.

Oh, message blest, well may we bear thee on
 To every tribe and land beneath the sun ;
 Till lightning-footed, thou hast coursed thy way,
 And hastened on the world's millennial day.

W. H. P.

"My Beloved."

Cant. v. 8-10, 16, etc.

Eager, and blind, the world would know,
 What charms in our "Beloved" we find ;
 What beauties in His features glow ;
 What matchless grace of form or mind :
 What music in His voice we hear,
 That He, than others is more dear.

We've seen the landscapes bloom afresh,
 Leaping from death's relaxing hand ;
 We've seen them clad in varied dress,
 From vernal bud to wintry band.

The fields adorned with flowerets bright,
 The meadows decked in living green,
 The stars dance through the azure night,
 The moon float through the lifts of sheen ;

The morning scatter pearls of light,
 And tinge with gold the eastern sky ;
 The heavens entrance the raptured sight,
 And earth charm the admiring eye :

But not the fairest flowers that grow,
 Nor charms of earth, or sea, or sky,
 Nor evening tints, nor morning's glow,
 With "Sharon's lovely rose" can vie.

The bow may span the clouded arch,
 Pencilled with bright and beauteous hues ;
 The sun through fields of ether march,
 Sparkle earth's myriad diamond dews ;

These may inspire the raptured ken,
 These may arouse the soul in part,
 But O, for burning words to pen
 His beauties, who has thrilled the heart.

Nature's are tame, including though
 All charms to ear, touch, taste, and eye,
 To "My Beloved," "whom to know,
 Is life," love, bliss, that never die.

The flowers we've nourished bloom and fade,
 And friends we've loved with ashes blend;
 Fadeless, "the lily of the glade,"
 Deathless, our ever-living "Friend."

Ye mountains stoop, nor stay His speed,
 Who cometh leaping o'er your height,
 Swifter than winged bird, or steed,
 Or viewless air, or arrowy light.

His breath the hoary fields of snow,
 Dissolves to myriad, murmuring rills;
 His steps, like dancing sunbeams glow,
 As "He comes skipping o'er the hills."

The fairest blossom has some speck,
 Nor faultless leaf on faultless trees;
 The Sun itself reveals a fleck,
 And shadows flit o'er sunniest seas;
 But "white and ruddy," spotlessly,
 And "altogether lovely" He.

The starry worlds that gleaming press,
 And round their dazzling centres run,
 Are but the outer, meaner dress,
 Of Him whose glance lights up the sun.

He speaks, and night's fair myriads dance,
 While beauty trails the glittering sky;
 Lightnings are shadows of His glance,
 And suns the curtains of His eye.

The sweetest strains the ear can greet,
 Are like hoarse waves upon the shore,
 Compared with Him whose "lips most sweet,"
 Wake the soul's music evermore.

W. H. P.

My Saviour.

Dear Saviour, may I call Thee mine ?
My hope, my friend, my guide ?
Perish in ruins all that would
With Thee my heart divide.

My Saviour's pard'ning voice I'd hear,
His saving power adore ;
And have His love and zeal inspire
My own, yet more and more.

My Saviour's hallowed cross I'd bear,
Who bore the cross for me ;
And who, in shameful agony,
Expired upon the tree.

My Saviour's lowly mind I'd have,
Ambitious thoughts at rest ;
And walking in His heav'nly ways,
Be with His presence blest.

My Saviour's arm I'd lean upon,
His power alone I'd prove ;
And knowing only His sweet will,
I'd prompt to duty move.

My Saviour's loving words I'd hear,
His wondrous works I'd trace ;
Till called to dwell for ever near,
And gaze upon His face.

W. H. P.

Repentance.

Though Thy children from Thee stray,
 Into sin's forbidden way ;
 Yet if they repentant be,
 Thou wilt show them leniency.

Though Thy children wayward prove,
 And abuse Thy tender love ;
 Yet if they repentant cry,
 Thou wilt mercy not deny.

Though Thy children from Thee turn,
 And Thine anger toward them burn ;
 Yet if they repentance show,
 Thou wilt cease to be their foe.

Though Thy children sin again,
 Thou wilt not Thy wrath retain ;
 But if they repentant call,
 Thou wilt freely pardon all.

Though Thy children pain Thy heart,
 And Thy rod hath made them smart ;
 If repentant they confess,
 Thou wilt pardon, heal, and bless.

Though Thy children wander far,
 As the most eccentric star,
 Yet repentant seek Thy face,
 Thou wilt them with love embrace.

W. H. P.

The Gracious Guest ;

OR, JESUS IN THE HOME.

How highly honored, and how richly blest,
Must be that home where Jesus is a Guest ;
How little need it covet aught beside,
If He but deign within it to abide.

How blest the day in Mamre's favored tent,
When heaven's messengers to it were sent ;
Grand hopes were Abram's ere those guests depart,
And strange delight filled Sarah's bounding heart.

But sweeter rapture Nazareth's home did thrill,
And deeper joy did Mary's bosom fill,
When He, whom heaven adored as Son and Guest,
Made that glad home of all on earth most blest.

A wondrous joy pervaded Bethany's home,
Whenever its most welcome Guest would come :
But O, what sorrow gathered day by day,
When He, the most desired, remained away.

"Hadst Thou been here," the sobbing sisters cried,
"Your friend, our brother Lazarus, had not died ;"
When, lo, the sympathizing "Jesus wept,"
And cried, "Come forth !" and he came forth that slept.

Sad was the home of Jairus, where was laid
The marble form of that young, beauteous maid,
Till Jesus came, and saying, "Maid, arise !"
Gave joy for tears to gladly wondering eyes.

In Cana's home, when failed the needed wine,
 "The conscious water owned" His power divine;
 And gladness grew to wonder, when 'twas learned
 That Jesus water into wine had turned.

Once at the home of Zaccheus, on the road
 Through Jericho, Jesus awhile abode;
 And henceforth, lo, that home of grinding greed,
 Noted became for kind and generous deed.

Thus homes of grief, with gladness Jesus filled;
 In homes of hatred, He His love distilled;
 In homes of guilt, He full forgiveness gave,
 And only, ever came to bless and save.

To lighten toil He came, and lessen care;
 Breathing His gracious Spirit everywhere:
 Making each heart more generous and kind,
 Stirring to nobler aims each sordid mind.

Nor from the Homes that want Him will He stay,
 Whatever sins or sickness bar His way:
 He comes to minister, to help, relieve;
 Glad only if the needy will receive.

Weary, He asks for shelter and for rest,
 But gives to those He asks from far the best.
 Hungry, He asks a crust, then He provides,
 And with the givers a rich feast divides.

He asks a cup of water for His thirst,
 Then gives a "well of living water" first.
 O Jesus, come, and be our constant Guest,
 And home with Thee will be supremely blest.

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The Transfiguration ;

OR, CHRIST'S COMING KINGDOM IN MINIATURE.

See Matt. xvi. 28 ; xvii. 1-8, 14-16 : 2 *Peter* i. 16-18.

Beneath the Mount, demons of darkness reign,
Exulting in their brief destructive hour ;
Loving and loved ones writhe in grief and pain,
Helpless alike against their torturing power.

Upon the Mount, far other scenes befall ;
The lowly Friend of men outshines the sun ;
Hades and death have yielded to His call,
And God from heaven has owned Him as His Son.

O Mount sublime, aglow with radiance rare,
Glimpse of the land where all is bright and fair ;
Where Jesus is the cloudless sun and soul,
And reigns with love's unlimited control.

Here shines that promised day's transplendent light,
While yet below prevail the shades of night ;
Here reigns earth's King with undisputed sway,
While all beneath in Satan's empire lay.

Here Jesus shows His Godhead, ere concealed,
And stands in glorious majesty revealed ;
Fulfils His promise to His followers spoken,
And of His coming kingdom gives a token.

Here Moses from his grave on Nebo stands,
Pledge of the dead arising in all lands :
That when Christ comes in glory from the skies,
Those who have slept in Him shall wake and rise.

Elijah, too, who without dying rose,
Eluding all his mortal fears and foes,
Appears in glory with the Lord, to show
That when He comes, His people thus shall go.

O favored heralds of that rapturous day,
For which the saints with longing watch and pray ;
O foreflash blest, thou bright prophetic gleam,
The King shall yet fulfil that glorious dream.

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