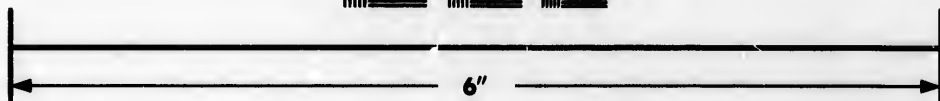


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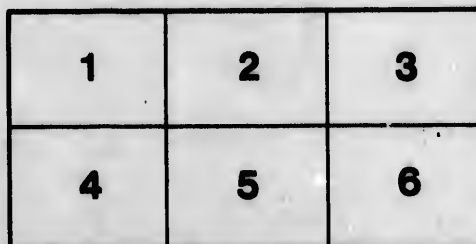
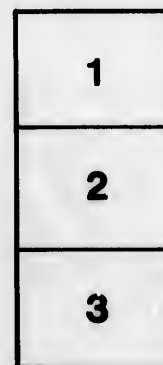
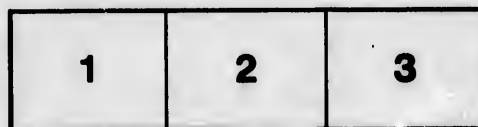
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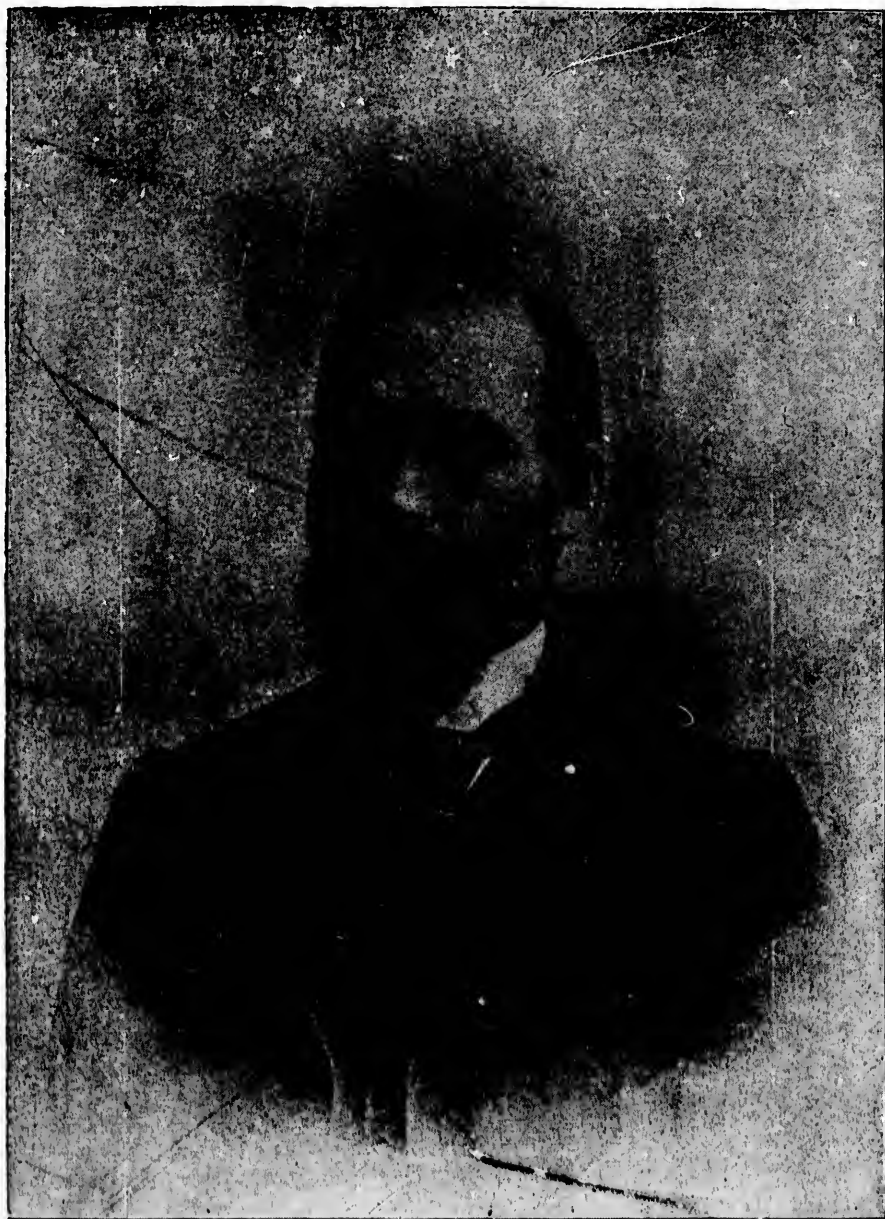
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How will thou then be added unto the King
Who will be added unto thee. Jer. 38: 26.

Talking with Thee, my God,
Saviour benign,
Truly confer on me
Converse divine;
Be thou as a friend with friend,
Guided to the journey's end,
Talking with Thee.

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Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the King
also what the King said unto thee. JER. 38 : 25.

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,
Talking with Thee.

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PREFACE.

This little book originated some FIFTEEN YEARS ago from a sermon by Rev. C. H. Spurgeon. Text, "Deep calleth unto deep." Subject, "The deeps in God answering to the deeps in man." As Rev. Dr. Fulton says, "The book was born, not made."

Its first suggested couplets were:—

"Keep me as the apple of the eye."

"He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of His eye."

"Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings."

"He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shall thou trust."

From this, the work went on, as time and labor from a busy pastorate could be given to it.

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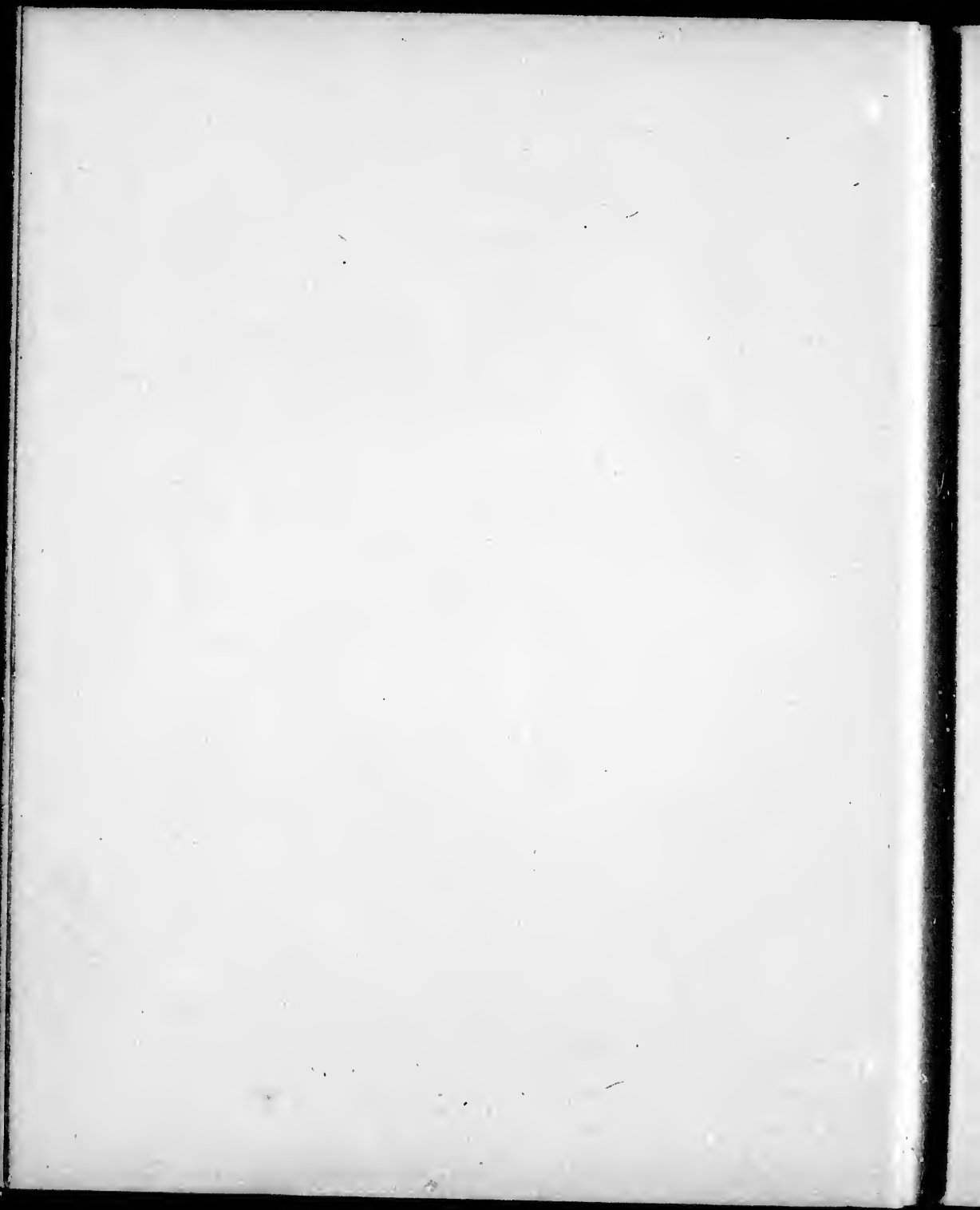
The present is a complete revision and enlargement of the latter volume, with poetry added.

The author's idea in preparing this book has been, that as poet and musician, artist and artizan aim to give effect, by skilfully selecting and arranging their material, so, and much more, should the composer of Scripture Readings. As Israel's royal poet said, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God which cost me nothing."

Thus in these readings, the author has endeavored, from various versions of the scripture, to select and arrange the passages faithfully, appropriately, tastefully, and responsively; developing in each topic the thought.

May He "who has magnified his word above all his name," own the imperfect endeavor, and make it a comfort and blessing to many.

AUTHOR.



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INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

Even a glance at "Converse with the King," reveals its rare value to the devout and diligent student of God's Word. It exhibits fine skill and taste in the selection of its topics, in their alphabetical arrangement, and in its thoughtful compilation of the Scriptures. But its special value is found in the fact that it brings the soul into communion with Him of whom the Scriptures testify. John 5: 39. And it is only in the perusal of the inspired writings we understand the meaning of the words, "The King is held in the galleries." Song 7: 5.

It was while the Psalmist spoke of the things he had made touching the King, his heart bubbled up, and his tongue became "the pen of a ready writer." Ps. 45: 1. And the reader of this book must experience something of the same joy, as he goes from subject to subject, day by day, beholding him whom the Redeemed and the Angels delight to adore. Rev. 5. To him shall be fulfilled in measure here, the promise fulfilled without measure hereafter, "Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty." Isa. 33: 17.

After all, there is nothing like the word of God to confirm and comfort the believer, to guide and guard his steps, to sanctify and strengthen him along his pilgrim way to meet the Lord in the air. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous

altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold ; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Ps. 19 : 7-10.

May those who have "Converse with the King," be as the King himself, who could say, "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary. He wakeneth morning by morning ; He wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned." Isa. 50 : 4.

Thus listening to the voice that sounds through the Scriptures, and is borne in the power of the Holy Spirit to the conscience and heart, they can wait with glad anticipation the time when Jesus shall come forth from the opened heavens, the crowned "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." Rev. 19 : 16.

REV. JAMES H. BROOKES, D. D.

St. Louis, Mo. U. S.

It is with the greatest pleasure, that I commend these selections, to those who know me in the Presbyterian Church, and beyond. My brother, Mr. Porter, is not only a devoted christian Pastor, and earnest student of the word of God, but has a great deal of the christian poet in his mental structure. Besides, he seems to have a peculiar genius for seizing upon points in christian experience that are apt to elude the notice of others, and put them in a strong, commanding position, as beneficial, if not essential, to the christian life. His aim is far from controversial, and his spirit thoroughly unsectarian. The selections in this volume will be found admirably adapted to the wants of God's children, and their frequent perusal, under the illumination of God's Holy Spirit, cannot be otherwise than helpful and sanctifying.

REV. WILLIAM COCHRANE, D. D.,
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I have been greatly pleased with the devotional manual prepared by Rev. W. H. Porter, M. A. As regards both plan and execution, the work is so excellent in itself, that it will be appreciated wherever it is known; and Mr. Porter is so well and favorably known throughout Canada, that the demand for the book should be considerable.

PROF. ALBERT H. NEWMAN, D. D., LL. D.

Toronto Baptist College.

That God's children may be happier, holier and more useful, by being better acquainted with their heavenly Father, my brother, Rev. W. H. Porter, has prepared this volume, "Converse with the King." No christian can read these scripture selections, arranged with so much taste and care, under the different topics, without being spiritually enriched. They cannot fail to bring him into sweetest fellowship with the fountain and source of all blessing. The selections of poetry too, most of them from Bro. Porter's pen, breathe the sweetness of the celestial hills. I most heartily commend this volume to "the household of faith."

D. HUTCHINSON,

Pastor of Park Baptist Church, Brantford.

"Converse with the King," by Rev. W. H. Porter, M. A., should be helpful to all its readers. A good selection of Bible passages illumines every topic, making it an easy guide. I regard it prepared bread to hand for all hungry souls in any Church or station in life.

REV. A. E. RUSS, M. A.

Pastor of Wellington Street Methodist Church, Brantford.

"CONVERSE WITH THE KING."

The idea is worthy of a book. The book matches and glorifies the idea. The book is itself a poem, and deserves to be illustrated and adorned. It carries the reader into a realm traversed by a Jay, and a Spurgeon, and many more; and yet it reveals what others have not discovered, and brings us face to face with Him of whom the Bride speaks, "Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth, for thy love is better than wine."

The attentive reader of this book will be led to say indeed, "The King hath brought me into his chambers; we will be glad and rejoice in thee."

REV. JUSTIN D. FULTON D. D.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

The pages that I saw of Rev. Mr. Porter's Scripture Readings, showed the plan to be very effective. It is better to my thinking than any such readings that I know.

REV. WILLIAM BRIGGS. D. D.,

Methodist Book and Pub. House, Toronto.

I have read, and heard read, a considerable portion of the book entitled, "Converse with the King," by Rev. W. H. Porter. The book is characteristic.

The striking features of the book are the admirable arrangement of topics, and the deep spiritual insight evinced in the collection of so many scripture texts. The work cannot fail to comfort and encourage many a weary pilgrim on his way to the Celestial City. I augur for this book a mission of blessing.

REV. T. S. JOHNSON,

Pastor of First Baptist Church, Brantford, Ont.

PRELUDE.

That thou givest them they gather. Ps. 104 : 28.

Many shall run to and fro—searching through the Scriptures—and knowledge shall be increased. Dan. 12 : 4.

The preacher pondered, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. Ecc. 12 ; 10.

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 1 Cor. 2 ; 18.

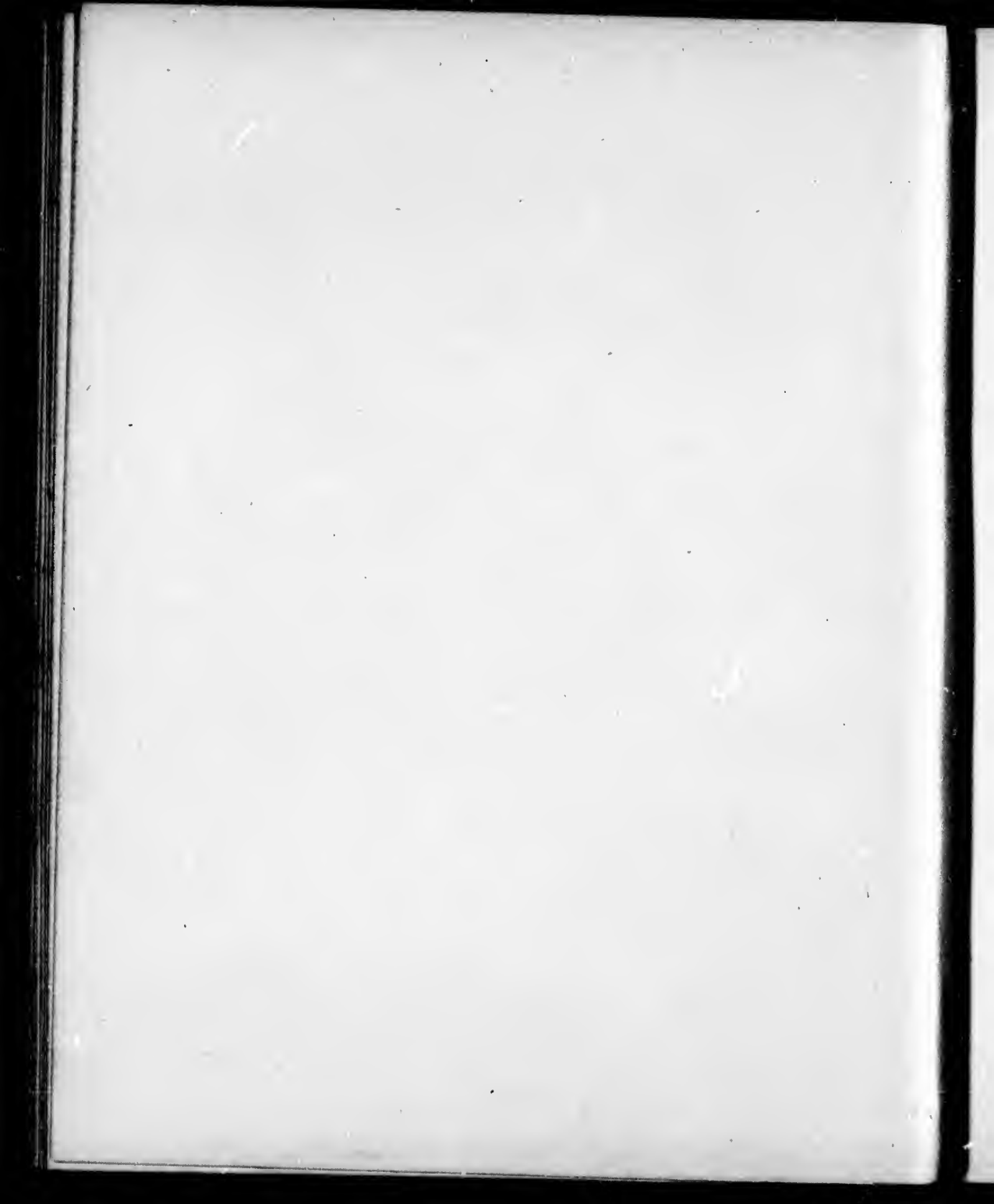
And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. And they said one to another, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?" Luke 24 : 27, 32.

What though no answering voice is heard,
Thine oracles, the written word,
Counsel and guidance still impart,
Responsive to the upright heart.

J. COUDER.

How well thy blessed truths agree !
How wise and holy thy commands !
Thy promises how firm they be !
How firm our hope and comfort stands !

J. WATTS.



ABIDING IN HIM.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. 1 John 4 : 15.

God is love ; and he that abideth in love, abideth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4 : 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 15 : 7, 10.

He that keepeth His commandments abideth in Him, and he in Him. 1 John 3 : 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 2 : 24.

He that saith he abideth in Him, ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked. 1 John 2 : 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 15 : 4, 5.

Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not. 1 John 3 : 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 2 : 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.

AFFLICTED.

The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. Ex. 1 : 12.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Ps. 119 : 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. 48 : 10. Zeph. 3 : 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. 3 : 38. Isa. 63 : 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 them out of them all. Ex. 3 : 7. Ps. 34 : 19.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted ; before I was afflicted I went astray ; but now I keep Thy word. Our light affliction, which is for a moment, worketh out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Ps. 119 : 71, 67. 2 Cor. 4 : 17.

Jersualem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries, all her pleasant things. In their affliction they will seek Me early. Lam. 1 : 7. Hos. 5 : 15.

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

W. H. P.

ANGELS.

And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.
Gen. 32 : 1.

Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him. Matt. 4 : 11.

Let all the angels of God worship Him ; who is gone into heaven ; angels, and authorities, and powers, being made subject unto Him. Heb. 1 : 6. 1 Peter 3 : 22.

I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts and the elders ; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. Thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. Rev. 5 : 11. Dan 7 : 10.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even many thousands of angels. Ye are come unto an innumerable company of angels. Ps 68 : 17. Heb. 12 : 22.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, mighty in strength. Ps, 103 : 20.

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels. 2 Thes. 1 : 7.

Whiles I was praying, Gabriel, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me. Dan 9 : 20.

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. 1 : 7. Luke 2 : 13, 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.

ARMOUR.

Saul armed David with his armour, 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. 17 : 38, 39.

Every one, with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held his weapon. Neh. 4 : 17.

The builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. Neh. 4 : 18.

Let us put on the armour of light ; the armour 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. 13 : 12. 2 Cor. 6 : 7 ; 10 : 4.

Put on the whole armour 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 breast-plate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace ; withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith 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. 6 : 11-18.

Hast thou faith to take 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.

ASHAMED.

They looked unto him and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed. Ps. 34: 5.

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; whereunto I was appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher. For the which cause also I suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed. Rom. 1: 16. 2 Timothy 1: 11, 12.

Jesus, . . . for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye. If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. Heb. 12: 2. 1 Pet. 4: 14, 16.

I will speak of thy testimonies before kings, and will not be ashamed. Ps. 119: 42.

Be not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. 2 Tim. 1: 8.

And now, little children, abide in Him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 1 John 2: 28.

Whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous generation; of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. Mark 8: 38.

Ashamed of Jesus! that dear Friend
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
No; when I blush be this my shame,
That I no more revere his name.

ASLEEP.

While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. Matt. 13 : 25. 25 : 5 ;

I sleep, but my heart waketh : it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, "Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled : for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. Cant. 5 : 2.

How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard ? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep ? Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Prov. 6 : 9 ; Eph. 5 : 14.

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. 1 Thess. 5 : 6.

Why sleep ye ? Arise and pray that ye enter not into temptation. Luke 22 : 46.

It is high time to awake out of sleep ; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Rom. 13 : 11.

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 13 : 35, 36.

Come my soul, thou must be waking ;
 Now is breaking
 O'er the earth the light of day.
 Come to Him who made this splendor ;
 See thou render
 All thy feeble strength can pay.

F. R. L. Von Cantig, trans. H. J. Buchall.

ASSURANCE.

The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. Isa. 32 : 17.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul. The Lord is the portion of my inheritance, and of my cup. Lam. 3 : 24. Ps. 16 : 5.

Cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. Heb. 10 : 35.

My beloved is mine and I am His. I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine. Cant. 2 : 16 ; 6 : 3.

I will say to them that were not My people, thou art My people ; and they shall say, Thou art my God. Hos. 2 : 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 3 : 2 ; 4 : 13. Rom. 8 : 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 5 : 10. Gal. 4 : 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 5 : 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 5 : 13.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh 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 despised of him that is at ease. Job 12 : 5.

Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud. Ps. 123 : 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. 32 : 9 ; Amos 6 : 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 18 : 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. 48 : 11, 12 ; Zeph. 1 : 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.

BACKSLIDING.

Hast thou seen what backsliding Israel has done! Jer. 3: 6.

O Lord, our backsliders are many: we have sinned against thee. Jer. 14: 7.

My people are bent to backsliding from me. Their backslidings are increased. Hos. 11: 7. Jer. 5: 6.

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways. Prov. 14: 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. 2: 19.

Why is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? Jer. 8: 5.

How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding children? Return, ye backsliding children, I will heal your backslidings. Jer. 31: 22; 3: 22. See Hos. 14: 4.

Hast thou seen what backsliding Israel hath done? She hath played the harlot. Jer. 3: 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. Jer. 3: 12, 14.

Return, Oh 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.

BELIEVING.

He that believeth shall not make haste—be ashamed—confounded. Isa. 28: 16. Rom. 9: 33. 1 Pet. 2: 6.

He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11: 6.

Believe in God, believe also in Me. John 14: 1.

To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him, shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10: 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 13: 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. 2: 16.

To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Rom. 4: 5. See 3: 25, 26; 10: 4.

We are of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Heb. 10: 39.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Acts 16: 31. Rom. 10: 10.

"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.

The jailer . . . rejoiced greatly, having believed in God.
Acts 16 : 27, 34.

I believe ; help Thou my unbelief. Mark 9 : 24.

How can ye believe, who receive glory one of another, and seek not the glory which is from the only God. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen ; that ye may know and believe me, that I am He. John 5 : 44. Is. 43 : 10.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God. 1 John 5 : 4.

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 9 : 23. John 14 : 12.

I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. Acts 27 : 25.

As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. 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. Matt. 8 : 13. Rom. 4 : 17—21.

Lord, I believe. John 9 : 38.

Now the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Rom. 15 : 13.

“Only believe,” the Saviour says,
Nor doubt my faithfulness and power :
And joy shall fill thy darkest days,
And vict’ry crown thy weakest hour.

W. H. P.

BEST ROBE.

Take away the filthy garments from him. Bring forth the best robe and put it on him. Zech 3 : 4. Luke 15 : 22.

All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Is. 64 : 6.

Behold I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. Zech. 3 : 4.

Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it by the washing of water, by the word ; that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. Eph. 5 : 25, 27.

I washed thee with water ; I clothed thee also with broidered work ; and girded thee with fine linen, and 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 put upon thee. Ez. 16 : 9—14.

The King's daughter is all glorious within ; her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work. Ps. 45 : 13, 14.

Thou art all fair, my love, there is no spot in thee. Cant. 4 : 7.

He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness. Is. 61 : 10.

The righteousness of God is unto all, and upon all them that believe. Rom. 3 : 22.

Our beauty this, our glorious dress,
Jesus, the Lord, our righteousness.

L. N. ZINZENDORF.

BLESSED TO GIVE.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20 : 35.

A river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from thence it was parted and became four heads. Gen. 2 : 10.

The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. Prov. 11 : 25.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty. Prov. 11 : 24.

He that soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully. 2 Cor. 9 : 6.

The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand. Is. 32 : 8.

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 6 : 38.

As poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. 2 Cor. 6 : 10.

Ye know the grace of God bestowed upon the churches of Macedonia, how . . . their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. As ye abound in everything, . . . see that ye abound in this grace also. 2 Cor. 8 : 1, 2, 7.

A man there was (though some did count him mad,)
The more he cast away, the more he had.

JOHN BUNYAN.

BLOOD.

Almost all things are by the law purged with blood ; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. 9: 22.

If anyone 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. 4 : 28-31.

The life of the flesh is in the blood : (for the blood is the life. Deu. 12: 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. 17 : 11. Ex. 12 : 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. 9 : 2, 8, 7, 11, 12.

If the blood of bulls and of 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. 9 : 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. 7: 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. 5: 8, 9. Eph. 1: 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. 3: 25, 26.

Thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. Rev. 5: 9.

Ye are not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Pet. 1: 18, 17.

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. 10: 19, 22.

Now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. 2: 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.

BREVITY OF LIFE.

Man is like to vanity : his days are as a shadow that passeth away. Ps. 144 : 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 hand-breadth ; and mine age is nothing before thee. Ps. 39 : 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. 14 : 1, 2.

Our days on the earth are as a shadow. We all do fade as a leaf. 1 Chron 29 : 15. Is. 64 : 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. 103 : 15. Jas. 1 : 11.

O remember how short my time is. My days are swifter than a post ; they are past away as the swift ships ; as the eagle hasteth to the prey. Ps. 84 : 47. Job. 9 : 25, 26.

What is your life ? it is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. Jas. 4 : 14.

'Tis the wink of an eye, 'tis the draft of a breath,
From the blossom of health, to the paleness of death ;
As a flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
Man passeth from life, to his rest in the grave.

WM. KNOX.

BROTHERLY LOVE.

Love the brotherhood. Love as brethren. 1 Pet 2: 17; 3: 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 5: 2; 3: 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 13:34.

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 4: 9, 11.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you. Be imitators of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us. John 15: 12. Eph. 5: 1, 2.

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 15: 18. 1 John 3: 16.

In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another, in honor 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. 12: 10. 1 Thess. 3: 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. 13: 1.

This is the message that ye had from the beginning, that we should love one another. 1 John 3: 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 15: 17. Rom. 13: 8. 1 Thes. 4: 9.

This commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. 1 John 4: 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 4: 20; 3: 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 4: 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 2: 10; 5: 1.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethern. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 3: 14: 4: 12.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13: 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.

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. 12: 11.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Ps. 6: 1.

As a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee. Deut. 8: 5.

The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not delivered me over unto death. Ps. 118: 18.

He that spareth the rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous, therefore, and repent. Prov. 13: 24. Rev. 3: 19.

Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law. Ps. 94: 12.

Happy is the man whom God correcteth, therefore 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. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? Job 5: 17. Heb. 12: 5-7.

He kindles for my profit purely,
Afflictions 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.

CHILD PIETY.

The child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. 1 Sam. 3 : 1.

The Lord called Samuel. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child. I Sam. 3 : 8.

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. 18 : 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. Is. 40 : 11.

Lovest thou Me? Feed my lambs. John 21 : 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. 2: 18, 21.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee.
Ps. 68: 1.

I love them that love me, and those that seek me
early shall find me. Prov. 8: 17.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may
rejoice and be glad all our days. Ps. 90: 14.

Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to
come unto Me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
I write unto you, little children, because your sins are
forgiven you for His name's sake. Matt. 19: 14. 1
John 2: 12.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and
hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Ps.
71: 17.

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. 3: 14, 15.

The child shall die an hundred years old. Is. 65: 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. 11: 25.

How happy is the child who hears
Instruction's warning voice,
And who celestial wisdom makes
His early, only choice.

CHILD PIETY

A little child shall lead them. Is. 11 : 6.

The child Samuel grew on, . . . and the Lord was with him : and he was in favor both with the Lord, and also with men. 1Sam. 2 : 26.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. Prov. 20 : 11.

Josiah, . . . while he was yet young, began to seek after the God of his fathers. And Obadiah said, . . . I, thy servant, fear the Lord from my youth. 2 Chron. 34, 1, 3. 1 Kings 18 : 7, 12.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. 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. Lam. 3 : 27. Ecc. 12 : 1.

Thou art my hope, O Lord God, Thou art my trust from my youth. Ps. 71 : 5.

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou art the guide of my youth. Hos. 11 : 1. Jer. 3 : 4.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength—perfected praise—that Thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger, Ps. 8 : 2. Matt. 21 : 16.

Children . . . let them praise the name of the Lord. Ps. 148 : 12, 13.

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.

W. H. F.

CHRIST IN YOU.

*I in them. Christ in them the hope of glory. John 17 : 23.
Col. 1 : 27.*

I am crucified with Christ ; nevertheless I live ; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. Gal. 2 : 20.

If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin ; but the spirit is life because of righteousness. Rom. 8 : 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 3 : 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 6 : 56, 64 ; 15 : 4, 7.

Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His spirit. 1 John 4 : 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 reprobates ? John 14 : 20. 2 Cor. 13 : 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.

CLEAN.

What is man that he should be clean; or how can he be clean that is born of a woman. Job 15 : 14; 25 : 4.

If I wash myself in snow water, and make my hands never so clean, yet shall Thou plunge me in the ditch, and my own clothes shall abhor me. For we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Job 9 : 30, 31. Is. 64 : 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. 36 : 25.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Ps 51 : 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. Is. 1, 18.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Ps. 51 : 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. 5 : 25 : 26. John 15 ; 8. Acts 10 : 15.

Lord Jesus let nothing unholy remain,
Apply Thine own blood and extract every stain;
To get this blest cleansing I all things forego.
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

J. NICHOLSON.

COMFORT

The Lord shall comfort Zion : He will comfort all her waste places, Is. 51 : 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. 94 : 19. Rom. 15 : 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 : 14, 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. 1 : 3, 4.

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

Thou shalt . . . comfort me on every side. Ps. 71 : 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 14 : 18 ; 15 : 26.

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. F.

COMFORT IN SORROW.

Then had the churches rest and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied. Acts 9: 31.

Oh that I could comfort myself against sorrow!
Jer. 8: 18.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably unto Jerusalem, and cry unto her
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is
pardoned; for she hath received at the Lord's hand
double for all her sins. Is. 40: 1.

I looked for comforters, but I found none; I sigh;
and there is none to comfort me. Ps. 69: 20. Lam. 1: 21.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you. As one whom
his mother comforteth so will I comfort you. Is. 51:
12; 66: 13.

Mine eyes fail for thy word, while I say, When
wilt thou comfort me? Ps. 119: 82.

I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.
John 14: 18.

I weep; mine eye runneth down with water, be-
cause the comforter that should relieve my soul is far
from me. Lam. 1: 16.

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you an-
other Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.
John 14: 16.

Our blest Redeemer, ere he breathed
His tender, last farewell;
A guide, a Comforter bequeathed,
With us to dwell.
He came, sweet influence to impart,
A gracious, willing guest,
Where He can find one humble heart,
Wherein to rest.

H. AUBER.

CONSECRATION

The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself. Ps. 4: 3.

Blessed be the Lord, . . . for he hath visited and redeemed his people, . . . that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, should serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all our days. Luke 1: 68, 74, 75.

Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob; and he that formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by name, thou art mine. Is. 43: 1.

The Lord's portion is his people. Deut. 32: 9.

This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise. Is. 43: 21.

Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day unto the Lord? 1 Chron. 29: 5.

Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord, come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of the Lord. 2 Chron. 29: 31.

First they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us by the will of God. 2 Cor. 8: 5.

Consecrate yourselves to-day to the Lord, that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and spirit which are his. Ex. 32: 29. 1 Cor. 6: 20.

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee!

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Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

CONTENTMENT

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

Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. 1 Tim. 6 : 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. 13 : 5.

I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. Phil. 4 : 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 today is, and tomorrow 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. 6 : 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.

W. H. P.

CONTINUING

Paul and Barnabas . . . urged them to continue in the grace of God; . . . exhorting them to continue in the faith. Acts 13 : 43 ; 14 : 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. 3, 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. 1 : 21—23.

God . . . will render . . . to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life. Rom. 2 : 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 therefore the goodness . . . of God . . . toward thee, . . . if thou continue in his goodness. Luke 22 : 28, 26. Rom. 11 : 22.

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 blessed in his doing. Jas. 1 : 25.

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. John 8 : 31.

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 7 : 21, 22. Col. 3 : 5.

Woe to them that . . . covet fields, and seize them, and houses, and take them away. Mic. 2 : 1, 2. See Is. 5 : 8. Hab. 2 : 9.

Thou shalt not covet. Ex. 20 : 17.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Ps 119 : 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 12 : 15. Heb. 13 : 5. Eph 5 : 3.

I have coveted no man's silver or gold, or apparel. Acts 20 : 33.

A bishop then 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 idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 1 Tim. 3 : 2, 3 ; 6 : 10. 1 Cor. 5 : 11. Eph. 5 : 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.

CROSS BEARING

*He, bearing his cross went forth into a place called . . .
Golgotha: where they crucified him. John 19: 17, 18.*

As they led him away, they lay hold upon one called Simon, . . . and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. ~~Luke 23: 26.~~

Whosoever ~~will~~ come after me, let him deny himself, ~~and~~ take his cross, and follow me. Mark 8: 34.

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. 12: 1, 2.

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9: 23. See 14: 26, 27.

God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 6: 14.

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 every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2: 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.

DEATH.

Behold a pale horse; and his name that sat on him was Death. Rev.: 6: 8.

We must needs die, for . . . sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all sinned. 2 Sam. 14: 14. Rom. 5: 12.

What man is he that liveth and shall not see death; that shall deliver his soul from the power of the grave? There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit, neither hath he power over the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war. Ps. 89: 48. Ecc. 8: 8.

I know that Thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living. Job 30: 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; . . . like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them: they shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. Ps. 49: 6-14. Job 21: 26.

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Heb. 9: 27.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Ecc. 12: 7.

Princes, this clay must be your bed,
In spite of all your towers;
The tall, the wise, the reversed head,
Must lie as low as ours.

I. WATTS.

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. 116 : 15. Prov. 14 : 32.*

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his ! Num. 23 : 10.

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

Whether we live, we live unto the Lord : and whether we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live or die there fore, we are the Lord's. For we know that if the earthy 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 be with Christ ; for it is far better. Rom. 14 : 8. 2 Cor. 5 : 1-9. Phil. 1 : 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. 14 : 13, See Luke 16 : 22. Matt. 22 : 32. Heb. 12 : 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

DEW.

In the morning the dew lay round about the camp. Ex.
16 : 13.

Who hath begotten the drops of dew? Job 38 . 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 dew. Prov. 3 : 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 drop down dew. Deu.
33 : 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 an
olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. Hos. 14 : 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 29 : 2, 19.

God give thee of the dew of heaven. . . . A
cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. Gen. 27 : 28. Is.
18 : 4

When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the
manna fell upon it. Num. 11 : 9.

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. F.

DIVISIONS.

Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethern. Gen. 13: 8.

The works of the flesh are . . . enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions. Gal. 5: 19, 20.

Whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 1 Cor. 3: 3.

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; . . . not in strife and envying. Rom. 13: 13.

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. Jas. 3: 14, 16.

Let us not be desirous of vain-glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Gal. 5: 26.

Now I beseech you brethern, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . that there be no divisions among you. Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from among you, with all malice. Let nothing be done through strife, or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 1 Cor. 1: 10. Eph. 4: 31. Phil 2: 3.

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

W. H. F.

DOING GOD'S WILL.

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

Lo, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of Me: I delight to do thy will, O my God. Ps. 40: 7, 8.

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. Whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. John 4: 34; 6, 38. Matt. 12: 50.

Not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. Rom. 2: 13.

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, Matt. 7: 21, 24, 25.

The world passeth away, and the least thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. 1 John 2: 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. Ps. 103: 17, 18.

God willed, and worlds from chaos sprung,
 Darkness was light, and silence sung.
 He wills, and myriads fly and run:—
 By us "Thy will on earth be done."

W. H. P.

ENDURING.

By faith Moses . . . endured, as seeing Him who is invisible
 Heb. 11: 24, 27.

These . . . which are sown on stony ground, when they have heard the word receive it immediately with gladness; and . . . endure but for a short time; then when affliction or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway they are offended. Mark 4: 16, 17.

Love . . . endureth all things. 1 Cor. 13: 4, 7.

Behold we count them happy who endure. Jas. 5: 11.

Happy is the man that 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. 1: 12.

I endure all things for the elect's sake. 2 Tim. 2: 10.

Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Christ. Endure afflictions. 2 Tim. 2: 3; 4: 5.

Thou hast fully known my . . . conduct, . . . afflictions, . . . what persecutions . . . I endured. 2 Tim. 3: 11, 12.

Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied, and faint in your minds. Heb. 12: 3.

After (Abraham) had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. Heb. 6: 15.

He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall saved. Matt 24: 13.

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.

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W. H. P.

ESTABLISHED

His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord: his heart is established. Ps. 112: 7, 8.

It is a good thing that the heart be established with (by) grace. Heb. 13: 9.

I long to see you that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, to the end that ye may be established, Rom. 1: 11.

Establish thou the righteous. Ps. 7: 9,

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established. In righteousness shalt thou be established. 2 Coron. 20: 20. Is. 54: 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. 40: 2, 3.

As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built upon him, and established in the faith, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Col. 2: 6, 1.

Now he who establisheth us in Christ, . . . is God. 2 Cor. 1: 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 Pet. 5: 10. 2 Thess. 3: 8.

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.

FAITH.

Precious faith,—being much more precious than gold that perisheth. 2 Pet. 1: 1. 1 Pet. 1: 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. 11: 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. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Acts 16: 31. Eph. 2: 8. 1 Pet. 1: 9.

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. 5: 1, 2.

Stand fast in the faith. For by faith ye stand. For 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. 1 Cor. 16: 13. 2 Cor. 1: 24. Gal. 3: 26. Rom. 8: 17.

The life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me: for the just shall live by faith. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, . . . that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Gal. 2: 20; 3: 11, 13, 14.

Have faith in God. According to your faith be it unto you. Mark 11: 25-24. Matt. 9: 29.

"Have faith in God," the Saviour saith;

And of his glorious gifts receive.

"Be it according to your faith,"

"All things are yours," if you believe.

W. H. P.

FAITHFUL

Hananiah was a faithful man; and feared God above many.
Neh. 7 : 2.

Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; the faithful fail from among the children of men. A faithful man who can find? Ps. 12 : 1. Prov. 20 : 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. 11 : 12.

There was no reckoning made with the workers of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully. And they brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully. 2 Kings 22 : 7. 2 Chron. 31 : 12. See. 34 : 12.

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. 101 : 6.

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 16 : 10. 1 Cor 4 : 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 24 : 45-47. Rev. 2 : 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 aided the least for my sake."

W. H. P.

FATHERS.

The glory of children are their fathers. Prov. 17 : 6.

He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children. The father to the children shall make known thy truth. Mal. 4 : 6. Is. 38 : 19.

Fathers provoke not your children, that they be not discouraged; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Col. 3 : 21., Eph. 6 : 4.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Ps. 34 : 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. 11 : 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. 78 : 2-4, 6, 7.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22 : 6.

Fathers, to you a trust is given,
More blest than angels' claim in heaven;
To train the offspring of your love,
For service here, and songs above.

W. H. P.

FEET KEPT.

He will keep the feet of his saints. 1 Sam. 2 : 9.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. Ps. 17 : 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. 37 : 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. 18 : 36 ; 94 : 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. 3 : 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. 56 : 18.

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. 4 : 10, 12.

O bless our God, . . . who suffereth not our feet to be moved. Ps. 66 : 8, 9.

Because thou hast . . . made 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. 91 : 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.

FIGHTING.

Without, fightings; within, fears. 2 Cor. 7: 5.

The time would fail me to tell of . . . those who through faith . . . waxed valiant in fight. Heb. 11: 32, 34.

Quit you like men, and fight. Only be thou valiant . . . and fight the Lord's battles. 1 Sam. 4: 9; 18: 17.

Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle O God, . . . Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. Blessed be the Lord, my strength, who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight. Ps. 18: 39; 140: 7; 144: 1.

The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. The Lord saveth not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's. Ec. 9: 11. 1 Sam. 17: 47.

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 to me at that day; and not only to me, but also to all them that love his appearing. 1 Cor. 9: 26. 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. To him that overcometh will I give to sit down with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 1 Tim. 6: 12. Rev. 8: 21. See Eph. 6: 11-17.

Stand up!—Stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next, the victor's song:
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 1 : 23.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Matt. 5 : 6.

Blessed are ye that hunger now, for ye shall be filled. Luke 6 : 21.

My mouth shall be filled with thy praise, and with thy honor all the day. Ps. 71 : 8.

I am the Lord thy God, . . . open thy mouth wide and I will fill it. Ps. 81 : 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. 1 : 19 ; 2 : 9.

My God shall fully supply every need of yours, according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4 : 19.

Out of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. John 1 : 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. 9 : 8. Eph. 3 : 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.

P. R. HAVERGAL.

FOLLOWING JESUS.

Bartimeus . . . received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way: Mark 10 : 46, 52.

When he putteth forth his own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice. John 10 : 4.

These are they that follow the Lamb, whithersoever he goeth. Rev. 14 : 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 2 : 14.

If any man serve Me, let him follow Me ; and where I am, there shall also My servant be. John 12 : 26.

And (Jesus) . . . saw two brethren, Simon, . . . and Andrew, . . . 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, . . . 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. 4 : 18-22.

He that loveth father or mother, son or daughter, more than Me, is not worthy of Me. And He that doth not take cross, and follow after Me, is not worthy of Me. Matt. 10 : 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.

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

My soul followeth hard after Thee : Thy right hand upholdeth me. Ps. 63 : 8.

If the Lord be God, follow Him : . . . as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and followed Me with all his heart. 1 Kings 18 : 21 ; 14 : 8.

God forbid that we should rebel against the Lord, to turn this day from following the Lord. Josh. 22 : 29.

Turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. If any man serve Me let him follow Me. 1 Sam. 12 : 20. John 12 : 26.

Master, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. Matt. 8 : 19.

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. Mark 8 : 34.

Lo, we have left all, and followed Thee. Matt. 19 : 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 everyone that hath forsaken brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit eternal life. Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children. Matt. 19 : 28, 29. Eph. 5 : 1.

Blest Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
There shall Thy servants be.

J. E. BODE.

Fools make a mock at sin. God hath no pleasure in fools.
Prov. 14 : 9. Ecc. 5 : 4.

Fools despise wisdom and instruction. Wisdom is too high for a fool. *Prov. 1 : 7 ; 24 : 7.*

A fool despiseth his father's instruction. A fool hath no delight in understanding. *Prov. 15 : 5 ; 18 : 2.*

~~A foolish son~~ is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him. *Prov. 17 : 25.*

A foolish son is the heaviness of his mother, and the father of a fool hath no joy. *Prov. 10 : 1 : 17 : 21.*

The foolishness of man perverteth his way, and his heart fretteth against the Lord. *Prov. 19 : 3.*

Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities are afflicted. Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools. God . . . rewardeth the fool. *Ps. 107 : 17. Prov. 19 : 29 ; 26 : 10.*

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. *Ps. 14 : 1.*

He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool. *Prov. 28 : 26.*

"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 shud'ring answer all—"O Fool ! O Fool !"

MRS. J. C. YULE.

FORGIVEN.

The people . . . shall be forgiven their iniquity. Is. 33 : 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. 25 : 18; 86 : 5; 130 : 4. See Dan. 9 : 9.

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. 7 : 14.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people, Thou hast covered all their sin. Ps. 85 : 2.

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. Jer. 50 : 20.

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. 9 : 6. Acts 5 : 31. Eph. 1 : 7.

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: . . . having forgiven you all trespasses. Acts 13 : 38, 39. Col. 2 : 13.

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.

FORGIVEN.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Ps. 32 : 1.

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 forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Ps. 32 : 3-5.

David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin. 2 Sam. 12 : 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 1 : 9.

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. 33 : 27, 28.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities. Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back. Ps. 103 : 2, 3. Is. 38 : 17.

Son, be of good cheer ; thy sins be forgiven thee. Matt. 9 : 2.

The Lord forgives us freely all
Our sins, though like sands on the shore ;
And though like mountains towering tall,
He doth remember them no more.

W. H. P.

FORGIVING.

Forgiving one another. Eph. 4 : 32. Col. 3 : 13.

Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us. Luke 11 : 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 11 : 25, 26.

How often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times? Matt. 18 : 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. 18 : 22. Luke 17 : 3, 4 ; 6 : 37.

Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. Matt. 6 : 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. 4 : 32. Col. 3 : 12, 13, See Matt, 18 : 23, 35.

Lord give us grace to pardon foes,
Whose sins are "seventy times seven."
For ours more multiplied than those,
Thou hast in mercy all forgiven.

W. H. P.

FOUNDATIONS.

*Solomon made an house for Pharaoh's daughter; . . .
and the foundations were of costly stones, even great stones. 1
Kings 7: 8, 10.*

Let the house of God be builded, and let the foundations be strongly laid. Ezra 6: 3.

Behold I will lay thy . . . foundations with sapphires. Is. 54: 11.

If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do? Ps. 11: 3.

The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. 2 Tim. 2: 19.

His foundation is in His holy mountains. Ps. 87: 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.) Is. 28: 16. 1 Pet. 2: 6.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3: 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. 2: 19, 20.

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name:
On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

E. NOTE.

FREEWILL OFFERINGS.

And some of the heads of the fathers offered willingly for the house of God. And they kept the feasts and burnt offerings, of every one that offered a freewill offering unto the Lord. Ezra 2: 68; 3: 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. 25: 1, 2; 35: 5, 21; 36: 7.

Freely ye have received, freely give. Matt. 10: 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. And the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly to the Lord. 1 Chron. 29: 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. 8: 12; 9: 7.

Lord, of thine own, we render back to thee
What thou didst give, with willing heart, and free.

W. H. P.

FRUIT

The remnant . . . of Judah shall . . . take root downward, and bear fruit upward. The root of the righteous yieldeth fruit. 2 Kings 19: 30. Prov. 12: 12.

My well-beloved 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. Let us get up early to the vineyard; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth. Is. 5: 1. Cant. 7: 12.

I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished, and the pomegranates budded. My soul desired the first ripe fruit. Cant. 6 11. Mic. 6: 1.

In days to come shall Jacob take root: Israel shall blossom and bud; and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit. Is. 27: 6.

Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15: 8, 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.

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FRUITFUL.

Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well ; whose branches hang over the wall. Gen. 49 : 22.

Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit. A good tree cannot bringeth forth evil fruit. Matt. 7 : 17, 18.

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. 12 : 33.

They 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. Ps. 92 : 18, 14.

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. But his delight is in the law of the Lord ; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season ; his leaf also shall not wither ; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Ps. 1 : 1-8.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. Gal. 5 : 22.

The fruit of the spirit is in all goodness. And this I pray that . . . ye may be . . . filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. Eph. 5 : 9. Phil. 1 : 9-11.

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.

GIVING TO GOD.

When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh, Matt 2: 11.

Because of the temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto Thee. Ps. 68: 29.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Ps. 72: 10.

To Him shall be given of the gold of Sheba. Ps. 72: 15.

All they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord. Is. 60: 6.

At that time shall a present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people scattered and peeled. Is. 18: 7.

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. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants . . . shall bring mine offering. Is. 60: 9. Zeph. 8: 10.

Let all that be round about Him, bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared. Ps. 76: 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 unto His courts. None shall appear before me empty. Ps. 96: 7, 8. Ex. 28: 15.

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 GOD

(Jesus) sat down over against the treasury, and beheld how the multitude cast money into the treasury. Mark 12 : 41.

Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee. Gen, 28 : 22.

All the tithe of the land . . . is the Lord's. The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. Lev. 27 : 30, 32.

All things come of Thee, and of thine own have we given Thee. 1 Chron. 29 : 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. 16 : 10, 17.

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. 31 : 10.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase ; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Bring ye all the tithes into 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. Prov. 3 : 9, 10. Mal. 3 : 10.

Whatever, Lord, we lend to thee,
Repaid a thousandfold will be :
Then gladly will we give to thee,
Who givest all.

C. WORDSWORTH.

GOD.

The Lord is the true God, he is the living God. Jer. 10: 10.

Who is God save the Lord? and who is a rock save our God? 2 Sam. 22: 32.

Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no rock; I know not any. Is. 44: 8.

O Lord there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee. 2 Sam. 7: 22.

Before me there was no God formed; neither shall there be after me. I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God, I am God and there is none like me. Is. 43: 10; 44: 6; 46: 9.

O Lord, . . . thou art the God, even thou alone, . . . thou hast made heaven and earth. Is. 37: 16.

I am the Lord, and there is none else. I form the light, and create the darkness . . . I am the Lord that doeth these things. Is. 45: 6, 7.

This is life eternal, that they should know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou didst send. John 17: 3.

This is the true God, and eternal life. 1 John 5: 20.

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 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. 34: 6.

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Ps. 77: 9.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. Ps. 145: 8.

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for Thee. Thou art a gracious and merciful God. Is. 33: 2; Heb. 9: 31.

Therefore will the Lord wait that He may be gracious unto you. He will be very gracious at the voice of thy cry. Is. 30: 18, 20.

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, yea, our God is merciful. Ps. 86: 15; 116: 5.

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. 30: 9. Joel 2: 13.

The Lord is gracious, He is gracious and full of compassion, and righteous. Ps. 111: 4; 112: 4.

O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and return unto the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the fruit of our lips. Hos. 14: 1, 2.

Come, gracious Lord, descend and dwell
By faith and love, in every breast;
Then shall we know, and taste, and feel,
The joy that cannot be expressed.

I. WATTS

GOD SEES.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. His eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. He knoweth the secrets of the heart. Prov. 15: 8. Job 34: 21. Ps. 44: 21

Thou God seest me. Gen. 16: 13.

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall see him? Do not I fill heaven and earth? Saith the Lord. Jer. 23: 24.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts. For thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men. Ps. 139: 23. 1 Kings 8: 39.

I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto everyone of you according to your works. Rev. 2: 23.

O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thoughts afar off. Thou compassed 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. 139: 1-4. 1 Chron. 28: 9.

He that formed the eye, shall he not see? I, the Lord, search the hearts; I try the reins, to give to every man according to his ways. Ps. 94: 9. Jer. 17: 10.

Lord, Thou hast 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'S FURNACE.

The Lord's fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.
Is. 31: 9.

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. 3: 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. Is. 43: 1, 2.

We went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. Ps. 66: 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. Zeph. 13: 9. 1 Pet. 4: 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 GREATNESS.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. Ps. 145: 8.

Who is so great a God as our God? O Lord, my God, thou art very great. Ps. 77: 13; 104: 1.

Behold, God is great. Because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself. Job 36: 26. Heb. 9: 13.

Behold God is mighty. He is mighty in strength. The great, the mighty God. Job 36: 5. Jer. 32: 18.

The Lord thy God is among you a mighty God: a great God, a mighty and a terrible. Deut. 7: 21: 10: 17.

Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord, neither are there any works like unto thy works. 2 Sam. 7: 22. Ps. 83: 8.

I, even I am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour. I am the Lord, and there is none else. There is no God beside me; and there is none like me. Is. 43: 11; 45: 5; 46: 9.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? For what God is therein heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might? For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the Lord made the heavens. Ex. 15: 11. Deut. 3: 24. Ps. 96: 10.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Is. 45: 22.

Begin my tongue, some heavenly theme,
And speak some boundless thing;
The mighty works or mightier name,
Of our eternal King.

I. WATTS.

GOD'S HOUSE.

And he called the name of that place Bethel, . . . the house of God. Gen. 28: 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. 28: 16, 17.

Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. Lev. 19: 30.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee. Ps. 27: 4; 84: 4.

Enter in to His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name. Ps. 100: 4.

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. Ps. 84: 1, 2.

In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. Ex. 20: 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. 27: 4.

Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. Matt. 18: 20.

To meet with the Lord in His dwellings below,
Is next to the bliss that the glorified know.

W. H. P.

GOD'S HOUSE FORSAKEN.

Why is the house of God forsaken? Neh. 13: 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. 29: 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. 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. Hag. 1: 7, 9. Mal. 3: 7.

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 home of the house of the Lord our God. Lam. 1: 4, 5, 8, 9 Neh. 10: 30.

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. 3: 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. 25 : 10. Mic. 7 : 18. Eph. 2 : 4.*

God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke 18 : 13.

Whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall have mercy. Prov. 28 : 13.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me. Have mercy upon me, according to thy loving-kindness ; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Ps. 30 : 19 51 : 1.

Let Israel hope in the Lord ; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him there is plenteous redemption. Ps. 130 : 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. 25 : 16 ; 86 : 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 towards them that fear Him. O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good : for His mercy endureth forever. Is. 49 : 13. Ps. 103 : 11 ; 106 : 1.

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 PRESENCE.

*Glory and honor are in His presence: Strength and gladness
are in his place. 1 Chron. 16: 57.*

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. 140: 13: 31; 20.

Behold, I have made thee a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the people . . . They shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee. Jer. 1: 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. 33: 15, 16.

My presence will go with thee, and I will give thee rest. Ex. 33: 14.

In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore. Ps. 16: 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 14: 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 21: 14.

He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their souls. Ps. 106: 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. 78: 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. 8: 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. Is. 65: 12. Hos. 18: 11.

What I shall choose I know not. He shall choose our inheritance for us. Phil. 1: 22. Ps. 47: 4.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall choose. Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Ps. 25: 12. Eph. 5: 17.

Thy will be done. Matt. 6: 10. See 26: 39. John 5: 30.

Ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or do that. James 4: 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 ought 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. 3: 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. 23: 1-2.

The Holy Ghost spake by the mouth of David. Acts 1: 16.

We know that God spake unto Moses. John 9: 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 shall say. And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. Ex. 4: 11-12; 33: 11.

The words of Jeremiah . . . The Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words into thy mouth. Jer. 1: 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. 30: 1, 2. Ez. 3: 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 Pet. 1: 21.

We thank God . . . that when ye received from us the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of man, but as it is in truth the word of God. 1 Thess. 2: 13, Also see Acts, 3: 21. Heb. 1: 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.

J. WATTS.

GOD'S WORD PRECIOUS

The word of the Lord was precious in those days.
1 Sam. 3 : 1.

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 honey-comb. The law of His mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. Ps. 139 : 17 ; 19 ; 10 ; 119 : 72.

I have written unto him the great things of my law ; and they were counted as a strange thing. Hos. 8 : 12.

I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food. Job 23 : 12.

As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. 1 Pet. 2 : 2.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste ! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth. Ps. 119 : 103.

Son of man, eat this roll that I give thee. Take the book, . . . and eat it, and it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. Ez. 3 : 1. Rev. 10 : 8, 9.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart. I rejoice at Thy word, as one that findeth great spoil. Jer. 15 : 16. Ps. 119 : 162.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. John 15 : 11. See 1 John 1 : 4.

What treasures fair, of jewels rare,
 For us Thy words unfold:
 More precious far than rubies are,
 Or pearls, and purest gold.

W. H. AND LIZZIE L. PORTER.

GOD'S WORD TRUE.

The law of truth was in his mouth. Mal. 2 : 6.

O Lord, thy words be true. 2 Sam. 7 : 28.

He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true John 3 : 33.

Thy word is true from the beginning. Thy word is truth. Ps. 119 : 160. John 17 : 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 22 : 20, 21.

So 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. John 11 : 23 ; 21 : 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. 23 : 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. 23 : 19.

The strength of Israel shall 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. 15 : 29. Rom. 8 : 4. 2 Cor. 1 : 20. Titus, 1 : 2.

Thy word is everlasting truth,

How pure is every page !

That holy book should guide our youth,

And well support our age.

F

I. WATTS

GOD WITH US.

The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man.
Gen. 39 : 2.

David waxed greater and greater ; for the Lord of hosts was with him. And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul. 1 Chron. 11 : 9, 1 Sam. 18 : 12.

Nathanael said unto David, Do all that is in thy heart ; for the Lord is with thee. Thus saith the Lord . . . 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. 17 : 2, 7, 8.

The Lord was with Jehoshaphat, . . . and stablished the kingdom in his hand ; and all Judah brought presents to him : and he had riches and honor in abundance. 2 Chron. 17 : 3, 5.

And (Asa) gathered all Juda and Benjamin, and the strangers out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and Simeon : for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance when they saw that the Lord his God was with him. 2 Chron. 15 : 9.

The Lord was with (Solomon), and magnified him exceedingly. 2 Chron. 1 : 2.

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. 1 Chron. 22 : 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. 1 : 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. 28 : 20-22.

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 with thee into Egypt ; and I will surely bring thee up again. Gen. 28 : 15 ; 31 : 3 ; 46 : 3.

If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. Ex. 33 : 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. 3 : 12. Deut. 31 : 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. 23 : 4.

Fear thou not ; for I am with thee : be not dismayed ; for I am thy God. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee. Is. 41 : 10 ; 43 : 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.

GOD WITH US.

The Lord was with (Hezekiah) ; and he prospered whithersoever he went. 2 Kings 18 : 7.

O that I were as in months past, . . . when the Almighty was yet with me, . . . when I washed my steps in butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil. Job 29 : 2, 5, 6.

Abimelech . . . spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest : now therefore swear unto me . . . that thou wilt . . . deal well with me . . . according to the kindness that I have done unto thee . . . Then Abimelech and Phichol . . . 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. 21 : 22, 23 ; 26 : 26-29.

If the Lord be with us, why then is all this evil befallen us? . . . The Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. Jud. 6 : 13.

The Lord is with thee . . . Go in this thy might, and thou shalt deliver Israel. Surely, I will be with thee, and thou shalt unite the Midianites as one man. Jud. 6 : 14, 16.

The children of Judah came unto Joshua, . . . and said . . . If the Lord be with me, then I shall be able to drive out the (Anakims) as the Lord said. Jud. 14 : 6, 12.

The Lord was with Judah, and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountains. Jud. 1 : 19.

God with us : what wondrous courage

Doth the blest assurance bring :

Safe from danger, strong for onset,

'Neath His wing.

W. H. P.

GOING BACKWARD.

They are gone away backward. Is. 1 : 4.

The children of Ephriam 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; and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers; who in their hearts turned back again to Egypt. Ps. 78 : 9, 41, 57. Acts 7 : 39.

I will cut off them that are turned back from following the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord, nor enquired after him. Zeph. 1 : 4, 6.

Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy ways. His way have I kept; I have not gone back from his commandments. Ps. 44 : 18. Job 23 : 11, 12.

If any man draw back, my soul shall have no more pleasure in him. Heb. 10 : 38.

I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back. Jud. 11 : 35.

No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9 : 62.

We are not of them that draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Heb. 10 : 39.

Look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain. Remember Lot's wife. Gen. 19 : 17. Luke, 17 : 32.

Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. John 6 : 66.

Will ye also go away. John 6 : 67.

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.

Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward.
Ex. 14 : 15.

Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection. And this will we do if God permit. Heb. 6 : 1, 3.

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. 3 : 18.

The righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger and stronger. Job 17 : 9.

We thank God . . . that your faith groweth exceedingly. 2 Thess. 1 : 3.

Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forward to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3 : 13, 14.

The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God. Prov. 4 : 18. Ps. 84 : 7.

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me. Ps. 138 : 8.

He who hath begun a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ Phil. 1 : 6.

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.

When (Barnabas) was come (to Antioch) and had seen the grace of God, he was glad. Acts 11 : 23.

Unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Eph. 4 ; 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 Pet. 4 : 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. 12 : 6. Heb. 12 : 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. 9 : 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. 15 : 10.

My grace is sufficient for you. 2 Cor. 12 : 9.

Out of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that it passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us . . . come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. John 1 : 16. Heb. 4 : 14, 16.

He giveth more grace The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen. Rev. 22 : 21.

Grace ! 'Tis a charming sound,
Harmonious to the ear ;
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear.

P. DODDRIDGE

GUIDED.

He guided them in the wilderness like a flock. He guided them by the skillfulness of his hand. Ps. 78 : 52, 72.

O Lord, . . . for thy name's sake, lead me, and guide me. Ps. 31 : 1, 3.

Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me. My Father, thou art the guide of my youth? Jer. 3 : 4.

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto Thee. Ps. 143 : 8.

I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go : I will guide thee with mine eye. Ps. 32 : 8.

He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. Is. 49 : 10.

When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall guide you into all truth. John 16 : 13.

This God is our God for ever and ever : He will be our guide even unto death. Ps. 48 : 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. 3 : 5, 6. Is. 30 : 21.

Thou shall guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Ps. 73 : 24.

The Lord shall guide thee continually. Is. 58 : 11.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land ;
I am weak, but thou are mighty ;
Hold me with thy powerful hand,

W. WILLIAMS.

HATING EVIL.

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. Prov. 8: 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. 6 : 16-19.

Oh do not this abominable thing that I hate. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the work of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Jer. 44 : 1. Rev. 2 : 6.

I hate and abhor lying, but thy law do I love. Pride and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the forward mouth do I hate. Ps. 119 : 163. Prov. 8 : 13.

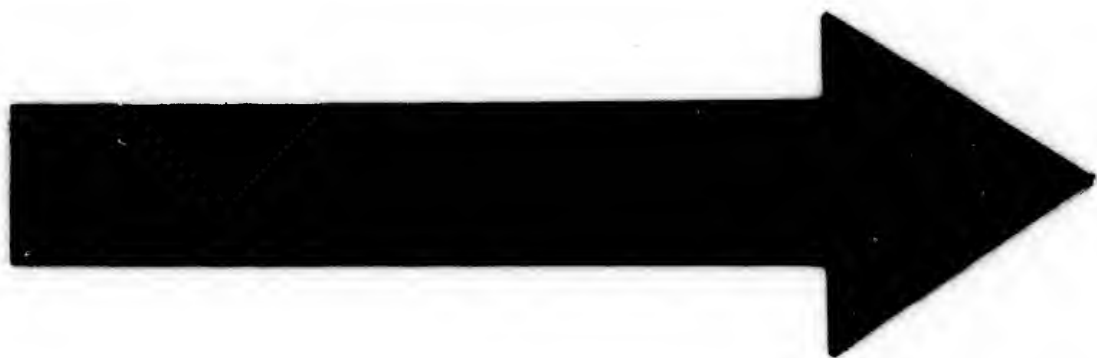
Ye that love the Lord, hate evil. Hate the evil, and love the good. Abhor that which is evil. Cleave to that which is good. Ps. 97 : 10. Amos 5 : 15. Rom. 12 : 9.

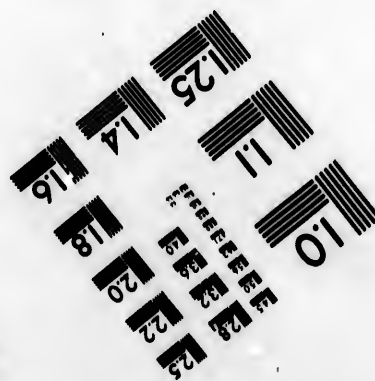
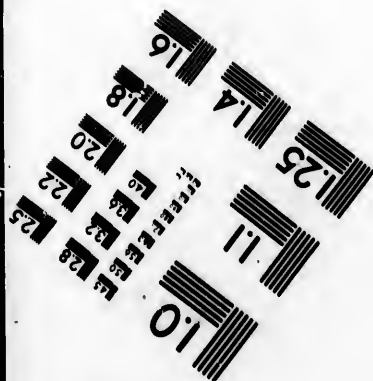
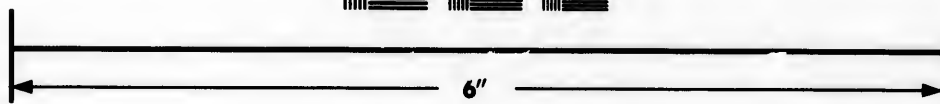
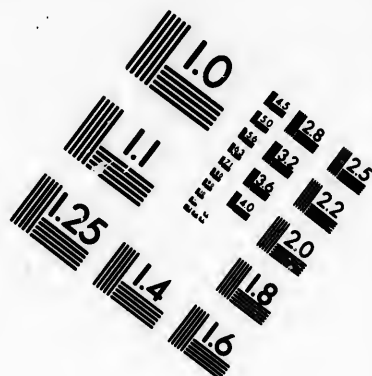
Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee ? And am not I grieved with them that rise up against thee ? I hate them with a perfect hatred. I count them mine enemies. Ps. 139 : 21, 22.

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 the enmity with God ? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God. 2 Chron. 19 : 2. James 4 : 4.

God bids me, and my soul obeys,
To turn from evil men and ways ;
To hate the wrong, and love the right,
The darkness shun, and choose the light.

W. H. P.





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HEALING, DIVINE.

He . . . healed all that were sick, . . . and them that had need of healing. Matt. 8 : 16. Luke 9 : 11.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed. Jer-
17 : 14.

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 20 : 5. Jer. 30 : 17.

O Lord, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his bene-
fits : who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; who healeth
all thy diseases. Ps. 30 : 2. 103 : 2. 8.

If thou wilt diligently harken to the voice of the
Lord thy good, and wilt do that which is right in His
sight, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which
I have brought upon the Egyptians : for I am the Lord
that healeth thee. And I will take sickness away from
the midst of thee. Ex. 15 : 26 ; 23 ; 25.

He sent his word and healed them. Speak the word
only, and my servant shall be healed. Ps. 107 : 20.
Matt. 8 : 8.

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. 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. Jas.
14, 15. Acts 3 : 16.

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 asked for his aid ; and He's ever "the same."

W. H. P.

HELPING.

They helped every one his neighbor. Is. 41: 6.

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. 32: 29, 30.

Five of you shall chase an hundred, and a hundred shall put ten thousand to flight. Lev. 26: 8.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me. Ps. 118: 7.

Peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be unto thine helpers. Greet Priscilla and Aquilla, my helpers in Christ Jesus. 1 Chron. 12: 18. Rom. 16: 3.

We are laborers together with God. We then are workers together with him, . . . ought to . . . be fellowhelpers to the truth. 1 Cor. 3: 9. 2 Cor. 6: 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. 1: 27.

Moses called every man in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, . . . whose heart stirred him up to come into the work to do it. David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son. Ex 36: 2. 1 Chron. 22: 17.

There are workmen with thee in abundance. And there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship, every willing skillful man for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment. 1 Chron. 22: 15; 28: 21.

Together we rally, one and all;
To fight or work at the Master's call.

W. H. P.

HELP IN TROUBLE.

God is . . . a very present help in trouble. Ps. 46 : 1.

My God, my God, . . . be not far from me, for trouble is near ; for there is none to help. Ps. 22 : 11.

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble ; the God of Jacob defend thee ; send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion. Ps. 20 : 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. 60 : 11, 143 : 11.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles ; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. Job 5 : 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. 31 : 9 ; 25 : 17.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Ps. 50 : 15.

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God : He heard my voice out of his temple ; . . . He delivered me. He hath delivered me out of all trouble. Ps. 18 : 6, 19 ; 54 : 7.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of their troubles. Thou calledst in trouble and I delivered thee. Ps. 34 : 17 ; 81 : 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.
Ps. 32 : 2.

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. 31 : 20.

Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue ; neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. Job 5 : 21.

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 upon a rock. Ps. 27 : 5.

Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock ; and, I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand, while my glory passeth by. Ex. 33 : 21, 22.

Thou art my hiding place, O Lord, I flee unto Thee to hide me. Ps. 32 : 7 ; 143 : 9.

Your life is hid with Christ in God. Col. 3 : 3.

In the shadow of His hand hath He hid me. Is. 49 : 2.

I have covered thee in the shadow of my hand. Is. 51 : 16.

In the riven rock I'm hiding,
Safe from dangers and alarm :
In my Savior's love confiding,
I can fear no foes or harm.
Safe the shelter,—covering grand,
In the shadow of His hand.

W. H. P.

HOLINESS.

An highway shall be there, and it shall be called the way of holiness. And they shall call them the holy people. Is. 35 : 8 ; 62 : 12.

Blessed be the God and Father of the 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. 1 : 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. 3 : 16, 17.

Holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, forever. Ps. 93 : 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 Pet. 2 : 5.

God hath called us unto holiness. 1 Thess. 4 : 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 Pet. 1 : 15, 16.

Having these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord. 2 Cor. 7 : 1.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12 : 14.

More holiness give me, more strivings within :
More patience in suffering, more sorrow for sin ;
More faith in my Savior, 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.

GRACE.

Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. John 1 : 17.

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. Acts 15 : 11. Rom. 3 : 24.

The Lord will give grace and glory. Ps. 84 : 11.

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. Rom. 4 : 16 ; 11 : 6.

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. Eph. 2 : 8, 9.

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. Not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. 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. Titus 3 : 5, 7. 2 Tim. 1 : 9. Eph. 1 : 5, 6.

Not for thy righteousness, or the righteousness of thine heart doth the Lord thy God give thee this good land : not for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for my holy name's sake which ye have profaned. Deut. 9 : 5. Ez. 36 : 22.

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.

HOLY SPIRIT.

That which is borne of the Spirit, is spirit. John 3 : 6.

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live. It is the Spirit that quickeneth. The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. Eze. 37 : 9. John 6 : 63. 2 Cor. 3 : 6.

I will put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live. You hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Ez. 37 : 14. Eph. 2 : 1.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8 : 2.

If ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Gal. 5 : 18.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Gal. 5 : 25.

Walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. Gal. 5 : 16.

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. 8 : 14, 16.

Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Gal. 4 : 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.

HOLY SPIRIT.

This spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive. John 7 : 39.

God . . . hath given unto us His Holy Spirit.
1 Thess. 4 : 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 11 : 13.

(God) hath sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Cor. 1 : 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. 1 : 13, 14 ; 4 : 30.

We through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. Gal. 5 : 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. 15 : 13.

Take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Ps. 51 : 11.

My Spirit abideth among you. I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever ; 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. 2 : 5. John 14 : 16, 17. 1 Cor. 6 : 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.

HOLY SPIRIT.

The disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.
Acts 13 : 52.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, etc. Gal. 5 : 22.

The fruit of the Spirit (light) is in all goodness, etc. Eph. 5 : 9.

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us. Rom. 5 : 5.

Epaphras, our dear fellowservant, . . . hath declared unto us your love in the Spirit. Col. 1 : 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. 8 : 26, 27.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, . . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit : . . . praying in the Holy Ghost. Eph. 6 : 18, Jude 20.

Through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Eph. 2 : 18.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 Cor. 3 : 18.

Spirit of grace, thy power display,
And make me know and chose thy way.
O let thy light within me shine ;
Making each thought and action thine.

LIZZIE L. PORTER.

HOLY SPIRIT.

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding. Is. 11 : 2.

Thou gavest thy good spirit to instruct them.
Neh. 9 : 20.

The Holy Spirit . . . shall teach you all things ;
. . . He shall guide you into all the truth. . . . Ye
need not that any man teach you ; but his anointing
teacheth you concerning all things. John 14 : 26 ; 16 :
13. 1 John 2 : 27.

No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the
Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 12 : 3

When the Comforter is come, . . . He shall bear
witness of me : . . . for he shall take of mine, and
shall declare it unto you. John 15 : 26 ; 16 : 14.

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. Now we have
received the Spirit 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. 2 : 9-14.

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. But ye
have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all
things. 1 Cor. 2 : 11. 1 John 2 : 20.

Spirit of truth, dwell thou with me,
And let me more of Jesus see.
Shed on thy word thy radiance bright,
And "in thy light shall we see light."

W. H. P.

HOLY SPIRIT.

*God anointed (Jesus) with the Holy Ghost, and with power.
Acts 10 : 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. See 4 : 14, 15.

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. Is. 61 : 1.

I am truly full of power by the Spirit of the Lord.
Mic. 3 : 8.

Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zech. 4 : 6.

(John) shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, . . . and many of the children of Israel shall he turn unto the Lord their God. And Barnabas . . . was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith : and much people was added unto the Lord. Luke 1 : 15, 16
Acts 11 : 24.

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. Luke 24 : 49.
Acts 1 : 8.

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.

HOLY SPIRIT.

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of counsel and might. Is. 11 : 2.

The Lord God, and his spirit hath sent me. So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away : and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit ; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me. Is. 48 : 16. Ez. 3 : 14.

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. Is. 42 ; 1, 4.

My speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. 1 Cor. 2 : 4.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And . . . Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and of power : wrought great wonders and signs among the people. And they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spake. Acts 4 : 31 ; 6 : 5, 8, 10.

Restore unto me the joy of the salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Ps. 51 : 12, 13.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father . . . that ye may be strengthened with power by his Spirit in the inward man. Eph. 3 : 14, 16.

Spirit of wisdom, love and power,
Dwell in me wholly from this hour ;
And may my works for Jesus be,
Triumphs of blessing wrought by Thee.

W. H. P.

HUMILITY.

Before honor is humility. Prov. 15 : 33.

Whosoever humbleth himself shall be exalted,
Luke 14 : 11.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and
He shall lift you up. James 4 : 10.

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the
humble. James 4 : 6.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect un-
to the lowly. Humble yourselves therefore under the
mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due
time. Ps. 128 : 6. 1 Pet. 5 : 6.

O Lord, forget not the humble. Ps. 10 : 12.

He forgetteth not the cry of the humble. Thus saith
the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity: 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. 9 : 12. Is. 57 : 15.

Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the
lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
Prov. 16 : 19.

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good ; and
what doth the Lord require of the 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 light.
Mich. 6 : 8. Matt. 11 : 29, 30.

The Saviour's lowly mind I'd have,
Ambitious thoughts at rest ;
And following in his heavenly ways
Be with His presence blest.

W. H. P.

IDLENESS.

The iniquity of Sodom, was pride, fulness of bread, and idleness. Ez. 16 ; 49.

Why sit we here until we die? If we sit still here, we die. 2 Kings 7: 3, 4.

Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep, and the idle soul shall suffer hunger. The sluggard will not sow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest and have nothing. Prov. 19: 15; 20: 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 7: 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. 20: 6, 7. 2 Thess. 3: 10. See 1 Thess. 4: 10-12.

They learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers and busy-bodies, speaking things that they ought not. 1 Tim. 5: 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 busy-bodies. Now we exhort that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. Ps. 50: 20. 2 Thess. 3: 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 Appelles, approved in Christ. Rom. 16: 10.

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: having . . . made us accepted in the Beloved. Eph. 1: 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. 2: 13. Col. 2: 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. 5: 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. 8: 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. 2: 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 avail-eth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 2 Cor. 5: 17. Gal. 6: 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).

One sinner destroyeth much good. Eccl. 9 : 18.

Reheboam . . . forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him. 2 Chron. 12 : 1.

Jereboam . . . drave Israel from following the Lord, and made them sin a great sin. For the children of Israel walked in all the way of Jereboam, which he did; they departed not from them. 2 Kings 17 : 21 : 22.

Baasha . . . did evil in the sight of the Lord after the abominations of the heathen, and walked in all the way of Jereboam, and in the sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 1 Kings 15 : 33, 34.

The word of the Lord . . . against Basha. Because . . . thou hast walked in the way of Jereboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, . . . I will make thy house like the house of Jereboam, . . . who did sin, and who made Israel to sin. 1 Kings 16 : 1-3; 14 : 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 Jereboam the Son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 1 Kings 19 : 25, 26.

Manasseh seduced (Israel) to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed. Manasseh . . . made Judah also to sin with his idols. 1 Kings 21 : 9, 11.

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. Gal. 5 : 9.

By one man sin entered the world, and death by sin, and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned. Rom. 5 : 12.

One sinned, and wide the infection flew
From realm to realm, and deadlier grew;
Till, from one single sin, and fall,
Death held dominion over all.

W. H. P.

INTERCESSION.

He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no Intercessor. Is. 59 : 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 days-man betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both. 1 Sam. 2 : 25. Job 9 : 32, 33.

No man cometh unto the Father but by Me. John 14 : 16.

O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbor. Job 16 : 21.

There is one man, and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 2 : 5.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; who is ever at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 1 John 2 : 1. Rom. 8 : 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. Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word. Luke 22 : 32. John 17 : 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. 2 : 18. Heb. 9 : 25.

He ever liveth, to make intercession. Heb. 7 : 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 He free.

W. H. P.

JESUS BORN.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Matt. 2: 1.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Is. 7: 14.

She shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins. Matt. 1: 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. Is. 9: 6.

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 2: 10, 11.

When the fulness of 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. 4: 4. Rom. 8: 3, 4.

As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that hath the power death, that is, the devil. Heb. 2: 14.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall,
Angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Saviour of all.

R. HEBER.

JESUS DIVINE.

The word was God. God was manifested in the flesh. John 1: 1. 1 Tim 8: 16.

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. John 1: 14.

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him. He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father. John 1: 18; 14: 9.

He shall be Great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: . . . and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1: 32, 33. See Is. 9: 7.

I will make Him my first born, higher than the kings of the earth. His seed shall endure forever. and his throne as the sun before me. Ps. 89: 27, 30.

Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Rom. 9: 5,

Unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom. Heb. 1: 8. See Ps. 45: 1, 7.

Christ . . . is the image of God: being the brightness of His glory, and the exact image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of His power. 2 Cor. 4: 4. Heb. 1: 3.

Christ Jesus . . . being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. Phil. 2: 5, 6.

Jesus, the maker of the skies,
Descends to our abode;
While angels view with wondering eyes,
And hail the incarnate God.

A. STEELE.

JESUS KING.

This is Jesus the King of the Jews. Matt. 27 : 37.

My heart is overflowing with a goodly matter : I speak the things which I have made touching the King. Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever ; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom. Ps. 45 : 1, 6.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion ; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem : behold thy King cometh unto thee : He is just, and having salvation. Zech. 9 : 9.

Give the King thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness and thy poor with judgment. He shall judge the poor of the people, He shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. Ps. 72 : 1, 2, 4.

Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as King and prosper. . . . In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely : and this is the name whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness. Jer. 23 : 5, 6.

The King saved us out of the hands of our enemies. There is another King, Jesus. 2 Sam. 19 : 9. Acts 17 : 7.

Him hath God exalted with His right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh, a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. Acts 5 : 31. Rev. 19 : 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 PRIEST.

The law maketh men high priests who have infirmity : but the oath, ... maketh, the Son, perfected forevermore. Heb. 7 : 28.
See 5 : 1-6 ; 9 : 11-12.

If a soul sin, and committ a trespass against the Lord, the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord ; and it shall be forgiven him. Lev. 6 : 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. 16 : 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. 6 : 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, 2 : 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. And having a great priest over the house of God ; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Heb. 4 : 14 ; 10 : 21, 22.

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. 3 : 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 PROPHET.

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Jesus . . . was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. Lu. 24 : 19.

By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. Hos. 12 : 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 3 : 22, 23.

A great prophet is risen up among us; and God hath visited His people. Lu. 7 : 16.

This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. Matt 1 : 11.

Of a truth this is the prophet. John 7 : 40.

This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. John 6 : 14.

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 to us in His Son. The Spirit of Christ in them testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow. Heb. 1 : 1, 2. 1 Pet. 1 : 11.

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Rev. 19 : 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.

God giveth to the man that pleaseth him, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy. Ecc. 2 : 26.

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. 51 : 12, 13.

Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man . . . till He fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. Job 8 : 20, 21.

My soul shall be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation. Ps. 35 : 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. 8 : 10.

O^ucome. 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. 95 : 1 ; 5 : 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. 149 : 2, 5, 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.

Joy.

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them; and there was great joy in that city.
Acts 8: 5, 8.

Thou hast made known to me the ways of life;
thou shalt make me full of joy with Thy countenance.
Acts 2: 28.

Behold, my servants shall rejoice; ... behold, my
servants shall sing for joy of heart. Is. 65: 13, 14.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound;
they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy counten-
ance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day; and
in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted. Ps. 89:
15, 16.

These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy
might remain in you, and that your might be full.
John 15: 11.

We joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by
whom we have now received the atonement.
Rom. 5: 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 Pet. 1: 8.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy pres-
ence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are
pleasures for evermore. Ps. 16: 11.

The ransomed of the Lord shall come to Zion with
songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall
obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall
flee away. Is. 35: 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.

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A. L. W

JUDGING OTHERS.

The Lord shall judge the people. For God is judge himself:
Ps. 7: 8; 50: 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. 12: 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. 7: 1; John 8: 7; Rom. 2: 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. 4: 3, 4.

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. 11: 4; 1 Cor. 4: 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 every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Rom. 14: 13; 2 Cor. 5: 10.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged. Luke 6: 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.

JUSTIFIED.

In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Is. 45: 25. Rom. 8: 33.

How can man be justified before God. 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. Job 9: 2, 20. Ps. 143: 2. Eccl. 7: 20.

He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, both are abomination in the sight of the Lord. How then can man be justified with God? By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in His sight. Prov. 17: 15. Job 25: 4. Rom. 3: 20.

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. Who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification. Job 13: 18. Is. 50: 8; 45: 21. Rom. 3: 24; 4: 25.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion: behold thy King cometh unto thee: He is just and having salvation. By the knowledge of Him 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. Zech. 9: 9. Is. 53: 11. Acts 13: 38, 39.

Christ, the sinless, for my guilt,
As a sinner, freely died;
Trusting in the blood He spilt,
I am fully justified.

W. H. P.

JUSTIFIED.

When he justified them he also glorified. Rom. 8: 30.

The law hath been our tutor to bring us into Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Gal. 3: 24.

Now to him that wordeth 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. 4: 4, 5.

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the latter, 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 work of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. Gal. 2: 16.

Therefore we conclude that a man is iustified by faith, without the deeds of the law. Gal. 2: 16. Rom. 3: 28.

That no man is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for the just shall live by faith. Gal. 3: 11.

Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ... And not only so, but we also rejoyce in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the atonement. Rom. 5: 1, 11.

Ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor. 6: 11.

The best obedience of my hands
Dares not appear before Thy throne:
But faith can answer Thy demands:
By pleading what my Lord has done.

I. WATTS.

KEEPING GOD'S PRECEPTS.

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The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. In keeping of them there is great reward. Ps. 19: 8, 11.

This is the love of God; that we keep His commandments. 1 John 5: 8.

If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. John 14: 15.

Whoso keepeth His word, in him, verily is the love of God perfected. 1 John 2: 5.

If a man love Me, he will keep My words, and My Father will love him, and we come unto Him, and make our abode with Him. John 14: 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. 119: 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. Ez. 36: 26, 27.

I made haste, and delayed not to keep Thy commandment. My soul hath kept Thy testimonies, and I love them exceedingly. Ps. 119: 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. 7: 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 Pet. 1 : 5.

They made me keeper of the vineyards ; but mine own vineyard have I not kept. Cant. 1 ; 6.

A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it ; I water it every moment ; lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. Is. 27 : 2, 3.

Keep me as the apple of the eye. Ps. 17 : 8.

He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye. Zech. 2 : 8.

O keep my soul, and deliver me. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked. Ps. 25 : 20 ; 140 : 4.

Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom thou hast given me. . . . Those that Thou gavest me I have kept. John 17 : 11, 12.

O that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, . . . and that thou wouldest keep me from evil. 1 Chron. 4 : 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. 6 : 24. Ps. 121 : 5. 2 Thess. 3 : 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. 1 : 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 forever, 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 world by wisdom knew not God. 1 Cor. 1 : 21.

Show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee.
Ex. 33 : 13.

My people shall know my name. And I will give them an heart to know me. Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know Thee. Is. 52 : 6. Jer. 24 : 7. Hos. 8 : 2.

This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John 17 : 3.

Grace and peace he multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Pet. 1 : 2.

I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. Phil. 3 : 8.

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 let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, saith the Lord. Jer. 9 : 23, 24.

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord. Hos. 6 : 3,

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. 3 : 18.

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.

LAW.

From His right hand went a fiery law. Deut. 33 : 2.

The law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of better hope did. Heb. 7 : 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. 3 : 11. Rom. 3 : 20.

I had not known sin but by the law. For by the law is the knowledge of sin. Rom. 7 : 7 ; 3 : 20.

The commandment is a lamp, and the law is a light. For whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Prov. 6 : 23. Eph. 5 : 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. 7 : 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. 5 : 20 ; 7. Co. 15 : 56.

The people wept when they heard the law. Neh. 8 : 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. 3 : 10. Rom. 4 : 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. 73 : 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. 10 : 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. Is. 42 : 16.

Lead me, O Lord in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy ways straight before my face. Ps. 5 : 8.

I am the Lord thy God who teacheth thee to profit, who ledest thee by the way that thou shouldst go. Is. 48 : 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. 24 : 27, 48.

I have taught thee in . . . the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. Prov. 4 : 11.

He led them forth by the right way that they might go to a city of habitation. Ps. 107 : 7.

Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee, these forty years in wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or no. Deut. 8 : 2.

He ledest me! O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught;
What e'er I do, where e'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that ledest me.

PROF. J. H. GILMORE.

LIFE.

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life. In his favor is life.
Prov. 14 : 27. Ps. 30 : 5.

With thee is The fountain of life. Ps. 36 : 9.

I will give to him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. Rev. 21 : 6.

The gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6 : 23.

I have set before thee life and good. . . . Therefore choose life that thou mayest live. Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely. Deut. 30 : 15, 19. Rev. 22 : 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. 8 : 3. Is. 55 : 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 forever. Is. 55 : 3. John. 6 : 48, 58.

He showed me a 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. 22 : 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. 2 : 7 ; 22 : 14.

O life ! how blessed ! how divine !
 High life, the earnest of a higher !

W. T. WATSON.

LIFE.

In Him was life. John 1 : 4.

He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever. Ps. 21 : 4.

As the Father hath life in Himself, even so hath He given to the Son to have life in himself, John 5 : 26.

Thou wilt show me the path of life. Ps. 16 : 11.

Whoso findeth me findeth life. I am the light of the world : he that followeth me shall not walk in 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. 8 ; 35. John 8 : 12 ; 10 : 10.

God hath sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him. 1 John 4 : 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 3 : 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 5, 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 5 : 24.

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.

Truly, the light is sweet. Ecc. 11 : 7.

Where is the way where light dwelleth? Job 38 : 19.

God is light. The light dwelleth with him. 1 John 1 : 5. Dan. 2 : 22.

O Lord, my God, thou art very great; ... who coverest thy self with light as with a garment: who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable. Ps. 104 : 1, 2. 1 Tim. 6 : 16.

As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. John 9 : 5; 12 : 46.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Is. 9 : 2.

While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may be the children of light. John 12 : 36.

O ... come, 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. Is. 2 : 5. 1 John 1 : 7.

Ye were once darkness, but now ye are light in the Lord: walk as children of the light. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Eph. 5 : 8, 11.

Walk in the light! So shalt thou know
That fellowship of love,
The Spirit only can bestow,
Who dwells in light above.
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.

LIGHT.

God said, Let there be light; and there was light. Gen. 1 : 3.

O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me: let them bring me unto Thy holy will, and to Thy tabernacles. Ps. 43 : 3.

I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not abide in darkness, but shall have light of life. John 8 : 12.

The Lord ... will bring me forth to the light: when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. Mic. 7 : 9, 8.

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. 4 : 16.

The Lord is my light, and my salvation. The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. Ps. 27 : 1; 18 : 28.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever abideth in me should not abide in darkness. John 12 : 46.

God is the Lord, who hath showed us light: 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. Ps. 118 : 127. 2 Cor. 4 : 6.

That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John 1 : 9.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.

C. WESLEY.

LIGHT.

Whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Eph. 5 : 13.

The commandment is a lamp, and the law is light ;
and reproofs of instruction are the way of life. Prov.
6 : 23.

Every one that doth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

For all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light. Eph. 5 : 13.

But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God. John 3 : 20, 21.

O Lord, my God, lighten mine eyes. Ps. 13 : 3.

Receive instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in thy heart, and light shall shine upon thy path. Job 22 : 22, 23.

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path. The entrance of Thy word giveth light. Ps. 119 : 105, 130.

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. Ps. 19 : 8.

Thou wilt light my lamp : the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. Ps. 18 : 28.

The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. The light of the body is the eye. If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. If thy whole body be full of light, having no part dark, it shall be wholly full of light, as when a lamp with its bright shining doth give thee light. Matt. 6 : 22. Luke 11 : 33.

Shine on my way, celestial fount of light,
And let thy beams within thy spirit shine,
And safely through the night conduct me home.

W. H. P.

LIGHT.

God saw the light, that it was good. Gen. 1 : 4.

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. 29 : 2, 3.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness. Ps. 112 : 4.

Thou art my lamp, O Lord ; and the Lord will lighten my darkness. 2 Sam. 22 : 29.

They looked unto Him, and were lightened ; and their faces were not ashamed. Ps. 34 : 5.

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. 4 : 6 ; 80 : 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 33 : 27, 28.

It shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. Zech. 14 : 7.

Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead and Christ shall give the light. For ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day. Eph. 5 : 14
1 Thess. 5 : 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. M'GREGOR,

LIGHT.

In him was life : and the life was the light of men. John 1 : 4.

He shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds. 2 Sam. 23 : 4.

Unto you that fear My name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. Mat. 4 : 2.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more into the perfect day. Prov. 4 : 18.

Let them that love Him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. Jud. 5 : 31.

The Lord is my light. Ps. 27 : 1.

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 thine everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Is. 60 : 19.

I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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. Rev. 21 : 2, 23.

Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself : for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Is. 60 : 20.

Light, holy light, celestial light doth shine,
In this once dark and sinful soul of mine ;
Kindling bright hope, with each enlivening ray,
Of that glad realm where dwells eternal day,

W. H. P.

LIGHT.

God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven ... to give light upon the earth. And it was so. Gen. 1 : 14, 15.

There was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days : ... but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. Moreover Thou leddest them in the ... night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. Ex. 10 : 22, 23. Neh. 9 : 12.

Arise, shine ; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. 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. Is. 60 : 1. Phil. 2 : 14, 15.

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. Lu. 11 : 33.

Ye are the light of the world. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick ; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they seeing your good works may glorify your father who is in heaven. Matt. 5 : 14-16. See 1 Pet. 2 : 9.

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

LIKE GOD.

Who in the skies can be compared unto the Lord? Who among the sons of the gods is like unto the Lord? Ps. 83 : 6.

In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him. Gen. 5 : 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. 1 : 26, 27.

Whom he foreknew, he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of His Son. Rom. 8 : 29.

The new man . . . is renewed after the image of Him who created him. Col. 3 : 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. 3 : 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. 4 : 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. 17 : 15. 1 Cor. 13 : 12. 1 John 3 : 2.

They shall see His face ; and His name shall be in their foreheads. Rev. 22 : 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.

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They separated themselves unto the shameful thing, and became abominable like that which they loved. Hos. 9: 10.

They that make a graven image, are all of them vanity. They have walked after vanity, and are become vain. Is. 44: 9. Jer. 2: 6.

They followed vanity, and became vain. 2 Kings 17: 15.

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. 106: 19, 20.

Their idols 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. 115: 4, 8.

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 wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. 1 Kings 11: 1-4, 7, 8.

He that loveth Me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John 14: 21.

Behold Him, till His dying love

Thy every thought control;

Its vast constraining influence prove

O'er body, spirit, and soul.

T. HAWES.

LIVING WATERS.

Wells without water. Fountains abounding with water. A well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon. 2 Pet. 2 : 17. Prov 8 : 24. Cant. 4 : 15.

O that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem. 2 Sam. 23 : 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 7 : 37. Rev. 21 : 6.

Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep : from whence then hast thou that living water ? John 4 : 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 4 : 10.

Give me this water that I thirst not. Spring up, O well, Sing ye to it. John 4 : 15. Num. 21 : 17.

With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Is. 12 : 3.

With Thee is the fountain of life. All my springs are in Thee. Ps. 36 : 9 ; 87 : 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 4 : 12 ; 7 : 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. 11 ; 19.

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days. Prov. 10 : 27.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom ; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. For by me shall thy days be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased. Prov. 9 : 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. 4 : 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. 34 : 12-14. Prov. 4 : 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. Prov. 3 : 13-16.

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. 3 : 1, 2.

Be glad ye aged, praise the Lord,
For lengthened life, and mercies given ;
For the rich 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. 13 : 13.

The fruit of the Spirit is love. Gal. 5 : 22.

We give thanks to God, . . . since we heard of your . . . love in the Spirit. Col. 1 : 3, 4, 8.

We have not received the Spirit of fear, but the Spirit of . . . love. 2 Tim. 1 : 7.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear. 1 John 4 : 18.

Now the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart. 1 Tim. 1 : 5.

Love is the fulfilling of the law. Let all your things be done with love. Rom. 13 : 10. 1 Cor. 16 : 14.

Love thinketh (imputeth) no evil. 1 Cor. 13 : 5.

Love covereth a multitude of sins. Love covereth all sins. 1 Pet. 4 : 8. Prov. 10 : 12.

Love is strong as death. . . . Many waters cannot quench love. Cant. 8 : 6, 7.

Love never faileth. 1 Cor. 13 : 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 4 : 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 4 : 16 ; 3 : 14.

Love gives us hands, feet, voice, and wing ;
To run and labor, soar, and sing ;
Devoid of love, in vain God's "come ;"
The soul is lifeless, nerveless, dumb.

W. H. P.

LOVE OF GOD.

The Lord . . . loved the people. Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end. Deut. 33 : 2, 3. John 13 : 1.

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 4 : 9.

I have loved you, saith the Lord. Mal. 1 : 2.

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 4 : 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. 7 : 7, 8.

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 4 : 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 15 : 9, 10.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God, Who shall separate us from the love of God ? 1 John 3 : 1. Rom. 8 : 35.

I have loved thee with an everlasting love. Jer. 31 : 3.

O love of God, how strong and true!
Eternal, and yet even new ;
Eternal love, in thee we rest,
Forever safe, forever blest.

H. BONAR.

LOVE TO GOD.

All things work together for good to them that love God. Rom. 8 : 28.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. Ps. 18 : 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 12 : 30.

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Ps. 116 : 1.

O, love the Lord, all ye His saints. Ps. 31 : 23.

Lord, thou knowest all things ; thou knowest that I love thee. John 21 : 15.

Lovest thou me ? ... Feed my lambs. ... Feed my sheep. John 21 : 15, 16.

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. 1 John. 5 : 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 14 : 15, 23,

They shall prosper that love Thee. The faithful God keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him. Ps. 122 : 6. Deu. 7 : 9.

The Lord prospereth them that love Him. Let them that love him be as the Sun when he goeth forth in his might. Ps. 145 : 20. Judges 5 : 31.

Dear Saviour, may I call Thee mine?
My hope, my friend, my guide?
Perish in ruins all that would,
With Thee my heart divide.

W. H. P.

MEEKNESS.

The fruit of the Spirit is . . . meekness. Gal. 5 : 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. 22 : 26 ; 37 : 11.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matt. 5 : 5.

The Lord lifteth up the meek. He will beautify the meek with salvation. Ps. 147 : 6 ; 149 : 4.

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 : . . . in a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. Eph. 4 : 1, 2. 1 Pet. 3 : 4.

The meek shall increase their joy in the Lord. Is. 29 : 19.

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. Is. 61 : 1. Matt. 11 : 29.

The meek will He guide in judgment, and the meek will He teach His way, Ps. 25 . 9.

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. 3 : 12. James 1 : 21.

"Seek meekness." Moses was most meek
Of all God's saints of old :
And so the Lord to him did speak,
And His great love unfold.

W. H. P.

MISSIONS.

To Him shall the gathering (obedience) of the people be.
Gen. 49 : 10.

Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto
 God. Ps. 68 : 31.

From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants
 ... shall bring mine offering. Zeph. 3 : 10.

Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his
 praise in the islands. Is. 42 : 12.

Men shall worship Him, every one from his place ;
 even all the isles of the nations. Zeph. 2 : 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. All nations which thou
 hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord ;
 and shall glorify thy name. Ps. 22 : 27 : 86 : 9.

All kings shall fall down before Him : all nations
 shall serve Him. And it shall come to pass, that from
 one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to
 another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me,
 saith the Lord. Ps. 72 : 11. Is. 66 : 23.

He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from
 the river unto the ends of the earth. Ps. 72 : 8.

He shall speak peace unto the heathen : and His
 dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from shore to
 shore, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
 Zech. 9 : 10.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 Does his successive journeys run ;
 His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
 Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

I. WATTS.

MISSIONS.

All men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed. Ps. 72: 17.

They shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. Is. 59: 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, 1: 11.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he hath set judgment in earth, and the isles shall wait for His law. Is. 42: 4.

My salvation is gone forth; ... the isles shall wait upon Me, and on Mine arm shall they trust. Is. 51: 5.

All the earth shall worship Thee; ... they shall sing unto Thy name. Ps. 66: 4.

Ask of Me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Ps. 2: 8.

The Lord hath made bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Is. 52: 10.

It is a light that Thou shouldst be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give Thee for a light to the Gentiles, and that Thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth. Is. 49: 6.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His name with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

I. WATTS.

MISSIONS.

In His name shall the Gentiles trust. Matt. 12 : 21.

How shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of peace. Rom. 10 : 14, 15.

All authority is given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into 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 alway, even unto the end of the world (age.) Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be condemned. For 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 from Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. Matt. 28 : 18-20. Mark 16 : 15, 16. Lu. 24 : 46-48.

They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them. They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. Mark 16 : 20. Acts 8 : 4.

Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Rom. 10 : 18.

Salvation, Oh salvation!
The joyful news proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

[R. HEBER.]

MISSIONS.

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations. Matt. 24 : 14.

Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people. Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth. So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. Ps. 96 : 3, 10 ; 102 : 15.

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 Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even to as many as the Lord our God shall call. Let it be known unto you therefore, that this salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and they will hear it. Acts 1 : 8 ; 2 : 39 ; 28 : 28.

All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God ; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Ps. 98 : 3. Is. 11 : 9,

All flesh shall see the salvation of God ; for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Luke 3 : 6. Hab. 2 : 14.

The Lord hath made known his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen. Ps. 98 : 2.

The gospel ... is come ... in all the world, and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you. Col. 1 : 6.

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.

MOURNERS COMFORTED.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.
Matt. 5 : 4.

I am troubled ; I am bowed down greatly : I go
 moarning all the day long. *Ps. 38 : 6.*

God ... comforteth those that are cast down. *2*
Cor. 7 : 6.

Why go I mourning because of the oppression of
 the enemy ? Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction.
Ps. 42 : 9 ; 88 : 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. *Is. 57 : 18.*
Jer. 31 : 13.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing.
 Thou hast put off my sackcloth and girded me with
 gladness. *Ps. 30 : 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 comfort all that mourn : to appoint unto
 them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for
 ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of
 praise for the spirit of heaviness. *Is. 61 : 1-3.*

Sometimes a light surprises
 The Christian while he sings :
 It is the Lord who rises
 With healing in His wings.
 When comforts are declining,
 He grants the soul again,
 A season of clear shining,
 To cheer it after rain.

WM. COWPER.

NEAR GOD.

And Abraham drew near (the Lord), and said, Will thou consume the righteous with the wicked? Gen. 18 : 23. See 45 : 4. 11.

It is good for me to draw near to God. Ps. 73 : 23.

Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. James 4 : 8.

Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners, to hear him. Luke 15 : 1.

Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord shall say. Deut. 5 : 27.

Let us draw near hither unto God. 1 Sam. 11 : 33.

The Lord will show who are His, and who is holy: even him whom He will choose will He cause to come near unto Him. Seemeth it a small thing that God hath separated you, to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? Num. 16 : 5, 9.

Let the priests that come near to the Lord sanctify themselves. Eccl. 10 : 22.

I will be sanctified in them that come nigh Me. Lev. 10 : 3.

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. 7 : 19 : 19 : 19, 22.

Now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. 2 : 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 CHILFMAN.

NOT FORSAKEN.

Persecuted, but not forsaken. 2 Cor. 4 : 9.

Forsake me not, O Lord. Ps. 38 : 21.

The Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee;
he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deut. 31 : 6.

Wherefore dost thou forget us forever, and forsake
us so long time? Lam. 5 : 20.

O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of Me. For a
small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great
mercies will I gather thee. Is. 44 : 21 ; 51 : 7.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me
not when my strength faileth. When I am old and
grey-headed, 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. 71 : 9 : 18.

Even to your old age, and to hoar hairs will I carry
you, and deliver you. I will never leave thee, nor for-
sake thee. Is. 46 : 4. Heb. 13 : 5.

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I
never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging
bread. For thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek
thee. Ps. 37 : 25 ; 9 : 10.

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. Is. 49 : 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. 5 : 9.

The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. Josh. 24 : 24.

Obey my voice ... according to all that I command you : so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God. Jer. 11 : 4.

We will obey the voice of the Lord our God, that it may be well with us. Jer. 42 : 6.

Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the Lord : so shall it be well with thee, and thy soul shall live. If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all peoples. Jer 38 : 20. Ex. 19 : 5.

Hereby do we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 1 John 2 : 3.

He that keepeth His commandments, dwelleth in Him, and he in Him. 1 John 3 : 24.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter : Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. 12 : 13.

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Sam. 15 : 22.

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 ?

OBEDIENCE TO PARENTS.

He shall turn the hearts of the children to their fathers.
Mal. 4 : 6.

Jesus went down with them (Joseph and Mary) to Nazareth, and was subject unto them. Luke 2 : 51.

A wise son heareth his father's instruction. Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. Prov. 13 : 1 ; 4 : 1.

As a son honoreth his father. Mal. 1 : 6.

Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Eph. 6 : 2, 3.

Jacob obeyed his father and mother. Gen. 28 : 7.

My son, forget not my law ; but let thine heart keep my commandments. Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. Prov. 8 : 1 ; 23 : 33. Deut. 27 : 16.

We have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. Jer. 35 : 10.

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. 3 : 20. Eph. 6 : 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.

The eyes of Israel were dim for age, that he could not see.
Gen. 48 : 10.

Elijah could not see ; for his eyes were set by reason of his age. 1 King 14 : 4.

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun : but if a man live many years and rejoice in them all ; yet let him remember the days of darkness ; for they shall be many. Eccl. 11 : 7, 8.

Barzallai 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 what I 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 ? The days of our years are threescore years and ten ; and if by reason of strength thy be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow ; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away, 2 Sam. 19 : 34, 35. Ps. 90 : 10.

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 ; ... when the strong men shall bow themselves ; ... and those that look out of the windows be darkened ; and all the daughters of music shall be brought low ; ... 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. Eccl. 12 : 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.
148 : 12.

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. 82 : 12-15.

Abraham ... died in a good old age, an old man and full of days. And Isaac ... 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. 25 : 8 ; 85 : 29. Deut. 34 : 7.

O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days. Ps. 102 : 24.

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season. Job. 5 : 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 shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come. Ps. 71 : 18, 19.

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. Is. 46 : 4.

E'en 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.

PARDON.

A God ready to pardon. Neh. 9: 17.

I have sinned, what can I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? ... Why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? Job 7: 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. 3: 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. 15: 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. Is. 55: 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. 25: 11; 51: 9.

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins. Is. 43: 25; 44: 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. Mic. 7: 18, Num. 14: 19.

I have pardoned according to thy word. Num. 14: 20.

He pardoneth all thy sins,
Though heaped like mountains round;
And 'neath the flood of mercy swept,
They're sought but never found.

W. H. P.

PARENTAL INFLUENCE.

Abijam ... walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him. 1 Kings 15 : 2, 3.

Nadab, the son of Jereboam, ... 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 15 : 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 16 : 30, 33.

Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, ... did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother. 1 Kings 22 : 57, 52.

Amon 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 21 : 19-21.

We have sinned with our fathers. Our fathers have sinned ; ... and we have borne their iniquities. Ps. 106 : 6. Lam. 5 : 7.

Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost : as your fathers did, so do ye. 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. Acts 7 : 51. Ex. 20 : 5.

O parents, touch those chords with care,
That vibrate on the distant air ;
From you they give the sweetest lays,
Or discords down to distant days.

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. 11 : 23.

The children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 2 Cor. 12 : 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. 5 : 8.

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children. Prov. 13 : 22.

Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation. . . . For I know him, that he will command his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment. Gen. 18 : 18, 19.

And Israel laid his right hand upon Ephraim's head, and his left hand upon Manasseh's; 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. Gen. 48 : 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 upon the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. Gen. 49 : 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. 14: 12.

We glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience: and experience hope. If we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Rom. 5: 4; 8: 25.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into manifold trials; knowing that the trial of your faith worketh patience; and let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing. Jas. 1: 2-4.

In all things commending ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience. 2 Cor. 6: 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. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken unto you 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 those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Jas. 5: 7, 8, 10.. Heb. 6: 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. 12: 1,2.

Ye have need of patience, that having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise. Heb. 10: 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.

The Lord will bless his people with peace. Ps. 29 : 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. Is. 57 : 30 ; 59 : 8.

Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace ; thereby good shall come unto thee. Job 22 : 21.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us ; for thou hast also wrought all our works for us. Is. 26 : 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. Is. 32 : 17, 18.

God hath called us to peace. 1 Cor. 7 : 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. 3 : 16. Col. 3 : 15.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee. Is. 23 : 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 14 : 1, 27.

As under the ocean's wild 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.

PRAISE.

The people that shall be created shall praise the Lord. Ps. 102 : 18.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. Ps. 51 : 15.

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me. Ps. 50 : 23.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Ps. 48 : 1.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem ; praise thy God O Zion. Praise God in His sanctuary ; ... sing His praise in the congregation of His saints. Ps. 147 : 12 ; 150 : 1 ; 149 : 1.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. Ps. 107 : 15.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise Him, all ye people. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare His praise in the islands. Ps. 117 : 1. Isa. 42 : 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. 9 : 1 ; 113 : 2 ; 145 : 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. 150 : 1, 2, 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.

David . . . appointed . . . Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to thank and praise the Lord . . . every morning, and likewise at even. 1 Chron. 16 : 4 ; 23 : 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 God filled the house of God. 2 Chron. 5 : 13, 14.

Praise the Lord, . . . ye that stand in the house of the Lord ; . . . sing praises unto his name for it is pleasant. Ps. 135 : 1-3.

Jehohasphat . . . 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 to praise, the Lord set liers in wait against . . . those that were come against Judah ; and they were smitten. 2 Chron. 20 : 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 upon them the judgment written. . . . Praise ye the Lord. Ps. 149 : 5-9.

At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises to 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 16 : 25, 26.

Ye that fear the Lord, praise him. Sing praises to God, sing praise. Ps. 22 : 23 ; 47 : 6.

Praise to God, give grateful praise,
For the love that crowns our days ;
Bounteous source of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ.

A. L. BARBAULD.

PRAYER.

Behold he prayeth. Acts 9 : 11.

What is the Almighty that we should serve him?
And what profit should we have if we pray unto him?
Job 21 : 15.

Ye have not because ye ask not. Ask and ye shall
receive. James 4 : 2. John 6 : 24.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh
come. Ps. 65 : 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. 10 : 12.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice : have
mercy also upon me and answer me. Ps. 27 : 7.

He shall be very gracious unto thee at the voice of
thy cry ; when he shall hear, he will answer thee. Is.
30 : 19.

Incline thine ear unto me ; in the day when I call,
answer me speedily. Ps. 102 : 2.

Before they call, I will answer ; and while they are
yet speaking, I will hear. Is. 65 : 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. 5 : 3 ; 55 : 17.

Pray without ceasing. Men ought always to pray,
and not to faint. 1 Thess. 5 : 17. Luke 18 : 1.

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.

Mattaniah ... was the chief to begin the thanksgiving in prayer. Neh. 11 : 17.

Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. Lu. 11 : 1.

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God : for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth ; therefore let thy words be few. 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, etc. Ecc. 5 : 2. Matt. 6 : 7-13. Compare 1 Kings 18 : 26-29 and 36-28,

Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast ; and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldst keep me from evil. that it might not grieve me ! And God granted him that which he requested. 1 Chron. 4 : 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 seapent ? 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. 7 : 9-11.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech,
That infant lips can try :
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

J. MONTGOMERY.

PRAYER.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James 5 : 13.

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. 5 : 17, 18.

The Lord is far from the wicked ; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Prov. 15 : 29.

Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble : thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear. Ps. 10 : 17.

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 15 : 7.

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 3 : 21, 22.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him : He also will hear their cry, and will save them. Ps. 145 : 18, 19.

Come my soul, thy suit prepare :
Jesus loves to answer prayer.
Thou art coming to a King :
Large petitions with thee bring ;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.

J. NEWTON.

PRAYER.

Everyone that asketh receiveth. Matt. 7: 8.

Jabed called on the God of Israel, and God granted him that which he requested. 1 Chron. 4: 10.

Eli said (to Hannah), Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. The Lord fulfill all thy petitions. 1 Sam. 1: 17. Ps. 20: 5.

Jonathan said unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth I will even do it for thee. 1 Sam. 20: 4.

Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Ps. 37: 4.

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. 1: 27, 28.

Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. John 16: 24.

This is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 1 John 5: 14, 15.

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11: 24.

"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 as He, though millions came,
His goodness and his fulness are the same.

W. H. P.

PRAYER.

The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended. Ps. 72: 20.

There is none that calleth upon Thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold on Thee. Is. 64: 7.

There is none ... that calleth upon me. ... They have not cried unto me with their hearts, but they howl upon their beds. Hos. 7: 7, 10, 14.

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. 32: 24, 26, 29. Hos. 12: 4.

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. 32: 28.

When (Jesus) had sent the multitude away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and he continued all night in prayer to God. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up supplications with strong crying and tears unto him who was able to save him from death, and was heard, in that he feared. Matt. 14: 23. Lu. 6: 12. Hebl 5: 7.

When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father who seeth in secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. Matt. 6: 6.

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.

Then 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. Chron. 30 : 27.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God : for unto thee will I pray. Ps. 5 : 2.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The prayer of the upright is his delight. Ps. 34 : 15. Prov, 15 : 8.

Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense ; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Ps. 141 : 2.

Another angel came and stood as 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 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. 8 : 3, 4.

The Lord hath heard my supplication ; the Lord will receive my prayer. Ps. 6 : 9.

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. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. Rev. 5 : 8. 1 Tim. 2 : 8.

When God inclines the heart to pray,
He hath an ear to hear ;
To Him there's music in a groan,
And beauty in a tear.

K

B. BEDOME.

PRESERVED.

The Lord preserveth them that love him : he preserveth the soul of his saints. Ps. 145 : 20 ; 97 : 10.

I have sinned, what shall I do unto Thee, O thou preserver of men? Job 7 : 20.

Depart from evil, and do good : and dwell forevermore. For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints : they are preserved forever. He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him. Ps. 37 : 27, 28, 40.

Preserve me, O God, for in Thee do I put my trust. Ps. 16 : 1.

The Lord preserveth the faithful. Ps. 31 : 23.

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. 83 : 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 forevermore. Ps. 121 : 7, 8.

The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom ; to whom be glory forever and ever. 2 Tim. 4 : 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. 5 : 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 safely preserve them, and surely defend.

W. H. P.

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 to perform. Heb. 11 : 17-19.

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. 3 : 16. 2 Cor. 1 : 20.

He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. Heb. 8 : 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. 7 : 1. 2 Pet. 1 : 3.

Through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Pet. 1 : 4.

This is the promise that He hath promised us, even eternal life. 1 John 2 : 25.

The Lord hath promised the crown of life to them that love him. Jas. 1 : 12.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering ; for He is faithful that promised. Heb. 10 : 23.

Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God ye might receive the promise. Heb. 10 : 33.

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.

PROSPERITY.

The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. The Lord . . . hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. Gen. 39 : 2. Ps. 85 : 27.

Uzziah . . . set himself to seek God ; and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper. 2 Chron. 26 : 1, 5.

If thou wouldest seek diligently unto God, and make thy supplication to the Almighty : if thou were pure and upright ; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. Job 8 : 5, 6.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord : O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Ps. 118 : 25.

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established ; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chron. 20 : 20.

O Lord, I beseech thee, let thine ear be attentive to the prayer of the servant : . . . and prosper I pray thee, thy servant this day. Neh. 1 : 11.

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. 22 : 11.

The God of heaven, he will prosper us ; therefore we his servants will arise and build. Neh. 2 : 20.

Pray ye for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee. Ps. 122 : 6.

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.

PROSPERITY.

The prosperity of fools shall destroy them. Prov. 1 : 32.

In my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
Ps. 30 : 6.

I spake unto thee in thy prosperity : but thou saidst,
I will not hear. Jer. 22 : 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. 26 : 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. 12 : 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. Hos. 10 : 1 ; 13 : 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. Hos. 4 : 7 ; 8 : 4 ; 13 : 6.

Prosper us only, Lord, as we
Thy beaming sunshine well may bear
Or let our pathway clouded be,
If better for us, here, and there.

W. H. P.

PROVIDED FOR.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. Ps. 147 : 9.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfieth the desire of every living thing. Ps. 145 : 15, 16.

Who provideth for the raven his food, when his young one cry unto God, and wander for lack of meat? The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. Who giveth food to all flesh. Job 33 : 41. Ps. 104 : 21 ; 136 : 25.

Things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts ; ... these wait all upon Thee ; that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That Thou givest them they gather : Thou opened Thine hand, they are filled with good. Ps. 104 : 25-28.

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink. ... Behold the fowls of the air : for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns : and yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Matt. 6 : 25, 26.

Give us this day our daily bread. Matt. 6 : 11.

My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4 : 19.

Though troubles assail, and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail, and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
His promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."
The birds without barn or storehouse are fed ;
From them let us learn to trust for our bread ;
His saints what is needful shall ne'er be denied,
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

J. NEWTON.

PROVIDED FOR.

Jehovah-jireh, ... the Lord will provide. Gen. 22; 14.

Feed me with food convenient for me. Prov. 30: 8.

The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. 34: 10; 84: 11.

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. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. 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. Ps. 23: 1-3; 103: 2, 5. Rom. 8: 32. 1 Tim. 6: 17.

If ye 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. 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 these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6: 31-33.

My God, are thy rich promises for me?
So vast, so limitless, so full, so free?
O let me then, in lowly trust draw near
Thy sacred feet, and asking, feel no fear.
Ask and receive; for boundless store is thine,
And all I need is by thy promise mine.

MRS. J. C. YULE.

PURIFIED.

Many shall be purified, and made white. Dan. 12 : 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. 24 : 3, 4.

He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend. Prov. 22 : 11.

God, who knoweth the hearts, ... put no difference between us (Jews) and them (Gentiles), purifying their hearts by faith. Acts 15 : 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. 5 : 8. 1 Pet. 1 . 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. 5 : 2. Tit. 2 : 14. 1 John 3 : 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. 3 : 2, 3.

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God ;
The secret of the Lord is their's ;
Their soul is his abode.

J. KEEBLE.

PUTTING AWAY EVIL.

They put away the strange gods from among them, and served the Lord. Judg. 10 : 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, who answered me in the day of my distress. Gen. 35 : 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. 7 : 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. 33 : 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. 1 : 9.

I will wash my hands in innocency : so will I compass thine altar. Ps. 26 : 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 your God. Is. 1; 16, 17. Jer. 18 : 11; 23 : 13.

Turn us, O Lord, from sinful ways,
That we may serve 'hee all our days.
'Then us, as gold and silver, fined,
An offering, on thine altar bind.

W. H. P.

REDEEMED.

*They shall call them the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord,
... a city not forsaken. Is. 62: 12.*

O Lord, arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercy's sake. Ps. 44: 23, 23.

Ye have sold yourselves for nought, but ye shall be redeemed without money. Is. 52: 3.

The Lord liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity—distress. 2 Sam. 4: 9. 1 Kings 1: 29.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Ps. 31: 22.

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. 103: 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. 107: 1, 2.

God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave. Ps. 49: 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. Hos. 13: 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.

W. H. P.

REDEEMED.

In His love and in His pity He redeemed them ; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old. Is. 63 : 8.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.. Ps. 25 : 22.

He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. O Israel thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins: return unto me: for I have redeemed thee. Ps. 150 : 8. Is. 44 : 21, 22.

Thou hast with thine arm redeemed Thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Ps. 77 : 15.

Thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee. Deut. 15 : 15.

What one nation in the earth is like thy people ... Israel ; whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, ... which thou redeemed to thee from Egypt, ... to be a people unto thee forever : and thou, Lord, art become their God. Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. 2 Sam. 7 : 23. Neh. 1 : 10.

Thus saith the Lord that 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. I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Is. 43 : 1, 3.

O sing of God's redeeming grace,
Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Along your pilgrim way.
E'en in affliction's darkest hour,
Sing of His sovereign grace and power,
And night will turn to day.

W. H. P.

REDEEMED.

These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and the Lamb. Rev. 14 : 4.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving kindness is good,
... draw nigh unto my soul and redeem it: deliver me
because of mine enemies. Ps: 69 : 16, 18.

The Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine
enemies. Eic. 4 : 10.

O my God, ... my lips shall greatly rejoice when I
sing unto thee, and my soul which thou hast redeemed.
Ps. 71 : 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. Is. 51 : 11.
See Rev. 5 : 9; 14 : 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. 3 : 13. Tit 2 : 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 were not
redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and
gold, ... but with the precious blood of Christ. 1 Cor.
6 : 20. 1 Pet. 1 : 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. 14 : 26.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort ; for thou art my rock and my fortress : my God ; in him will I trust. Ps. 71 : 3 ; 91 : 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. 91 : 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. 46 : 1 ; 71 : 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. 9 : 9. Deut. 33 : 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. 62 : 7 ; 94 : 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. 18 : 10. 2 Sam. 22 : 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. 118 : 15..

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee; and my soul which thou hast redeemed. Ps. 71 : 23.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. Ps. 32 : 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. 25 : 5 ; 33 : 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. 68 : 3 ; 105 : 3.

I will be glad and rejoice in Thee: I will sing praise to Thy name, O Thou most High. My soul shall be joyful in thee Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation. Ps. 9 : 2 ; 35 : 9.

Be glad, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God. Joel 2 : 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. Is. 61 : 10

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say rejoice. Rejoice evermore. Phil. 3 : 1 ; 4 : 4. 1 Thess. 5 : 16.

Joyful we live, on our Saviour relying;
Joyful in hope of more joy after 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. 8 : 39.

The righteous doth sing and rejoice. Prov. 29 : 6.

Rejoice in the Lord O ye righteous ; for praise is
comely for the upright. Ps. 33 : 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. 5 : 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. 3 : 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. O, 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. 40 : 16 ; 107 : 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 joyful noise to the Lord
the King. Ps. 98 : 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.

REST.

Blessed be the Lord who hath given rest unto his people, ... according to all that he promised. 1 Kings 8 : 56.

When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? Job 34 : 29.

Whoso hearkeneth unto Me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. Prov. 1 : 33.

O Lord, our God, we rest on thee, and in thy name we go. 2 Chron. 14 : 11.

My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. Ex. 33 : 14.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. Ps. 116 : 7.

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him. In returning and rest shall ye be saved. Ps. 37 : 7. Is. 30 : 15.

We who have believed do enter into rest Heb. 4 : 3.

He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works as God did from his. Heb. 4 : 10.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : He leadeth me beside the waters of rest. Ps. 23 : 2.

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. Ez. 34 : 15, 28.

Rest weary soul!

Thy penalty is borne, the ransom paid —
For all thy sins full satisfaction made ;
Strive not to do thyself what Christ hath done,
Claim the free gift, and make the joy thine own,
No more by pangs of grief and fear distressed.

Rest, sweetly rest.

JANE BORTHWICK.

REST.

*Then had the churches rest, and walking in the fear of God,
and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were edified. Acts. 9 : 31.*

Tell me. O Thou whom my soul loveth, where Thou
feedest, where Thou makest Thy flock to rest at noon.
Cant. 1 : 7.

If thou knowest not, . . . go thy way forth by the
footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shep-
herds' tents. My people have been lost sheep ; . . . they
have wandered from mountain to hill, and have forgot-
ten their resting place. Cant. 1 : 8. Jer. 50 : 6.

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. 94 : 12, 13.

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.
6 : 16

Let us labor to enter into that rest. Heb. 4 : 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. 11 : 28-30.

Jesus, I rest in Thee,
In thee I safely hide ;
Laden with guilt and misery,
Where can I rest beside ?
Upon Thy strong and tender breast,
My weary soul I gladly rest.

L

J. G. DECK.

REST.

They shall rest in their beds, each one that walketh in his uprightness. Is. 57 : 2.

There remaineth a rest to the people of God. Heb 4 : 9.

Ye are not yet come to the rest ... which the Lord your God giveth you. Arise and depart, for this is not your rest, for the land is polluted. Deut. 12 : 9. Mic. 2 : 10.

Let us fear lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any should seem to come short of it. Heb. 4 : 1.

The Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from thy hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve. Is. 14 : 3.

Let us labor to enter into that rest, lest any man fall in disobedience (unbelief). Heb. 4 : 11.

If thou set thine heart aright, and stretch out thine hands unto him; if iniquity be put far away, and wrong abide not in thy dwellings, .. thou shalt be steadfast and not fear : ... thou shalt take thy rest in safety. Also thou shalt lie down and none shall make thee afraid. Job 11 : 13-15, 18, 19.

O, that I had wings like a dove, for then would I fly away and be at rest. Ps. 55 : 6,

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. 14 : 13.

Rest, weary heart !
From all thy silent grief and secret pain,
Thy profitless regrets and longings vain :—
Wisdom and love have ordered all the past :
All shall be blessedness and light at last.
Cast off the cares that have so long oppress ;
Rest, sweetly rest.

J. NE BORTHWICK.

RESURRECTION.

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, We will hear thee concerning this yet again. Acts 17 : 39.

If a man die, shall he live again? Job. 14 : 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 26 : 18. John 5 : 21.

Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise thee? Ps. 83 : 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. Is. 26 : 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 14 : 25. Ps. 49 : 15. Is. 25 : 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 is victory. Hos. 13 : 14. 1 Cor. 15 : 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 victor,?"

W. H. P.

RESURRECTION.

He preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. Acts 17 : 18.

Of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. Acts 23 : 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. 15 : 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. 1 : 9 ; 4 : 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 5 : 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. 15 : 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 trump of God : and the dead in Christ shall rise first. John 5 : 25. Thess. 4 : 14, 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.

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. Is. 19 : 22. Luke 15 : 17, 18.

If Thy people ... sin against Thee, ... and repent, and make supplication unto Thee, saying, We have sinned, ... and return unto Thee with all their heart; then hear Thou their supplication, ... and forgive; for they are Thy people. 1 Kings 8 : 44-50.

Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts. Mal. 3 : 7.

Turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the Lord my God. Jer. 31 : 18.

Return unto Me, for I have redeemed thee. Is. 44 : 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. 85 : 4. Lam. 5 : 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. 30 : 6, 9.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord; for he hath torn and he will heal us; he hath smitten and he will bind us up. Lam. 3 : 40; Hos. 6 : 1.

Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you. Return ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backsliding. Jer. 3 : 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. Hos. 14: 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. 3: 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. Is. 57: 15.

Wilt Thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in Thee? Ps. 85: 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. Hos. 14: 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 unto the earth. Hos. 6: 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. 3: 7. Ex. 34: 26.

Revive thy work O Lord,
And give refreshing showers,
The glory shall be all thine own;
The blessing shall be ours.

A. MIDLANE.

RICHES.

Let not the rich man glory in his riches. Jer. 9 : 23.

Ephriam said, Surely I am become rich. Ephriam is like a silly dove without heart. Hos. 12 : 8 ; 7 : 11.

If riches increase, set not your heart upon them. For riches certainly make themselves wings ; they fly away. Ps. 62 : 10. Prov. 23 : 5.

They that sell (the flock) say, Blessed be the Lord, for I am rich. Zech. 11 : 5.

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 10 : 24. Prov. 11 : 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. 32 : 27, 25.

He that received seed among the thorns, is he that heareth the word ; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word. Matt. 13 : 22.

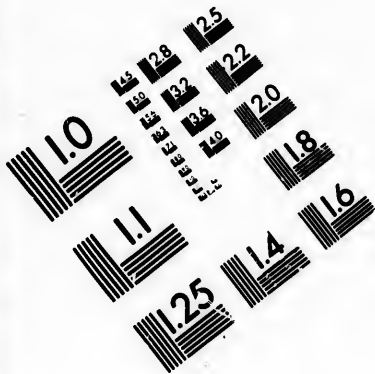
Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab. And the Ammonites gave gifts unto Uzziah : and ... he strengthened himself exceedingly. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction. 2 Chron. 18 : 1 ; 26 : 8, 16.

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. 6 : 17.

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 riches abundant, and a home in the sky.

W. H. P.





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RICHES.

*Riches are not forever. Uncertain riches. Prov. 27 : 24.
1 Tim. 6 : 17.*

Give me neither poverty nor riches. Prov. 30 : 8.

Labor not to be rich : ... nor trust in uncertain riches. Prov. 23 : 4. 1 Tim. 6 : 17.

He that hath an evil eye hasteth after riches, and knoweth not that want shall come upon him. Prov. 28 : 22.

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished. He that maketh haste to be rich shall not go unpunished. Prov. 13 : 11 ; 28 : 20.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. Ps. 37 : 16.

Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right. 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. 16 : 8. Jer. 17 : 11.

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. 1 Tim. 6 : 9.

Wee unto you that are rich : for ye have received your consolation. Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Luke 6 : 24. James 5 : 1. See vs. 3-6.

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.

RIGHTEOUS:

By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. The Lord loveth the righteous. Rom. 5 : 19 ; Ps. 146 : 8.

What is man that he should be clean, and he that is born of a woman, that he should be righteous. Job 15 : 14.

There is none righteous, no not one. Rom. 5 : 10.

Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Rom. 4 : 3.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous. Heb. 11 : 14.

He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. 1 John 3 : 7.

If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him. 1 John 2 : 29.

The thoughts of the righteous are right. Prov. 12 : 5.

The desire of the righteous is only good. Prov. 11 : 23.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, Jas. 5 : 10.

The desire of the righteous shall be granted. Prov. 10 : 24.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. Num. 23 : 10.

The righteous hath hope in his death. Prov. 14 : 32.

Life's labor done as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say,
"How blest the righteous when he dies."

BARBAULD.

RIGHTEOUS.

The Lord trieth the righteous, Ps. 11 : 5.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth them out of them all. He heareth the prayer of the righteous. Ps. 34 : 19. Ps. 15 : 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. 1 Pet. 3 : 12. Ps. 34 : 17.

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do ? Ps. 11 : 3.

The Lord upholdeth the righteous. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Ps. 37 : 17 : 55 : 22.

The righteous doth sing and rejoice. Prov. 29 : 6.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous. The hope of the righteous is gladness. Ps. 33 : 1. Prov. 10 : 28.

The righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger and stronger. Job. 17 : 9.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree : he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Ps. 92 : 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. 58 : 11 ; 5 : 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. 11 : 31 ; 13 : 21. Is. 3 : 10.

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.

RIVER.

A river went out of Eden to water the garden. Gen 2: 10.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it; Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water. Ps. 65: 9. See 36: 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. Is. 41: 17, 18; 43: 20.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God. And a man shall be . . . as rivers of water in a dry place. Ps. 46: 4; Is. 32: 2.

He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. John 7: 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. Ez. 47: 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 fruit, and yielded herfruit every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Rev. 22: 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.

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. 105 41. 1 Cor. 10 : 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. Is 32 : 2.

Behold there is a place by Me, 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. 33 : 21, 22.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress ; ... my God, my strong rock, in whom I will trust. Ps. 18 : 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. 9 : 33.

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. 32 : 31. 1 Sam. 2 : 2. 2 Sam. 22 : 32, 47.

He is a rock, his work is perfect ; for all his ways are judgment ; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. Deut. 32 : 4.

O safe to the rock that is higher than I,
My soul in its sorrows 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.

RUNNING A RACE.

They that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize.
1 Cor. 9: 24.

I will run the way of Thy commandments, when
Thou shalt enlarge my heart. Ps. 119: 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. Ecc.
9: 11. Is. 40: 30, 31.

Draw me, we will run after Thee. Cant. 1: 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. 5: 7.
Jer. 12: 5.

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, the author
and finisher of our faith. Every man that striveth in
the games is temperate in all things. 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. 12: 1, 2. 1 Cor. 9: 32, 26. Phil. 3: 13, 14.

So run, that ye may obtain. 1 Cor. 9: 24.

Press onward, Christian, in thy heavenward race;
Win the grand prize, and take thy crown and place.

W. H. P.

SABBATH.

Today is a Sabbath unto the Lord. Ex. 16 : 23.

Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Ex. 31 : 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. 5 : 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. 20 : 8-11.

Blessed is the man that ... keepeth the sabbath from polluting it. Is. 56 : 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 shall 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, ... for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Deut. 5 : 12. Is. 58 . 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 2 : 9.

Save us, O God of our salvation. 1 Chron. 16 : 35.

Behold thy salvation cometh. The grace of God hath appeared to all men, bringing salvation. Is. 62 : 11 Tit. 2 : 11.

I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord. Let thy mercies come unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation according to thy word. Gen. 49 : 18. Ps. 119 : 41.

My salvation is near to come. My salvation shall not tarry. Is. 53 : 1 ; 46 : 13.

Truly my soul waiteth upon God, from him cometh my salvation. Ps. 62 : 1.

Israel shall be saved by the Lord, with an everlasting salvation. Is. 45 : 17.

Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation. Ps. 119 : 166.

God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation. 2 Thess. 2 : 13.

Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. Ps. 35 : 3.

Be it known unto you . . . that in the name of Jesus Christ, . . . and in none other, is there salvation. Acts 4 : 10, 12.

God hath not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 5 : 9.

With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10 10.

Salvation ! O the joyful sound !

'Tis music to our ears ;

A sovereign balm for all its wounds,

A cordial for its fears.

I. WATTS.

SANCTIFIED.

Sanctified by God the Father ; in Christ Jesus ; by the Spirit ; through the truth. Jude 1. 1 Cor. 1 : 2 ; 6 : 10. John 17 : 19.

The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself. Ps. 4 : 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. 5 : 25. 1 Thess. 4 : 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 forever them that are sanctified. Heb. 10 : 10, 14.

Sanctify yourself therefore, for I am the Lord your God, ... who doth sanctify you. Lev. 20 : 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. 2 : 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. 5 : 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.

SATISFIED.

O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the Lord. Deut. 33 : 23.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Ps. 90 : 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. Is. 55 : 2.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips. Ps. 63 : 5.

The Lord upholdeth the righteous; ... and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. Ps. 37 : 17, 19.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple. Ps. 65 : 4.

He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Ps. 107 : 9.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house; and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures. Ps. 36 : 8.

I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord. Jer. 31 : 14.

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?

M

MRS. J. C. YULE.

SAVED.

The angel of His presence saved them. Is. 63 ; 9.

Save us, O God of our salvation. 1 Chron. 16 : 35.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else. Is. 45 : 22.

Save us, O Lord our God: Ps. 103 : 47.

Wait on the Lord and he shall save thee. Prov. 20 : 22.

O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Ps. 86 : 2.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord. ... He shall ... save them, because they trust in him. Ps. 37 : 40.

We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved. Acts 15 : 11.

God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. John 3 : 17.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us. Tit. 3 : 5.

By grace ye are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. Eph. 2 : 8.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, 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. 1 ; 15. Acts. 4 : 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 10 : 9. Luke 19 : 10.

He saved me from my lost estate :
His loving-kindness, Oh, how great !

A. MEDLEY.

SAVIOUR.

God, according to his promise, raised unto Israel a Saviour, even Jesus. Acts 13 : 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. 14 : 8, 9.

I am the Lord thy God, the holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. Thou shalt know no God but me ; for there is no Saviour beside me. Is. 43 : 3. Hos. 13 : 4.

Verily thou art a God that hideth thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. Is. 45 : 15.

In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy upon thee. And thou shalt know that I, the Lord, am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. Is. 54 : 8 ; 60 : 16.

We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. I John 4 : 14.

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 2 : 10, 11. Acts 5 : 31.

The Saviour ! O, what endless charms
Dwell in that blissful sound ;
It's influence every fear disarms,
And spreads delight around.

A. STEELE.

SECOND COMING.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearance of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Tit. 2 : 13.

Behold, He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him. Rev. 1 : 7.

Ye shall see the Son of man . . . coming in the clouds of heaven. Matt. 26 : 64.

The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. Zech. 14 : 5.

Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints. Jude 14.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence. Ps. 50 : 3.

The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the triumph of God ; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 1 Thess. 4 : 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. 4 : 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 14 : 2, 3.

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.

SECOND COMING.

To them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. 9 : 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 might be fashioned like unto his glorious body. Phil. 3 : 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 1 : 11.

A very little while, and He that cometh shall come, and shall not tarry. Heb 10 : 37.

Be ye also patient ; stablish your hearts ; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. James 5 : 8.

There is laid up for me a 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. 4 : 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 hasting the coming of the day of God. 1 Cor. 1 : 4, 7. 2 Thess. 3 : 5. 2 Pet. 3 : 12.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Rev. 22 : 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. 22 : 12, 20.

The weary Church has waited long,
Her Lord's return to sing ;
And 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 how He's near.

W. H. P.

SEEING GOD.

Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. John 20: 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. Is. 45: 15. Job 23: 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 1: 18.

How is it that thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world? John 14: 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 14: 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 3: 5. 1 Cor. 13: 12. See Job 19: 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. 5: 8. Rev. 22: 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.

W. H.

SEEING GOD'S BEAUTY AND GLORY.

How great is His beauty. His glory is above the heavens.
Zech. 9 : 17. Ps. 113 : 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, 27 : 4.

Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty. Is. 33 : 17.

I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory. Ex. 33 : 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 cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by. Ex. 33 : 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 1 : 14. 2 Cor. 4 : 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 that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am ; that they may behold my glory. Is. 40 : 5 ; 66 : 18. John 17 : 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 Thy beauteous face.

W. H. P.

SEEING THE INVISIBLE.

Moses endured as seeing Him who is invisible. Heb. 11: 27.

What sign doest Thou, that we may see and believe
Thee John 6: 80.

Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.
John 4: 48.

Let Christ ... come down from the cross, that we
may see, and believe. Mark 15: 32.

Ye have seen Me and believed not John 4: 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 20: 25.

Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed;
blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have
believed. John 20: 29.

We have seen and do testify, that the Father sent
His son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John 4: 14.

Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it, and
was glad. John 8: 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. 4: 18: 5: 7.

Whom having not seen, ye love: on whom, though
now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy
unspeakable and full of glory, receiving the end of your
faith. even the salvation of your souls. 1 Pet. 1: 8-9.

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 : 8.

God hath made of one blood all nations of men ... that they should seek the Lord, if happy they might feel after him and find him, though he be not far from every one of us. Acts 17 : 26. 27.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon while he is near. Is. 55 : 6.

With my soul have I desired Thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek Thee early. Is. 23 : 9.

I love them that love Me, and they that seek Me early shall find me. Prov. 8 ; 17.

Saw ye him whom my soul loveth ? O that I knew where I might find him ! Cant. 3 : 3. Job 23 : 3.

Ye shall seek Me and find Me when ye shall seek me with all your heart. Jer. 29 : 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. 3 : 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 thine heart, and with all thine soul. 1 Chron. 22 : 19. Deut. 4 : 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.

Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. Israel then shall dwell in safety alone.
Num. 23 : 9. Dut. 33 : 28.

Thy people Israel ... thou didst separate from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance. 1 Kings 8 : 52, 53.

Ye shall not walk in the customs of the nation 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. 20 : 23, 25, 26.

He brought us out, that he might bring us in. Deut. 6 : 23.

Now therefore make confession unto the Lord, and do his pleasure, and separate yourselves from the peoples of the lands. Ezra 10 : 11.

The people that separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, clave unto their brethren, and entered into an oath, to walk in God's law ... and to do all the commandments of the Lord. Neh. 10 : 28, 29.

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 15 : 19. 2 Cor. 6 : 17, 18.

Earth's fondest friendships I resign,
 Its honors, wealth and pleasure ;
 For I am His, and He is mine,
 My Lord, my life, my treasure.

W. H. P.

SEPARATION.

When they heard the law, they separated from Israel all the mixed multitud. Neh. 13: 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. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Ps. 1: 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. 4: 14, 15.

The seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins. Neh. 9: 2.

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 idolator, 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. 5: 6, 7, 11. 2 Thess. 3: 6. 1 Tim. 6: 5. 2 Tim. 3: 4, 5.

How sweet, with God, from sin apart;
His love transfused through all the heart.

W. H. P.

SERVING GOD.

They put away the strange gods from among them, and served the Lord. Jud. 10 : 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. 12 : 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. Josh. 24 : 15. 1 Sam. 7 : 3. Matt. 6 : 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. Josh. 24 : 15, 16-18, 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 ; ... and serve ye the Lord. Matt. 4 : 10. Ex. 8 : 1. Josh. 24 : 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 OTHERS.

David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep. Acts 13 : 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 3 : 16.

I am among you as he that serveth. For the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Luke 22 : 27. Matt. 20 : 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. 15 : 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. 10 : 24. Gal. 6 : 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, 9 : 19 : 10 : 33.

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be made rich. By love serve one another. 2 Cor. 8 : 9.

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 emblessed
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. 10 : 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 22 : 17. Ez 34 : 5.

My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill ; yea, my sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth, and became a prey, and meat to all the beasts of the field, because there was no shepherd. Ezek. 34 : 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. 119 : 173. Isa. 53 : 6.

Ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. 1 Pet. 2 : 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. 95 : 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 10 : 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.

SHEPHERD.

He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a Shepherd doth his flock. Jer. 31 : 10.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leads Joseph like a flock, ... stir up thy strength and come and save us. Pe, 80 : 1, 2.

If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and seek that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it, more than over the ninety and nine which went not astray. Behold, I will search for my sheep, and seek them out as a shepherd seeketh out his flock that are scattered abroad; ... and I will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. ... I will feed my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. Matt. 18 : 12, 13. Ez. 34 : 12-15.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He shall stand and shall feed in the strength of the Lord. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that have their young. Ps. 23 : 1. Mic. 5 ; 4. Is. 40 : 11.

I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine: ... and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10 : 14, 15.

The king of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever.

H. W. BAKER.

SHEPHERD GOOD.

The good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10: 11.

David said unto Saul; Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and when there came a lion or a bear and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth. 1 Sam. 17: 34, 35.

I will save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey. ... And I shall set up one Shepherd over them, ... even my servant David; and he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. Ez. 34: 22, 23.

When Jesus saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed, and scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Matt. 9: 35, 36.

What man of you having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me: for I have found my sheep, which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance. Luke 15: 4-7.

Lord, thou hast here thy ninety and nine;
Are they not enough for Thee?
But the Shepherd made answer, this of mine
Has wandered away from me:
And although the road be rough and steep,
I go to the desert to find my sheep.

ELIZABETH C. CLEPHAM.

SHEPHERDS.

Woe to the shepherds that feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock? Eze. 34: 2.

The shepherds are become brutish, and have not inquired of the Lord; therefore they have not dealt wisely, and all their flocks are scattered. Jer. 10: 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 be 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. 23: 1, 2; 50: 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 10: 12, 13.

Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth the flock. Zech. 11: 17.

O Jesus, our "Good Shepherd,"
When earthly shepherds flee
In dangers and desertion,
We'll ever trust in Thee.

N

W. H. P.

SHOWERS.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth. Ps. 72: 6.

Are there any among the vanities of the heathen that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers. Jer. 14: 22.

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; ... and he shall give showers of rain. Zech. 10: 1.

Thou visiteth the earth, and waterest it; Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; 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. 65: 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. Behold, I will search for My sheep, and will seek them out; and 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. 32: 2. Ez. 34: 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.

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. All unrighteousness is sin.
Romans 14 : 23. I John 5 : 17.

There is no man that sinneth not. 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 all together become filthy ; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 1 Kings 8 : 46. Ps. 14 : 2, 3.

There is not a just man upon earth that doeth good, and sinneth not. Ecc. 7 : 20.

Who can say, I have made my heart clean ; I am free from my sin ? Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. 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. Prov. 20 : 9. Ps. 51 : 5. Job 15 : 14-16.

Though thou wash thee with nitre, and take much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord. Jer. 2 : 22.

Whoso committeth sin, is the servant (slave) of sin. John 8 : 34.

Whosoever committeth sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning. Heb. 8 : 12, 13.

Man sinned, and through and through
 His heart and life, the evil grew.
 One sinned, and others following, fell
 From sinless bliss, to guilt and hell.

W. H. P.

SIN.

Sin is the transgression of the law. To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. John 3: 4. James 4: 17.

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 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. 51: 3. Is. 59: 12.

Be sure your sins will find you out. Num. 32: 23.

Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee: our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance. Ps. 90: 8.

I know your manifold transgressions, and your mighty sins. Amos 5: 12.

How many are mine iniquities and my sins? Make me to know my transgressions 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. Job 13: 23. 1 Cor. 4: 4. James 3: 2. 1 John 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. Who can understand his errors? 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. 6: 5. Ps. 19: 12. Ecc. 9: 3. Jer. 17: 9.

My sins, my sins, my Saviour!
As on Thy soul they fell;
Their number and their greatness,
None but thyself can tell.

W. H. P.

SORROWFUL, YET REJOICING.

As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing. 2 Cor. 6: 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. 3: 17, 18.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. Be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God. Ps. 97: 12. Joel 2: 23,

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. Ps. 4: 7.

The meek shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. Is. 29: 19.

Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted. Behold, we count them happy who endure. Jas. 1: 9; 5: 11.

Blessed are ye that weep now, for ye shall laugh. Blessed 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 6: 21-23. See Acts 5: 40, 41.

Weeping saint, why dost thou mourn?

Jesus all thy grief hath borne;

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. 6: 7.

He that soweth iniquity, shall reap vanity. Prov. 22: 8.

He that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption. Gal. 6: 8.

They that sow wickedness, reap the same. Job. 4: 8.

They sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. Hos. 8: 7,

He that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward. Prov. 11: 18.

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to mercy. Hos. 10: 12.

He that soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully. 2 Cor. 9: 6.

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, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass, Ecc. 11: 6. Is. 32: 20.

They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy. Ps. 126: 5.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Ps. 126: 6.

Now the sowing and the weeping,
Working hard, and waiting long;
Afterward, the golden reaping,
Harvest-home, and grateful song.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

STEADFASTNESS.

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2 : 42.

I will open my mouth in parables: 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. 78: 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 11: 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. 4: 14; 8: 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. Beware lest ye being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 1 Pet. 5: 8, 9. 2 Pet. 3, 17.

Settle and fix my wavering heart,
O blessed Christ, on Thee;
And let it never more depart,
Nor ever changeful be.

W. H. P.

STRENGTH.

God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. He is mighty in strength and wisdom. Job. 9 : 4 ; 36 : 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. 29 : 11, 12.

Ascribe ye strength unto God. God giveth strength and power unto his people. Ps. 68 : 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. 20 : 12.

Seek the Lord and his strength. Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Ps. 105 : 4. Eph. 6 : 10.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God. The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. Ps. 71 : 16 ; 118 : 14.

Trust ye in the Lord forever ; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Is. 26 : 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. 27 : 1. Is. 12 : 2.

We pray for you, that ye might be strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power. Col. 1 : 9, 11.

Strong is the Lord of hosts,
And in his mighty power,
The man who in the Saviour trusts,
Is more than conqueror.

C. WESLEY.

STRENGTH.

The Lord will give strength to his people. Ps. 29 : 11.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee. Give Thy strength unto Thy servant. Ps. 81 : 5 ; 86 : 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. 105 : 4. Dan. 11 : 32.

My soul droppeth for heaviness : strengthen Thou me according to Thy word. Ps. 119 : 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. Is. 40 : 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. 18 : 32, 39 ; 138 : 3.

Quit you like men, be strong. Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 1 Cor. 16 : 13. Eph. 6 : 10.

When I am weak, then am I strong. I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me. 2 Cor. 12 : 10. Phil. 4 : 13.

As thy days, so shall thy strength be. My strength is made perfect in weakness. Deut. 33 : 25. 2 Cor. 12 : 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.

TALKING WITH GOD.

Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him. And he left off talking with him, and God went up with Abraham. Gen. 17 : 3, 22.

Surely I would speak with the Almighty. Job. 13 : 3.

Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee. Ezek. 2 : 1.

O Lord, ... let me talk with thee. Jer. 12 : 1.

Arise and go forth into the valley, and I will talk with thee there.. Ezek. 3 : 22.

If he call thee, thou shalt say, Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth. 1 Sam. 3 : 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. Gen. 18 : 27. Judges 6 : 17.

Ye yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from Heaven. Ex. 20 : 22,

Speak to us Lord, Thyself reveal,
While here on earth we rove :
Speak to our hearts, and let us feel
The kindling of thy love.
With Thee conversing, we forget
All time, and toil, and care ;
Labor is rest, and pain is sweet,
If Thou, my God, art here.

C. WESLEY.

TALKING WITH GOD.

The Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And ... Moses wist not that his face shone while he talked with him. Ex. 33 : 11 ; 34 : 29.

We have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth. Deut. 5 : 24.

Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking ... as thou hast heard, and live? Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee. Deut. 4 : 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. 1 : 1, 2. John 4 : 42.

Thou hast both seen Him, and He it is that speaketh with thee. John 9 : 37.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak. 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. 85 : 8. Hab. 2 : 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 ... For He shall take of Mine, and declare it unto you. John 16 : 12, 13.

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.

THANKSGIVING.

And David ... appointed ... Levites ... to thank and praise the Lord : ... to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at even. 1 Chron. 16 : 2, 4 ; 23 : 30.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High. Ps. 92 : 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. 107 : 21, 22.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him, with psalms. Ps. 95 : 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. 5 : 19, 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. 35 : 18 ; 116 : 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. 50 : 14 ; 100 : 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. 16: 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. 69: 30, 31.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Ps. 107: 1. 1 Thess. 5: 18.

Every creature of God is good, and to be received with thanksgiving. 1 Tim. 4: 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. Giving thanks always for all things unto God. Phil. 4: 6. Col. 3: 15. Eph. 5: 20.

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. 9: 15. Heb. 13: 15.

As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, stablished in the faith, and built up in him, ... 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. 2: 6, 7; 4: 17.

Thanks we'll give forever, Lord,
For thy goodness to our race;
For the treasures of thy work,
And the riches of thy grace.

W. H. P.

TRIED.

The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the Lord trieth the hearts. Prov. 17: 8.

After these things, the Lord did try Abraham. The word of the Lord tried him. And Abraham when he was tried, offered up Isaac, and he that had received the promises, offered up . . . his only begotten son. Gen. 22: 1. Ps. 105: 19. Heb. 11: 17.

The Lord trieth the righteous. Ps. 11: 5.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and heart. Ps. 26: 2.

The righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. Ps. 7: 9.

I know, my God, that thou triest the heart. Thou triest my heart towards thee. 1 Chron. 29:17. Jer. 12: 3.

I, the Lord, search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways. Jer. 17: 10.

Thou, O Lord, hast tried us as silver is tried. Ps. 66: 10.

I have refined thee, but not with silver. I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. Is. 48: 10.

When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Job 23: 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. Mal. 3: 3.

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 imprisonments, (of whom the world was not worthy). Heb. 11 : 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. 3 : 2.

When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned ; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee: for I am with thee. Is. 43 : 2, 5.

We went through fire and through water : but Thou broughtest us into a wealthy place. Ps. 66 : 12. See Dan. 3 : 19-25.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into various trials, knowing that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be proved by fire, might be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Jas. 1 : 2. 1 Pet. 1 : 7.

The Lord's fire is in Zion and his furnace in Jerusalem. For everyone shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Is. 31 : 9. Mark 9 : 49.

Everything that may abide the fire, ye shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean. Every man's work shall be made manifest by fire, and the fire shall prove each man's work, of what sort it is. Num. Num. 31 : 23. 1 Cor. 3 : 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

W. H. P.

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 18 : 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. 118 : 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. 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. 146 : 3, Jer. 9 : 4; 17 : 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 son of men. Ps. 31 : 19.

O, taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Ps. 34 : 8

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. Ps. 84 : 12.

Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust. 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. Ps. 40 : 4. Jer. 17 : 7, 3.

Lord, how blessed it would be,
Did we only trust in thee.
Trust thy wisdom, love and power,
Fully, firmly, every hour.

W. H. F.

TRUSTING GOD.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but whoso trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about. Ps. 32 : 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. 83 : 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. 3 : 12.

Mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord; in thee is my trust: leave not my soul destitute. Ps. 141 : 8.

Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Ps. 37 : 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. Is. 26 : 3. Ps. 112 : 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. Is. 50 : 10.

Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him. Job 13 : 15.

Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Prov. 29 : 25.

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,

UNBELIEF.

Children in whom is no faith. By their unbelief they were broken off. Deut. 32 : 20. Rom. 11 : 20.

Wherefore hath the Lord brought us into this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? Were it not better for us to return into Egypt?... Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. Num. 14 : 3, 4.

They believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation. Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. Yea, they despised the pleasant land; they believed not His word. So they could not enter in because of unbelief. To whom sware He that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not. Heb, 3 : 12, 18.

Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Ps. 78 : 22, 41; 103 : 24. Heb. 3 : 12, 18, 19.

Children in whom is no faith. The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief. Deut. 32 : 20. Heb. : 2, 6.

He that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. He that believeth not God hath made him a liar, because he hath not believed the record that God hath given of his Son. Mark 16 : 16. John 3 : 18. 1 John 5 : 10. See John 8 : 36. Rev. 21 : 8.

O Lord, my unbelief subdue,
And fan faith's feeble, flickering fire;
That I may trust thy word as true,
And ne'er provoke Thy righteous ire.

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. 13 : 58. Mark 2 : 5. See 6 : 5, 53-56.

Elisha's servant.—Alas, master, what shall we do ? 2 Kings 6, 15.

Elisha.—Fear not ; for they that be with us, are more than they that be with them. 2 Kings 6 : 16.

The children of Israel.—Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness ? Ex. 14 : 11.

Moses.—Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which we will show to you to-day : for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more forever. Ex. 14 : 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, and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. Num. 13 : 31, 33.

Caleb.—Let us go up at once, and possess it ; for we are well able to overcome it. Num. 13 : 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. 17 : 33.

David.—The Lord is on my side ; I will not fear ; what can man do unto me ? Ps. 118 : 6.

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.

And 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. 2 : 12.

Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings. Ps. 17 : 8.

He shalt cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust. Ps. 91 : 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. 57 : 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 13 : 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. 36 : 7 ; 61 : 4 ; 63 : 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. 91 : 1. Deut. 33 : 12.

In God I have found a retreat,
Where I can securely 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.

UNHOLY ALLIANCES.

Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? A wife, ... if her husband be dead, is free to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord. Prov. 6 : 27. 1 Cor. 7 : 39.

When men began to multiply on the face of the earth, ... 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. 6 : 1, 2, 11.

When the Lord shall bring thee into the land, ... and shall cast out many nations before thee; ... thou shalt make no covenant, ... nor ... marriages with them; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Deut. 7 : 1, 2. 1 Kings 11 : 2.

The children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites; and they took their daughters to be their wives; ... and served their gods. Judges 3 : 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, 10 : 10. Neh. 13 : 26. 1 Kings 11 : 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. And (Jehoram) walked ... as did the house of Ahab : for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife. 1 Kings 16 : 30, 31 ; 21 : 25. 2 Kings 8 : 16, 18.

Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers. 2 Cor. 6 : 14.

The partners of our blood :—
How they divide our wavering minds,
And leave but half for God.

I. WATTS.

UNITY.

All the rest of Israel were of one heart to make David king.
1 Chron. 12 : 38.

The multitude of them that believed were of one heart, and of one mind. Acts 12 : 38.

Be of the same mind one toward another. 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. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our 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. Rom. 12 : 16. Phil. 1 : 27. 1 Cor. 1 : 10.

Behold, how good, and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity : it is ... as the dew of Hermon, and ... that descended upon the mountains of Zion ; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore. Ps. 133 : 1, 3.

If there be any consolation in Christ, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels of mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye 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. Phil. 2 : 1, 2. 2 Cor. 13 : 11.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love !
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

J. FAWCETT.

UPHELD.

The Lord upholdeth the righteous. Ps. 37 : 17.

Uphold me according unto Thy word, that I may live ; and let me not be ashamed of my hope. Ps. 119 : 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. 37 : 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. 51 : 12 : 13.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. Ps. 145 : 14.

Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe : and I will have respect unto Thy statutes continually. Ps. 119 : 117.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33 : 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. 63 : 8 ; 94 : 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. Is. 41 : 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.

WAITING FOR GOD.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. Lam. 35: 2.

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. 130: 5, 6.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. The Lord will wait that he may be gracious unto you, ... and that he may have mercy upon you. Ps. 37: 7. Is. 30: 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. 40: 1-3.

It is good that a man should both hope, and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. Lam. 3: 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. Is. 25: 8, 9; 64, 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. 8: 34. Is. 49: 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 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. Is. 40 : 31.

My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation. Ps. 62 : 5, 6.

Turn thou to thy God : keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually. Hos. 12 : 6.

Thou art the God of my salvation ; on thee do I wait all the day. O my strength, I will wait on Thee. My soul waiteth only upon God ; from him cometh my salvation. Ps. 25 : 5 ; 59 : 9 ; 62 : 1.

Wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee. Prov. 20 : 22.

They that wait upon the Lord, ... shall inherit the land (earth). Ps. 37 : 9.

Wait on the Lord and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land. Ps. 37 : 34.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul, ... None that wait on thee shall be desolate. 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. 25 : 1, 3 ; 145 : 15, 16.

Wait on the Lord ; be strong, and let thy heart take courage ; yea, wait thou on the Lord. Ps. 27 : 14.

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.

WHITE RAIMENT.

He that overcometh shall be clothed in white raiment. Rev.
3 : 5.

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. Jas. 1 : 27.

Let thy garments be always white. 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. 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. Ecc. 9 : 8. Rev. 3 : 4, 18.

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. Is. 61 : 10.

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. 19 : 7, 8.

Clad in robes of purest white,
Rapturous saints in glory stand ;
Decked with radiant jewels bright,
Palms and harps in either hand.
Singing songs of joy and praise,
To the Lamb in endless days ;
Songs of praise through endless days.

W. H. P.

WILLING SERVICE

Amaziah willingly offered himself unto the Lord, and with him, two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. 2 Chron. 17 : 16.

My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Jud. 5 : 9.

Praise ye the Lord for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves. Jud. 5 : 2.

All the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands. And every wise-hearted man in whom the Lord put wisdom ... to know how to work ... for the service of the sanctuary ; ... every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it, ... according to all that the Lord commanded Moses; so did they. ... And Moses blessed them. Ex. 35 : 25 ; 36 : 1, 2, 39 ; 32 : 43.

Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? My son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. 1 Chron. 29 : 5 ; 28 : 9.

If I do this thing willingly I have a reward. 1 Cor. 9 : 17.

If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land. 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. Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight, not by constraint, but willingly ; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. Isa. 1 : 19. Col. 3 : 23, 24. 1 Pet. 5 : 2.

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, will labor still.

W. H. P.

WORK.

The potters, and those that abode among plantations and hedges, there they dwell with the king for his work. 1 Chron. 4 : 23.

My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. John 5 : 17.

Son, go work to-day in my vineyard. To every man his work. Matt. 21 : 28. Mark 13 : 34.

We must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day ; the night cometh when no man can work. John 9 : 4.

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. Ecc. 9 : 10.

His work is honorable and glorious. My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work. Ps. 113 : 3. John 4 : 34.

The Lord Jesus Christ himself comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. 2 Thess. 2 : 16, 17.

I have glorified Thee on the earth, I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do. John 17 : 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. 15 : 58.

Unto Thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy, for thou renderest to every man according to his work. Ps. 62 : 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. 15 : 7. Rev. 2 : 23.

To the work ! To the work ! We are servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our Master has 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.

In every work that (Hezekiah) began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, ... he did it with all his heart, and prospered. 2 Chron. 31 : 21.

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. 2 : 18; 4 : 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 ... to the workmen that wrought in the house of the Lord. And the men did the work faithfully. 2 Chron. 24 : 13; 34 : 9-12.

The Tokoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord. Neh. 3 : 5.

Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently. Jer. 48 : 10.

Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my Lord the king may appoint. 2 Sam. 15 : 15

Be strong, all ye people of the land, ... and work, for I am with you, saith the Lord. 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. 2 : 4. 2 Cor. 9 : 8.

Work in the early morning;

Work through the glowing noon;

Work till the shades of evening,

Gather all too soon.

Work with a will while life is given,

And then for rest go home to heaven.

W. H. P. From S. Dyer.

YOUNG MEN.

Young men, . . . let them praise the name of the Lord. Ps.
148 : 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 7 : 58, 59 ; 8 : 3 ; 9 : 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. Zech. 2 : 4. Acts 9 : 15.

Benhadad king of Syria, gathered all his host 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 unto 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 . . . went out first. And they slew every one his man ; and the Syrians fled ; and Israel pursued them ; . . . and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter. 1 Kings 20 : 1, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21.

The glory of young men is their strength. I write unto you young men ; because, . . . ye are strong and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one. Prov ; 20 : 29. 1 John 2 : 13, 14.

Young men God summons to the front,
To brave the battle's bannered brunt :
Well armed, and skilled, in purpose strong
To stand the struggle stern and long.
The world expects young men to win,
In battling with the powers of sin.
The Church looks for her sons to bring
New trophies for their conquering King.

W. H. T.

"MY BELOVED."

Solomon's Song, 5: 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 aglow 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 dew ;
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,
Falseless, "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 dr. ss,
 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 ever more.

W. H. P.

