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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS.

Ch .....Church.
Col. .....Collection.
Epis. Col..... Episcopal Collection.
Luth. Col.....Lutheran Collection.
Meth. Col.....Methodist Collection.
Mont. Col.....Montgomery's Collection.
P.'s Col..... Pratt's Collection.
Presb. Col.....Presbyterian Collection.
Evang. Mag.....Evangelical Magazine.
S. & H.....Sternhold & Hopkins.
Sp. Psalms.....,.....Spirit of the Psalms.
T. & B.....Tate & Brady.

PREFACE.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at its session in Huntsville, Alabama, A. D. 1858, appointed a committee, consisting of Rev. A. J. Baird, Rev. J. C. Provine, and N. Green, Jr., Esq., to revise the Psalms and Hymns of the book formerly adopted by the Assembly for the use of the Church, with special instructions as to the "names of authors," "restoration of their original phraseology," the "incorporation of old hymns," and "close attention to the theology of the same."

The Assembly also appointed a committee, viz., Rev. C. P. Reed, Rev. R. Beard, D.D., Rev. M. Bird, D.D., to review the work of the revising committee preparatory to publication.

After much labor and scrupulous care, the committees have accomplished the tasks respectively assigned them, and now present to the Church, through the Committee of Publication, a compilation unsurpassed by any work of similar character, in arrangement of subjects, beauty of poetry, piety of sentiment, and harmony and symmetry of doctrine.

May the great Head of the Church and King of saints approve the offering, to the advancement of Zion and the promotion of the Divine glory!

PSALMS.

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1 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

The Righteous and the Wicked.

HAPPY the man whose cautious feet
Shun the broad way where sinners go;
Who hates the place where atheists meet,
And fears to talk as scoffers do;

2 Who loves t' employ his morning light
Among the statutes of the Lord;
And spends the wakeful hours of night
With pleasure pondering o'er the word.

3 He, like a plant by gentle streams,
Shall flourish in immortal green;
And Heaven will shine with kindest beams
On every work his hands begin.

4 But sinners find their counsels crossed:
As chaff before the tempest flies,
So shall their hopes be blown and lost,
When the last trumpet shakes the skies.

1 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

BLEST is the man who shuns the place
Where sinners love to meet;
Who fears to tread their wicked ways,
And hates the scoffer's seat;

2 But in the statutes of the Lord
Has placed his chief delight;
By day he reads or hears the word,
And meditates by night.

3 He, like a plant of generous kind,
By living waters set,
Safe from the storm and blasting wind,
Enjoys a peaceful state.

4 Green as the leaf, and ever fair,
Shall his profession shine;
While fruits of holiness appear,
Like clusters on the vine.

5 Not so the impious and unjust:
What vain designs they form!
Their hopes are blown away like dust
Or chaff before the storm.

6 Sinners in judgment shall not stand
Among the sons of grace,
When Christ, the Judge, at his right hand
Appoints his saints a place.

1 PART III. S. M. WATTS.

THE man is ever blest
Who shuns the sinner's ways;
Among their councils never stands,
Nor takes the scorner's place;

2 But makes the law of God
His study and delight,
Amidst the labors of the day,
And watches of the night.

3 He like a tree shall thrive,
With waters near the root;
Fresh as the leaf, his name shall live;
His works are heavenly fruit.

4 Not so th' ungodly race;
They no such blessings find:
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving wind.

2 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Christ exalted and his Enemies warned.

WHY did the nations join to slay
The Lord's anointed Son?
Why did they cast his laws away,
And tread his gospel down?

2 The Lord, who sits above the skies,
Derides their rage below;
He speaks, with vengeance in his eyes,
And strikes their spirits through.

3 "I call him my eternal Son,
And raise him from the dead;
I make my holy hill his throne,
And wide his kingdom spread."

4 Be wise, ye rulers of the earth;
Obey the anointed Lord;
Adore the King of heavenly birth,
And tremble at his word.

2 PART II. C. M. T. & B.

ATTEND, O earth, when God declares
His uncontrolled decree:
"Thou art my Son: this day, my heir,
Have I begotten thee.

2 "Ask, and receive thy full demands:
Thine shall the heathen be:
The utmost limits of the lands
Shall be possessed by thee."

3 Learn, then, ye princes, and give ear,
Ye judges of the earth;
Worship the Lord with holy fear,
Rejoice with awful mirth.

2 PART III. S. M. WATTS.

THE Lord ascends on high,
And asks to rule the earth;
The merit of his blood he pleads,
And pleads his heavenly birth.

2 He asks, and God bestows
A large inheritance:
Far as the world's remotest ends
His kingdom shall advance.

3 The nations that rebel
Must feel his iron rod:
He'll vindicate those honors well
Which he received from God.

4 Be wise, ye rulers, now,
And worship at his throne:
With trembling joy, ye people, bow
To God's exalted Son.

5 If once his wrath arise,
Ye perish on the place;
But blessed is the soul that flies
For refuge to his grace.

3 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

God our Defence. Morning.

O LORD, how many are my foes
In this weak state of flesh and blood!
My peace they daily discompose,
But my defence and hope is God.

2 Tired with the burdens of the day,
To thee I raised an evening cry;
Thou heard'st when I began to pray,
And thine almighty help was nigh.

3 Supported by thine heavenly aid,
I laid me down, and slept secure;
Not death should make my heart afraid,
Though I should wake and rise no more.

4 But God sustained me all the night;
Salvation doth to God belong:
He raised my head to see the light,
And makes his praise my morning-song.

3 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY God, how many are my fears!
How fast my foes increase!
Their number—how it multiplies!
How fatal to my peace!

2 But thou, my glory and my strength,
Shalt on the tempter tread;
Shalt silence all my threatening guilt,
And raise my drooping head.

3 I cried, and from his holy hill
He bowed a listening ear:
I called my Father and my God,
And he subdued my fear.

4 Guarded by him, I laid me down,
My sweet repose to take;
For I through him securely sleep,
Through him in safety wake.

5 What though the hosts of death and hell
All armed against me stood?
No terrors now shall shake my soul:
My refuge is my God.

3 PART III. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

THOU, gracious Lord, art my defence,
On thee my hopes rely;

Thou art my glory, and shalt yet
Lift up my head on high.

2 Guarded by him, I laid me down,
My sweet repose to take;
For I through him securely sleep,
Through him in safety wake.

3 Salvation to the Lord belongs;
He only can defend:
His blessing he extends to all
That on his power depend.

4 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

God our Portion.

WHAT though th' unthinking world may say,
"Who will bestow some earthly good?"
Lord, for thy light and love we pray:
Our souls desire this heavenly food.

2 Then shall our cheerful powers rejoice
At grace divine and love so great;
Nor will we change our happy choice
For all their wealth and boasted state.

4 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LORD, thou wilt hear me when I pray;
I am for ever thine:
I fear before thee all the day,
Nor would I dare to sin.

2 And while I rest my weary head,
From care and business free,
'T is sweet conversing on my bed
With my own heart and thee.

3 I pay this evening sacrifice;
And when my work is done,

Great God, my faith, my hope relies
Upon thy grace alone.

4 Thus, with my thoughts composed to peace,
I'll give mine eyes to sleep:
Thy hand in safety keeps my days,
And will my slumbers keep.

5 PART I. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Communion with God. Sabbath Morning.

LORD, hear my words—my spirit see,
When wrapt in solemn thoughts of thee:
My King, my God, my cries attend:
To thee my suppliant prayers ascend.

2 Whene'er the morning rays appear,
Thou, Lord, my early voice shalt hear:
To thee my lifted hands shall rise,
And faith look up with longing eyes.

3 O God, thy pure and holy mind
In tents of sin no joy can find:
Far from thy throne shall evil flee,
Nor e'er inhabit, Lord, with thee.

4 But I, by boundless mercies led,
Thy temple's sacred courts will tread;
Up to thy house with joy repair:
Thy mercies shall surround me there.

5 Prostrate I'll bow, with fear impressed,
While awe profound inspires my breast;
And faith, while yet my prayers arise,
Firm on the Saviour's name relies.

5 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LORD, in the morning thou shalt hear
My voice ascending high;

To thee will I direct my prayer,
To thee lift up mine eye—

2 Up to the hills, where Christ is gone
To plead for all his saints,
Presenting at his Father's throne
Our songs and our complaints.

3 Thou art a God before whose sight
The wicked shall not stand;
Sinners shall ne'er be thy delight,
Nor dwell at thy right hand.

4 But to thy house will I resort,
To taste thy mercies there;
I will frequent thine holy court,
And worship in thy fear.

5 O may thy Spirit guide my feet
In ways of righteousness,
Make every path of duty straight
And plain before my face.

5 PART III. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

LORD, hear the voice of my complaint;
Accept my secret prayer:
To thee alone, my King, my God,
Will I for help repair.

2 Thou in the morn my voice shalt hear,
And with the dawning day,
To thee devoutly I'll look up,
To thee devoutly pray.

3 Let all thy saints, who trust in thee,
With shouts their joy proclaim;
By thee preserved, let them rejoice,
And magnify thy name.

4 To righteous men the righteous Lord
His blessings will extend;
And with his favor all his saints,
As with a shield, defend.

5 PART IV. C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

BEHOLD us, Lord, with humble fear
Approach thy temple gate;
Though most unworthy to draw near,
Or in thy courts to wait.

2 But, trusting in thy boundless grace,
To all so freely given,
We worship in thy holy place,
And lift our souls to heaven.

3 Lead us in all thy righteous ways,
Nor let our footsteps slide:
Make straight thy path before our face,
Our guardian still, and guide.

4 No more to sin, Lord, let us yield,
Defended from above,
And kept, and covered with the shield
Of thy almighty love.

5 PART V. C. M. WRANGHAM.

SOON as the morning rays appear,
I'll lift my eyes above;
My voice shall reach thy listening ear,
And supplicate thy love.

2 Within thy house my voice shall rise,
Before thy mercy-seat;
There will I fix my steadfast eyes,
And worship at thy feet.

3 In righteousness thy strength display,
And my protection be;
Teach me to know that only way
Which leads to heaven and thee.

6 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Severe Chastisements deprecated.

LORD, I can suffer thy rebukes,
When thou with kindness dost chastise;
But thy fierce wrath I cannot bear;
O let it not against me rise!

2 Pity my languishing estate,
And ease the sorrow that I feel;
The wounds thy heavy hand hath made,
O Lord, in tender mercy heal.

3 Look how the powers of nature mourn!
How long, almighty God, how long?
When shall thine hour of grace return?
When shall I make thy grace my song?

6 PART II. C. M. NEWTON.

IN mercy, not in wrath, rebuke
Thy feeble worm, my God;
My spirit dreads thine angry look,
And trembles at thy rod.

2 Have mercy, Lord, for I am weak;
Regard my humble cry:
O let thy voice of comfort speak,
And bring salvation nigh.

3 O come, and show thy power to save,
And spare my fainting breath;
For who can praise thee in the grave,
Or sing thy name in death?

4 Satan, my cruel, envious foe,
Insults me in my pain;
He smiles to see me brought so low,
And tells me hope is vain.

5 But hence, thou enemy, depart,
Nor tempt me to despair!
My Saviour comes to cheer my heart;
The Lord has heard my prayer.

7 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

THE Lord is judge: before his throne
All nations shall his justice own:
O may my soul be found sincere,
And stand approved with courage there.

2 The Lord, in righteousness arrayed,
Surveys the world his hands have made;
Pierces the heart, and tries the reins,
And judgment from on high ordains.

3 My God, my Shield! around me place
The shelter of the Saviour's grace:
Then, when thine arm the just shall save,
My life shall triumph o'er the grave.

8 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

The Divine Glory celebrated.

ALMIGHTY Ruler of the skies,
Through all the earth thy name is spread,
And thine eternal glories rise
Above the heavens thy hands have made.

2 To thee the voices of the young
Their sounding notes of honor raise;
And babes, with uninstructed tongue,
Declare the wonders of thy praise.

3 Amidst thy temple children throng
To see their great Redeemer's face;
The Son of David is their song,
And loud hosannas fill the place.

8 PART II. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

The condescending Grace of God.

O LORD, our Lord, in power divine,
How great is thy illustrious name!
Through all the earth thy glories shine,
Placed high above the heavenly frame.

2 Down from his throne thy Son descends,
A little time our form to wear:
Beneath th' angelic hosts he bends,
Our sufferings and our guilt to bear.

3 But, lo! thy power exalts him high,
In glorious dignity enthroned;
He bears our nature to the sky,
O'er all thy works the Ruler crowned.

4 Jesus, our Lord, in power divine,
How great is thy illustrious name!
Through all the earth thy glories shine—
Let all the earth resound thy fame.

8 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O LORD, our Lord, how wondrous great
Is thine exalted name!
The glories of thy heavenly state
Let men and babes proclaim.

2 Lord, what is man, or all his race,
Who dwells so far below,
That thou shouldst visit him with grace,
And love his nature so?—

3 That thine eternal Son should bear
To take a mortal form;
Made lower than his angels are,
To save a dying worm!

4 Let him be crowned with majesty,
Who bowed his head to death;
And be his honors sounded high
By all things that have breath.

5 Jesus, our Lord, how wondrous great
Is thine exalted name!
The glories of thy heavenly state
Let all the earth proclaim.

8 PART IV. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

O THOU, to whom all creatures bow,
Within this earthly frame,
Through all the world, how great art thou!
How glorious is thy name!

2 When heaven, thy glorious work on high,
Employs my wondering sight,
The moon that nightly rules the sky,
With stars of feebler light;

3 Lord, what is man, that thou shouldst choose
To keep him in thy mind!
Or what his race, that thou shouldst prove
To them so wondrous kind!

4 O thou, to whom all creatures bow,
Within this earthly frame,
Through all the world, how great art thou!
How glorious is thy name!

8 PART V. C. M. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

JEHOVAH, Lord of power and might,
How glorious is thy name!
The blaze of day, the pomp of night,
Thy majesty proclaim.

2 Lord, what is man—weak, sinful man—
That he thy care should prove;
That thou for him shouldst deign to plan
Such mighty acts of love!

3 Made in thine image at his birth,
Next to the heavenly host,
And sovereign of the new-formed earth,
Each privilege he lost.

4 Then did the pitying Saviour leave
The glories of the sky,—
O! love too wondrous to conceive!—
For sinful man to die;

5 To die, that we, by grace restored,
Might life and glory claim!
O great Creator, Saviour, Lord,
How excellent thy name!

8 PART VI. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O LORD, our heavenly King,
Thy name is all divine;
Thy glories round the earth are spread,
And o'er the heavens they shine.

2 When to thy works on high
I raise my wondering eyes,
And see the moon, complete in light,
Adorn the darksome skies;

3 When I survey the stars,
And all their shining forms,
Lord, what is man, that worthless thing,
Akin to dust and worms?

4 Lord, what is worthless man,
That thou shouldst love him so?
Next to thine angels is he placed,
And lord of all below.

5 How rich thy bounties are!
How wondrous are thy ways,
That from the dust thy power should frame
A monument of praise!

9 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

God glorious as a Judge and Deliverer.

WITH my whole heart I'll raise my song;
Thy wonders I'll proclaim:
Thou, sovereign Judge of right and wrong,
Wilt put my foes to shame.

2 I'll sing thy majesty and grace:
My God prepares his throne,
To judge the world in righteousness,
And make his vengeance known.

3 Then shall the Lord a refuge prove
For all the poor oppressed,
To save the people of his love,
And give the weary rest.

4 The men who know thy name will trust
In thy abundant grace;
For thou hast ne'er forsook the just
Who humbly sought thy face.

5 Sing praises to the righteous Lord,
Who dwells on Zion's hill,
Who executes his threatening word,
And doth his grace fulfil.

9 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same.

WHEN the great Judge, supreme and just,
Shall once inquire for blood,
The humble souls that mourn in dust
Shall find a faithful God.

2 Thy thunder shall affright the proud,
And put their hearts to pain;
Make them confess that thou art God,
And they but feeble men.

3 Though saints to sore distress are brought,
And wait, and long complain,
Their cries shall never be forgot,
Nor shall their hopes be vain.

4 Rise, great Redeemer, from thy seat,
To judge and save the poor;
Let nations tremble at thy feet,
And man prevail no more.

9 PART III. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same.

TO God, who dwells on Zion's mount,
Your lofty voices raise;
Through all the earth his works recount,
In solemn hymns of praise.

2 The Lord in righteousness is known,
In judgment seen by all;
The wicked, who his name disown,
By their own works shall fall.

3 O Lord, in majesty arise,
The heathen's power assail;
Exalt thyself above the skies,
And let not man prevail.

4 Thou art, O God, the righteous Lord,
Thy name shall still endure;
Thy throne of judgment and thy word
Shall stand for ever sure.

9 PART IV. C. M. T. & B.

Delight in praising God.

TO celebrate thy praise, O Lord,
I will my heart prepare;
To all the listening world thy works,
Thy wondrous works, declare.

2 The thought of them shall to my soul
Exalted pleasures bring;
While to thy name, O thou Most High,
Triumphant praise I sing.

3 Thou art, O Lord, a sure defence
Against oppressing rage;
As troubles rise, thy needful aid
In our behalf engage.

4 To celebrate thy praise, O Lord,
I will my heart prepare;
To all the listening world thy works,
Thy wondrous works, declare.

10 PART I. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Jehovah, the Avenger of the Oppressed.

JEHOVAH reigns—your tribute bring;
Proclaim the Lord, th' eternal King:
Crown him, ye saints, with holy joy,
His arm shall all your foes destroy.

2 Thy Spirit shall our heart prepare;
Thine ear shall listen to our prayer:
Thou, righteous Judge! thou Power divine!
On thee the fatherless recline.

3 The Lord shall save th' afflicted breast,
His arm shall vindicate th' oppressed;
Earth's mightiest tyrant feel his power,
Nor sin nor Satan grieve them more.

10 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

WHY doth the Lord depart so far,
And why conceal his face,
When great calamities appear,
And times of deep distress?

2 Lord, shall the wicked still deride
Thy justice and thy power?
Shall they advance their heads in pride
And still thy saints devour?

3 O God, arise—lift up thine hand,
Attend our humble cry:
No enemy shall dare to stand
When God, our help, is nigh.

4 Thou wilt prepare our hearts to pray,
And lend thine ear to hear;
Accept the vows thy children pay,
And free thy saints from fear.

10 PART III. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

ARISE, O Lord—lift up thine hand,
And show to all mankind
That in thy guidance and command
The poor shall safety find.

2 Thou dost ungodliness behold:
O then the humble bless,
And with thy sacred love enfold
The poor and fatherless.

3 God hears his humble followers' voice,
When offered up in prayer;
He bids their thankful hearts rejoice,
Who to his house repair.

4 Those shall in peace and safety live,
Who love God's righteous laws;
To them he will protection give,
For ever, from their foes.

11 L. M. WATTS.

God present to save his People.

MY refuge is the God of love:
Why do my foes insult and cry,
"Fly, like a timorous, trembling dove,
To distant woods or mountains fly?"

2 The Lord in heaven has fixed his throne,
His eyes survey the world below:
To him all mortal things are known,
His eyelids search our spirits through.

3 If he afflict his saints so far,
To prove their love and try their grace,
What must the bold transgressors fear!—
His very soul abhors their ways.

4 The righteous Lord loves righteous souls,
Whose thoughts and actions are sincere;
And with a gracious eye beholds
The men that his own image bear.

12 C. M. WATTS.

Divine Aid invoked in Times of great Wickedness.

HELP, Lord, for men of virtue fail,
Religion loses ground;
The sons of violence prevail,
And treacheries abound.

2 Their oaths and promises they break,
  They act the flatterer's part:
With fair, deceitful lips they speak,
  But with a double heart.

3 Lord, when iniquities abound,
  And blasphemy grows bold,
When faith is hardly to be found,
  And love is waxing cold,

4 Is not thy chariot hastening on?
  Hast thou not given the sign?
May we not trust and live upon
  A promise so divine?

5 "Yes," saith the Lord, "now will I rise,
  And make oppressors flee;
I shall appear to their surprise,
  And set my servants free."

13 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Complaint under the Hiding of God's Countenance.

HOW long wilt thou conceal thy face,
  My God, how long delay?
When shall I feel those heavenly rays
  That chase my fears away?

2 How long shall my afflicted soul
  Wrestle and toil in vain?
Thy word can all my foes control,
  And ease my raging pain.

3 Be thou my sun, and thou my shield;
  My soul in safety keep;
Make haste, before mine eyes are sealed
  In death's eternal sleep.

4 Thou wilt display that sovereign grace
  Whence all my comforts spring;
I shall employ my lips in praise,
  And thy salvation sing.

13 PART II. 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

LORD of mercy, just and kind,
Wilt thou ne'er my guilt forgive?
Never shall my troubled mind
In thy kind remembrance live?

2 Lord, how long shall Satan's art
Tempt my harassed soul to sin,
Triumph o'er my humbled heart,
Fears without and guilt within?

3 Lord, my God, thine ear incline,
Bending to the prayer of faith;
Cheer my eyes with light divine,
Lest I sleep the sleep of death.

4 But on mercy I rely—
Mercy, heavenly Lord, impart:
Mercy brings salvation nigh;
Mercy shall rejoice my heart.

5 Lord, I lift my voice in praise,
All thy bounty to adore:
From eternity thy grace
Flows, increasing evermore.

13 PART III. 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

LORD, my God, how long by thee
Shall I quite forgotten be?
Lord, how long?—for ever?—say—
Wilt thou turn thy face away?

2 Ceaseless thoughts my soul perplex;
Daily griefs my spirit vex:
O'er me, lo! my foes bear sway:
Lord, how long?—for ever?—say.

3 Lord, my God, at length arise;
Mark my sorrows, hear my cries:
Lighten thou my eyes that weep,
Lest the sleep of death I sleep.

4 On thy mercy I repose:
Thee my heart her Saviour knows;
Leaps for joy; and hymns thee, Lord,
Thee, her shield and great reward.

14 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Atheism arising from Depravity.

FOOLS in their hearts believe and say
That all religion 's vain;
There is no God who reigns on high,
Or minds th' affairs of men.

2 The Lord, from his celestial throne,
Looked down on things below,
To find the man that sought his grace,
Or did his justice know.

3 By nature, all are gone astray;
Their practice all the same;
There 's none that fears his Maker's hand,
There 's none that loves his name.

4 O that salvation might proceed
From Zion's sacred place,
Till Israel's captives all are freed,
And sing recovering grace!

14 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

ARE sinners now so hardened grown,
That they the saints devour,
And never worship at thy throne,
Nor fear thine awful power?

2 Great God, appear to their surprise,
Reveal thy dreadful name:
Let them no more thy wrath despise,
Nor turn our hope to shame.

3 Dost thou not dwell among the just?
And yet our foes deride,
That we should make thy name our trust:
Great God, confound their pride.

4 O that the joyful day was come
To finish our distress!
When God shall bring his children home,
Our songs shall never cease.

15 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

The Citizen of Zion.

WHO shall ascend thy heavenly place,
Great God, and dwell before thy face?
The man who loves religion now,
And humbly walks with God below;

2 Whose hands are pure, whose heart is clean;
Whose lips still speak the thing they mean:
No slanders dwell upon his tongue;
He hates to do his neighbor wrong.

3 He loves his enemies, and prays
For those who curse him to his face;
And does to all men still the same
That he could hope or wish from them.

4 Yet, when his holiest works are done,
His soul depends on grace alone:
This is the man thy face shall see,
And dwell for ever, Lord, with thee.

15′ PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

WHO shall inhabit in thy hill,
O God of holiness?
Whom will the Lord admit to dwell
So near his throne of grace?

2 The man who walks in pious ways,
And works with righteous hands;
Who trusts his Maker's promises,
And follows his commands;

3 He speaks the meaning of his heart,
Nor slanders with his tongue;
Will scarce believe an ill report,
Nor do his neighbor wrong;

4 His hands disdain a golden bribe,
And never wrong the poor:
This man shall dwell with God on earth,
And find his heaven secure.

15 PART III. 7s. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

WHO, O Lord, when life is o'er,
Shall to heaven's blest mansions soar?
Who, an ever-welcome guest,
In thy holy place shall rest?

2 He whose heart thy love has warmed;
He whose will, to thine conformed,
Bids his life unsullied run;
He whose words and thoughts are one;

3 He who shuns the sinner's road,
Loving those who love their God;
Who, with hope, and faith unfeigned,
Treads the path by thee ordained;

4 He who trusts in Christ alone,
Not in aught himself hath done:
He, great God, shall be thy care,
And thy choicest blessings share.

16 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Humility of a good Man.

PRESERVE me, Lord, in time of need:
For succor to thy throne I flee,
But have no merits there to plead:
My goodness cannot reach to thee.

2 Oft have my heart and tongue confessed
How empty and how poor I am:
My praise can never make thee blest,
Nor add new glories to thy name.

3 Yet, Lord, thy saints on earth may reap
Some profit by the good I do;
These are the company I keep,
These are the choicest friends I know.

4 Let others choose the sons of mirth,
And give their hours to noise and wine;
I love the men of heavenly birth,
Whose thoughts and language are divine.

16 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Hope of the Resurrection.

WHEN God is nigh, my faith is strong;
His arm is my almighty prop:
Be glad, my heart; rejoice, my tongue;
My dying flesh shall rest in hope.

2 Though in the dust I lay my head,
Yet, gracious God, thou wilt not leave
My soul for ever with the dead,
Nor lose thy children in the grave.

3 My flesh shall thy first call obey,
  Shake off the dust, and rise on high;
Then shalt thou lead the wondrous way
  Up to thy throne above the sky.

16 PART III. L. M. WRANGHAM.

Delight in God and his People.

PRESERVE thy faithful servant, Lord,
  Who art the refuge of the just;
To me thy sheltering aid afford,
  For in thine arm alone I trust.

2 The saints, who dwell the earth around,
  I view with pleasure and delight;
But they who other gods have found,
  I cast with horror from my sight.

3 I will not mingle with the throng
  Whose guilt their sorrow multiplies;
I will not name them with my tongue,
  Nor join their bloody sacrifice.

4 God is my portion here below:
  'Tis he who shall my lot maintain;
His bounty makes my cup o'erflow,
  And frees my anxious soul from pain.

5 Thou shalt unto my longing eyes
  The path of endless life display;
Where, in thy presence, joys arise
  Which neither languish nor decay.

16 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

LET heathens to their idols haste,
  And worship wood or stone;
But my delightful lot is cast
  Where God is truly known.

2 His hand provides my constant food;
  He fills my daily cup:
Much am I pleased with present good,
  But more rejoice in hope.

3 God is my portion and my joy;
  His counsels are my light;
He gives me sweet advice by day,
  And keeps me safe by night.

4 My soul would all her thoughts approve
  To his all-seeing eye:
Not death nor hell my hope shall move,
  While such a friend is nigh.

5 Thou shalt the paths of life display,
  Which to thy presence lead;
Where pleasures dwell without alloy,
  And joys that never fade.

16 PART V. C. M. WATTS.

Hope of the Resurrection.

I SET the Lord before my face,
  He bears my courage up;
My heart, my tongue, their joy express;
  My flesh shall rest in hope.

2 My spirit, Lord, thou wilt not leave
  Where souls departed are,
Nor quit my body in the grave,
  To see corruption there.

3 Thou wilt reveal the path of life,
  And raise me to thy throne;
Thy courts immortal pleasure give;
  Thy presence joys unknown.

17 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Prospect of the Righteous and Wicked contrasted.

LORD, I am thine; but thou wilt prove
My faith, my patience, and my love:
When men of spite against me join,
They are the sword—the hand is thine.

2 What sinners value, I resign:
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine;
I shall behold thy blissful face,
And stand complete in righteousness.

3 This life's a dream, an empty show;
But that bright world to which I go
Hath joys substantial and sincere:
When shall I wake, and find me there?

4 O glorious hour! O blest abode!
I shall be near and like my God;
And flesh and sin no more control
The sacred pleasures of my soul.

5 My flesh shall slumber in the ground
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound,
Then burst the chains with glad surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

17 PART II. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

ARISE, my gracious God,
And make the wicked flee;
They are but thy chastising rod
To drive thy saints to thee.

2 Behold the sinner dies—
His haughty words are vain;
Here, in this life, his pleasure lies,
And all beyond is pain.

3 Then let his pride advance,
And boast of all his store;
The Lord is my inheritance—
My soul can wish no more.

4 I shall behold the face
Of my forgiving God,
And stand complete in righteousness,
Washed in my Saviour's blood.

18 PART I. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Strength and Protection from Jehovah.

WITH my whole heart I'll love thy name,
Jehovah! thee my strength I claim;
My rock, my fortress, where I fly;
My great deliverer, always nigh.

2 My God! thy names of grace impart
The strength that cheers my fainting heart:
In thee I trust, nor danger dread,
Thine arm the buckler o'er my head.

3 What can thy horn of power control,
Which wrought salvation for my soul?
Thou art the tower of my defence;
Nor earth, nor hell, shall pluck me thence.

4 Thou, gracious Lord, hast heard my cries;
Beyond our praise thy glories rise;
And still shall prayer my lips employ,
Till thou shalt every foe destroy.

18 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THEE will I love, O Lord, my strength,
My rock, my tower, my high defence;
Thy mighty arm shall be my trust,
For I have found salvation thence.

2 Death, and the terrors of the grave,
  Stood round me with their dismal shade;
While floods of high temptation rose,
  And made my sinking soul afraid.

3 In my distress, I called my God,
  When I could scarce believe him mine;
He bowed his ear to my complaint,
  And proved his saving grace divine.

4 My song for ever shall record
  That terrible, that joyful hour,
And give the glory to the Lord
  Due to his mercy and his power.

18 PART III. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

JUST are thy ways, and true thy word,
  Great Rock of my secure abode;
Who is a God beside the Lord?
  Or where's a refuge like our God?

2 'Tis he that girds me with his might,
  Gives me his holy sword to wield;
And, while with sin and hell I fight,
  Spreads his salvation for my shield.

3 He lives—and blessings crown his reign—
  The God of my salvation lives;
The dark designs of hell are vain,
  While heavenly peace my Father gives.

18 PART IV. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

NO change of time shall ever shock
  My trust, O Lord, in thee;
For thou hast always been my rock,
  A sure defence to me.

2 Thou our deliverer art, O God;
Our trust is in thy power;
Thou art our shield from foes abroad,
Our safeguard and our tower.

3 To thee will we address our prayer,
To whom all praise we owe;
So shall we, by thy watchful care,
Be saved from every foe.

4 Then let Jehovah be adored,
On whom our hopes depend;
For who, except the mighty Lord,
His people can defend?

18 PART V. C. M. S. & H.

Jehovah coming to reign.

THE Lord descended from above,
And bowed the heavens most high,
And underneath his feet he cast
The darkness of the sky.

2 On cherubim and seraphim
Full royally he rode,
And on the wings of mighty winds
Came flying all abroad.

3 He sat serene upon the floods,
Their fury to restrain;
And he, as sovereign Lord and King,
For evermore shall reign.

18 PART VI. 8s. & 7s. P.'s COL.

LO! the Lord Jehovah liveth!
He's my rock, I bless his name:
He, my God, salvation giveth;
All ye lands, exalt his fame.

2 God, Messiah's cause maintaining,
Shall his righteous throne extend:
O'er the world the Saviour reigning,
Earth shall at his footstool bend.

3 O'er his enemies exalted,
Great Redeemer!—see him rise!
Though by powers of hell assaulted,
God supports him to the skies.

4 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
There for ever to abide;
All the heavenly host adore thee,
Seated at thy Father's side.

19 PART I. L. M. ADDISON.

The Heavens declaring the Glory of God.

THE spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.

2 Th' unwearied sun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land
The work of an almighty hand.

3 Soon as the evening shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly, to the listening earth,
Repeats the story of her birth;

4 While all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

5 What though in solemn silence all
Move round this dark terrestrial ball?

What though no real voice nor sound
Amid their radiant orbs be found?

6 In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice;
For ever singing, as they shine,
"The hand that made us is divine."

19 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

The Glory of God in his Works and in his Word.

THE heavens declare thy glory, Lord,
In every star thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold thy word,
We read thy name in fairer lines.

2 The rolling sun, the changing light,
And nights and days thy power confess;
But that blest volume thou hast writ
Reveals thy justice and thy grace.

3 Sun, moon, and stars convey thy praise
Round all the earth, and never stand;
So, when thy truth began its race,
It touched and glanced on every land.

4 Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest
Till through the world thy truth has run;
Till Christ has all the nations blessed
Which see the light or feel the sun.

5 Great Sun of Righteousness, arise!
O bless the world with heavenly light!
Thy gospel makes the simple wise:
Thy laws are pure, thy judgments right.

6 Thy noblest wonders here we view,
In souls renewed and sins forgiven:
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,
And make thy word my guide to heaven.

19 PART III. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

BEHOLD, the morning sun
Begins his glorious way;
His beams through all the nations run,
And life and light convey.

2 But where the gospel comes,
It spreads diviner light;
It calls dead sinners from their tombs,
And gives the blind their sight.

3 How perfect is thy word!
And all thy judgments just!
For ever sure thy promise, Lord,
And we securely trust.

4 My gracious God, how plain
Are thy directions given!
O, may I never read in vain,
But find the path to heaven!

20 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Prayer and Hope in Trouble.

NOW may the God of power and grace
Attend his people's humble cry!
Jehovah hears when Israel prays,
And sends deliverance from on high.

2 Well he remembers all our sighs,
His love exceeds our best deserts;
His love accepts the sacrifice
Of humble groans and broken hearts.

3 Save us, O Lord, from slavish fear,
And let our hopes be firm and strong,
Till thy salvation shall appear,
And joy and triumph raise the song.

20 PART II. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

THE Lord unto thy prayer attend,
In trouble's darksome hour;
The name of Jacob's God defend,
And shield thee by his power.

2 In thy salvation we 'll rejoice,
And triumph in the Lord;
For, when in prayer he hears thy voice,
He will relief afford.

3 In chariots and on horses some
For aid and shelter flee;
But in thy name, O Lord, we come,
And will remember thee.

4 O Lord, to us salvation bring;
In thee alone we trust;
Hear us, O God, our heavenly King,
Thou refuge of the just!

21 PART I. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Christ exalted to reign.

BEHOLD the King of Zion rise
To endless glory in the skies!
Thy strength and thy salvation, Lord,
His joy, his triumph, his reward!

2 The Lord his heart's desire completes,
From heaven his prayer acceptance meets:
Though bowed to death, intent to save,
He lifts him from the cross and grave.

3 He asks—th' eternal Lord bestows:
Life from th' unchanging fountain flows!
O'er death the victory he gives—
Th' exalted Saviour ever lives!

4 Hail, Fount of Blessings! placed in thee,
Our life, our strength, our all, we see:
Aloud our songs thy power proclaim,
And wide we spread thy glorious name.

21 PART II. C. M. BARLOW.

God acknowledged in National Blessings.

IN thee, great God, with songs of praise,
Our favored realms rejoice;
And, blest with thy salvation, raise
To heaven their cheerful voice.

2 In deep distress, our injured land
Implored thy power to save;
For life we prayed—thy bounteous hand
The timely blessing gave.

3 On thee, in want, in woe, or pain,
Our hearts alone rely:
Our rights thy mercy will maintain,
And all our wants supply.

4 Thus, Lord, thy wondrous power declare,
And still exalt thy fame;
While we glad songs of praise prepare
For thine almighty name.

22 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Sufferings and Exaltation of Christ.

NOW let our mournful songs record
The dying sorrows of our Lord,
When he complained in tears and blood,
Like one forsaken of his God.

2 But God, his Father, heard his cry:
Raised from the dead, he reigns on high;
The nations learn his righteousness,
And humble sinners taste his grace.

22 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

"NOW, in the hour of deep distress,
My God, support thy Son!
When horrors dark my soul oppress,
O leave me not alone!"

2 Thus did our suffering Saviour pray,
With mighty cries and tears;
God heard him in that dreadful day,
And chased away his fears.

3 Great was the victory of his death,
His throne exalted stands;
While all the nations of the earth
Shall bow to his commands.

22 PART III. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Goodness of God commemorated.

WHEN trouble fills my soul with grief,
O hide not, Lord, thy face;
For I can hope for no relief,
Unaided by thy grace.

2 Our fathers, trusting in thy word,
Reposed their hope in thee;
In thee protection found, O Lord,
And life and liberty.

3 When in thy temple I appear,
To hear thy sacred word,
My vows I will perform, and there
Thy benefits record.

4 For thou from men of low estate
Wilt not conceal thy face,
But unto those who humbly wait
Wilt give thy promised grace.

5 To all the world will I declare
The greatness of thy name;
Assembled saints my voice shall hear,
As I thy praise proclaim.

22 PART IV. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

ALL ye who serve the Lord with fear,
In praise lift up your voice;
Let Jacob's faithful children hear,
Let Israel's sons rejoice.

2 The great, who have his bounty known,
And they who mercy crave,
Alike shall at his feet bow down;
For he alone can save.

3 Throughout the world's extended bound
His goodness shall be shown;
And every tongue, the earth around,
Shall worship at his throne.

4 His glorious kingdom is divine,
His subjects hear his word;
Through every realm his light shall shine,
And all shall fear the Lord.

23 PART I. L. M. 6 L. ADDISON.

Jehovah the Shepherd of his People.

THE Lord my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care;
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye:
My noonday walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

2 When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty mountain pant,

To fertile vales and dewy meads
My weary, wandering steps he leads;
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,
Amid the verdant landscape flow.

3 Though in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For thou, O Lord, art with me still:
Thy friendly rod shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dreadful shade.

4 Though in a bare and rugged way,
Through devious, lonely wilds I stray,
Thy presence shall my pains beguile:
The barren wilderness shall smile,
With sudden greens and herbage crowned,
And streams shall murmur all around.

23 PART II. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

THE Lord himself, the mighty Lord,
Vouchsafes to be my guide;
The Shepherd by whose constant care
My wants are all supplied.

2 In tender grass he makes me feed,
And gently there repose:
Then leads me to cool shades, and where
Refreshing water flows.

3 He does my wandering soul reclaim,
And, to his endless praise,
Instruct with humble zeal to walk
In his most righteous ways.

4 I pass the gloomy vale of death,
From fear and danger free;
For there his aiding rod and staff
Defend and comfort me.

5 Since God doth thus his wondrous love
Through all my life extend,
That life to him I will devote,
And in his temple spend.

23 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his name:
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.

2 He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

3 When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.

4 The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode,
And all my work be praise!

23 PART IV. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THE Lord my Shepherd is;
I shall be well supplied:
Since he is mine and I am his,
What can I want beside?

2 He leads me to the place
Where heavenly pasture grows;
Where living waters gently pass,
And full salvation flows.

3 If e'er I go astray,
He doth my soul reclaim;
And guides me in his own right way,
For his most holy name.

4 While he affords his aid,
I cannot yield to fear; [shade,
Though I should walk through death's dark
My Shepherd's with me there.

5 Amid surrounding foes
Thou dost my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
And joy exalts my head.

6 The bounties of thy love
Shall crown my future days;
Nor from thy house will I remove,
Nor cease to speak thy praise.

23 PART V. S. M. MRS. STEELE.

Same Subject.

WHILE my Redeemer's near,
My Shepherd and my Guide,
I bid farewell to every fear;
My wants are all supplied.

2 To ever-fragrant meads,
Where rich abundance grows,
His gracious hand indulgent leads,
And guards my sweet repose.

3 Dear Shepherd, if I stray,
My wandering feet restore;
And guard me with thy watchful eye,
And let me rove no more.

23 PART VI. 7s. MERRICK.

Same Subject.

TO thy pastures, fair and large,
Heavenly Shepherd, lead thy charge;
And my couch, with tenderest care,
Midst the springing grass prepare.

2 When I faint with summer's heat,
Thou shalt guide my weary feet
To the streams that, still and slow,
Through the verdant meadows flow.

3 Safe the dreary vale I tread,
By the shades of death o'erspread;
With thy rod and staff supplied,
This my guard and that my guide.

4 Constant, to my latest end,
Thou my footsteps shalt attend;
And shalt bid thy hallowed dome
Yield me an eternal home.

24 PART I. L. M. MONTGOMERY.

The Citizen of Zion.

THE earth, O Lord, is ever thine,
Its peopled realms and wealthy stores;
Built on the floods by power divine,
The waves are ramparts to the shores.

2 But who shall reach thy holy place,
Or who, O Lord, ascend thy hill?
The pure in heart shall see thy face,
The perfect man, that doth thy will.

3 He who to bribes hath closed his hand,
To idols never bent the knee,
Nor sworn in falsehood; he shall stand
Redeemed, and owned, and kept by thee.

24 PART II. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

WHO shall ascend the holy hill,
Great God! which all thy glories fill?
Who in thy temple's hallowed dome
Secure his everlasting home?

2 Whose hands are clean, whose heart sincere,
Whose purpose pure, whose actions clear;
Whose soul no vanity allures,
And truth his plighted vow secures:

3 This man the blessing shall receive,
The blessing which the Lord will give:
Salvation from his God shall flow,
And righteousness his hand bestow.

4 These are the men, the chosen seed,
Like Jacob, wrestling as they plead:
They seek, O Lord, they seek thy face,
And wait, and find the promised grace.

24 PART III. L. M. C. WESLEY.

Triumphal Ascension of Christ.

OUR Lord is risen from the dead,
Our Jesus is gone up on high:
The powers of hell are captive led,
Dragged to the portals of the sky.

2 There his triumphal chariot waits,
And angels chant the solemn lay:
Lift up your heads, ye heavenly gates!
Ye everlasting doors, give way!

3 Loose all your bars of massy light,
And wide unfold th' ethereal scene:
He claims these mansions as his right;
Receive the King of glory in.

4 "Who is the King of glory—who?"
The Lord, that all his foes o'ercame,
That sin, and death, and hell o'erthrew;
And Jesus is the conqueror's name.

5 Lo! his triumphal chariot waits,
And angels chant the solemn lay:
Lift up your heads, ye heavenly gates!
Ye everlasting doors, give way!

6 "Who is the King of glory—who?"
The Lord, of boundless power possessed,
The King of saints and angels too,
God over all, for ever blest.

24 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

The Citizen of Zion.

LORD, who, among the sons of men,
May visit thine abode?
He who has hands from mischief clean,
Whose heart is right with God.

2 This is the man may rise and take
The blessings of his grace;
This is the lot of those who seek
The God of Jacob's face.

3 Now let our souls' immortal powers
To meet the Lord prepare;
Lift up their everlasting doors—
The King of glory 's near.

4 The King of glory!—who can tell
The wonders of his might?
He rules the nations; but to dwell
With saints is his delight.

24 PART V. C. M. T. & B.

Triumphal Ascension of Christ.

LIFT up your heads, eternal gates;
Unfold, to entertain
The King of glory: see, he comes
With his celestial train.

2 Who is this King of glory?—who?
The Lord, for strength renowned;
In battle mighty; o'er his foes
Eternal victor crowned.

3 Lift up your heads, eternal gates;
Unfold, to entertain
The King of glory: see, he comes
With all his shining train.

4 Who is this King of glory?—who?
The Lord of hosts renowned:
Of glory he alone is King,
Who is with glory crowned.

24 PART VI. 7s. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

"WIDE, ye heavenly gates, unfold,
Closed no more by death and sin;
Lo! the conquering Lord behold!
Let the King of glory in."
Hark th' angelic host inquire,
"Who is he, th' almighty King?"
Hark again, the answering choir
Thus in strains of triumph sing:

2 "He whose powerful arm alone
On his foes destruction hurled;
He who hath the victory won,
He who saved a ruined world;

He who God's pure law fulfilled,
Jesus, the incarnate Word;
He whose truth with blood was sealed;
He is heaven's all-glorious Lord."

3 "Who shall to this blest abode
Follow in the Saviour's train?"
"They who in his cleansing blood
Wash away each guilty stain:
They whose daily actions prove
Steadfast faith and holy fear,
Fervent zeal and grateful love;—
They shall dwell for ever here."

25 PART I. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Prayer for Divine Guidance and Pardon.

SHOW me, O Lord, thy sacred way,
Thy truths to me relate;
For thou art God, whom I obey;
On thee I daily wait.

2 Remember not in anger, Lord,
The errors of my youth;
But let thy mercy help afford,
According to thy truth.

3 O Lord, on me compassion take,
Who have despised thy word;
And for thy name and mercy's sake,
Thy pardoning love afford.

4 O keep my soul, and set me free;
Preserve me, Lord, from shame;
For I have placed my hope in thee,
And trusted in thy name.

25 PART II. S. M. WATTS.

I LIFT my soul to God;
My trust is in his name:

Let not my foes, that seek my blood,
Still triumph in my shame.

2 From early dawning light
Till evening shades arise,
For thy salvation, Lord, I wait,
With ever-longing eyes.

3 Remember all thy grace,
And lead me in thy truth;
Forgive the sins of riper days,
And follies of my youth.

4 The Lord is just and kind;
The meek shall learn his ways;
And every humble sinner find
The blessings of his grace.

25 PART III. S. M. WATTS.

Mercy of God to the Faithful.

TO God, in whom I trust,
I lift my heart and voice;
O let me not be put to shame,
Nor let my foes rejoice.

2 Thy mercies and thy love,
O Lord, recall to mind;
And graciously continue, still,
As thou wert ever, kind.

3 Let all my youthful crimes
Be blotted out by thee;
And, for thy wondrous goodness' sake,
In mercy think on me.

4 His mercy and his truth
The righteous Lord displays,
In bringing wandering sinners home,
And teaching them his ways.

25 PART IV. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MINE eyes and my desire
Are ever to the Lord;
I love to plead his promised grace,
And rest upon his word.

2 Lord, turn thee to my soul;
Bring thy salvation near:
When will thy hand release my feet
From sin's destructive snare?

3 When shall the sovereign grace
Of my forgiving God
Restore me from those dangerous ways
My wandering feet have trod?

4 O keep my soul from death,
Nor put my hope to shame,
For I have placed my only trust
In my Redeemer's name.

5 With humble faith I wait
To see thy face again;
Of Israel it shall ne'er be said,
He sought the Lord in vain.

25 PART V. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

WHERE shall the man be found
That fears t' offend his God,
That loves the gospel's joyful sound,
And trembles at the rod?

2 The Lord shall make him know
The secrets of his heart,
The wonders of his covenant show,
And all his love impart.

3 The dealings of his power
  Are truth and mercy still
With such as keep his covenant sure,
  And love to do his will.

4 Their souls shall dwell at ease
  Before their Maker's face;
Their seed shall taste the promises
  In their extensive grace.

26 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Conscious Integrity.

JUDGE me, O Lord, and prove my ways,
  And try my reins, and try my heart:
My faith upon thy promise stays,
  Nor from thy law my feet depart.

2 Among thy saints will I appear
  Arrayed in robes of innocence;
But when I stand before thy bar,
  The blood of Christ is my defence.

3 I love thy habitation, Lord,
  The temple where thine honors dwell;
There shall I hear thy holy word,
  And there thy works of wonder tell.

4 Let not my soul be joined at last
  With men of treachery and blood;
Since I my days on earth have passed
  Among the saints, and near my God.

26 PART II. C. M. P.'S COL.

Delight in the Presence and Worship of God.

WE love thy holy temple, Lord,
  For there thou deign'st to dwell;
And there the heralds of thy word
  Of all thy mercies tell.

2 There, in thy pure and cleansing fount,
Washed from each guilty stain,
Our souls on wings of faith shall mount
To heaven's eternal fane.

3 Around thine altar will we kneel
In penitence sincere,
A Saviour's mercy deeply feel,
And words of pardon hear;

4 Or, mingling with the choral throng,
Our joyful voices raise,
And pour the full, melodious song,
In notes of grateful praise.

26 PART III. 7s. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

SEARCH my heart, my actions prove;
Try my thoughts as they arise;
For thy kindness and thy love
Ever are before my eyes.

2 I have loved the hallowed place
Where thine honor doth abide;
To the temple of thy grace,
Lord, my erring footsteps guide!

3 Gather not my soul with those
Who their deeds of blood pursue;
Who, thy justice to oppose,
Hold the tempting bribe to view.

4 Keep my soul from all offence;
All my supplications hear;
As I walk in innocence,
Let me, Lord, thy mercy share.

5 Thou hast placed my foot aright,
Therefore I my voice will raise,
With thy saints, before thy sight,
In unceasing hymns of praise.

27 PART I. C. M. WATTS

God resorted to in Trouble and Desertion.

THE Lord of glory is my light,
And my salvation too;
God is my strength, nor will I fear
What all my foes can do.

2 One privilege my heart desires—
O grant me mine abode
Among the churches of thy saints,
The temples of my God!

3 There shall I offer my requests,
And see thy glory still;
Shall hear thy messages of love,
And learn thy holy will.

4 When troubles rise and storms appear,
There may his children hide:
God has a strong pavilion, where
He makes my soul abide.

5 Now shall my head be lifted high
Above my foes around,
And songs of joy and victory
Within thy temple sound.

27 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

SOON as I heard my Father say,
"Ye children, seek my grace,"
My heart replied without delay,
"I'll seek my Father's face."

2 Let not thy face be hid from me,
Nor frown my soul away:
God of my life, I fly to thee
In each distressing day.

3 Should friends and kindred, near and dear,
Leave me to want or die,
My God will make my life his care,
And all my need supply.

4 Wait on the Lord, ye trembling saints,
And keep your courage up;
He'll raise your spirit, when it faints,
And far exceed your hope.

27 PART III. 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

WHEN my cries ascend to thee,
Hear, Jehovah, from afar;
Let thy tender mercies be
Still propitious to my prayer!

2 When thou bad'st me seek thy face,
Quickly did my heart reply,
Resting on thy word of grace,
"Thee I'll seek, O Lord most high."

3 Should the world deceitful prove,
When no more its help I share;
Though decayed a mother's love,
Though withdrawn a father's care;

4 Then Jehovah's guardian eye
Shall my orphan state defend,
Shall a parent's place supply,
He my guardian, father, friend!

28 C. M. DWIGHT.

Divine Interposition acknowledged.

BLEST be the Lord, who heard my prayer;
The Lord, my shield, my song;
Who saved my soul from sin and fear,
And tuned with praise my tongue.

2 When, in the hour of deep distress,
Of foes and death afraid,
My spirit trusted in his grace,
And sought and found his aid.

3 O blest Redeemer, glorious Lord!
Thy shield, thy strength shall be
The shield, the saving strength of all
Who love and trust in thee.

4 Remember, Lord, thy chosen seed;
O save from guilt and woe;
Thy flocks in richest pastures feed,
And guard from every foe.

5 Zion exalt, her cause defend;
With joy her courts surround;
Let showers of heavenly grace descend,
And saints thy praise resound.

29 PART I. L. M. WATTS

Jehovah, the universal King.

GIVE to the Lord, ye sons of fame,
Give to the Lord renown and power;
Ascribe due honors to his name,
And his eternal might adore.

2 The Lord proclaims his power aloud
Through every ocean, every land;
His voice divides the watery cloud,
And lightnings blaze at his command.

3 The Lord sits sovereign on the flood,
O'er earth he reigns for ever King;
But makes his Church his blest abode,
Where we his awful glories sing.

4 In gentler language, there the Lord
The counsel of his grace imparts;
Amid the raging storm, his word
Speaks peace and comfort to our hearts.

29 PART II. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

SONS of the mighty! rise, and bring
Your offerings to th' eternal King·
Own 'tis Jehovah, while you rise,
Your glory and your strength supplies.

2 His word, all-powerful to fulfil
Th' eternal counsels of his will,
With awful majesty arrayed,
Subdues the world his hand has made.

3 The mountains bow, the cedars rend;
Lo! at his high command they bend!
So through the world his gospel ran,
And bowed the rebel heart of man.

4 His word, like lightning from the skies,
Strikes deep, and quick conviction flies:
The nations tremble and adore,
Through earth, to its remotest shore.

5 Jesus is king! enthroned on high,
He reigns through all eternity!
His glory shall his Church increase,
With strength divine, and endless peace!

29 PART III. L. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

YE mighty rulers of the land,
Give praise and glory to the Lord;
And while before his throne ye stand,
His great and powerful acts record.

2 O render unto God above
The honors which to him belong;
And in the temple of his love,
Let worship flow from every tongue.

3 His voice is heard the earth around,
When through the heavens his thunders roll;
The troubled ocean hears the sound,
And yields itself to his control.

4 When he upon the lightning rides,
His voice in loudest thunder speaks;
The fiery element divides,
And earth to its deep centre shakes.

5 God on the floods has fixed his throne,
His government shall never cease;
He shall his power and strength make known,
And bless his chosen sons with peace.

30 L. M. WATTS

Divine Compassion acknowledged.

I WILL extol thee, Lord, on high:
At thy command diseases fly:
Who but a God can speak, and save
From the dark borders of the grave?

2 Sing to the Lord, ye saints, and prove
How large his grace, how kind his love;
Let all your powers rejoice, and trace
The wondrous records of his grace.

3 His anger but a moment stays;
His love is life, and length of days:
Though grief and tears the night employ,
The morning-star restores the joy.

31 PART I. L. M. MRS. STEELE.

Confidence in God.

LORD, in thy great, thy glorious name,
I place my hope, my only trust:
Save me from sorrow, guilt, and shame,
Thou ever-gracious, ever-just.

2 Thou art my rock; thy name alone
The fortress where my hopes retreat:
O make thy power and mercy known;
To safety guide my wandering feet.

3 Blest be the Lord, for ever blest,
Whose mercy bids my fear remove:
Those sacred walls which guard my rest
Are his almighty power and love.

4 Ye humble souls who seek his face,
Let sacred courage fill your heart:
Hope in the Lord, and trust his grace,
And he will heavenly strength impart.

31 PART II. C. M. MRS. STEELE.

God praised for his merciful Protection.

COME, O ye saints, your voices raise
To God in grateful songs;
And let the memory of his grace
Inspire your hearts and tongues.

2 Her deepest gloom when sorrow spreads,
And light and hope depart,
His face celestial morning sheds,
And joy revives the heart.

3 To thee, my God, oppressed with grief,
I breathed my humble cry:
Thy mercy brought divine relief,
And wiped my weeping eye.

4 Thy mercy chased the shades of death,
And snatched me from the grave;
O may thy praise employ that breath
Which mercy deigns to save!

31 PART III. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

IN thee, O Lord, I place my trust;
Preserve my soul from shame:
Thou art the refuge of the just,
And righteous is thy name.

2 Of grace, how boundless is the store,
Thy children shall receive,
Who love thy word, thy name adore,
And in thy service live!

3 To God the Lord, who dwells above,
Let songs of praise resound,
Who with his never-failing love
Has fenced my city round.

4 O love the Lord, ye pure in heart;
He shall your prayers regard:
But ye who from his ways depart
Shall meet your just reward.

5 All ye who on the Lord rely,
And rest your hopes above,
He shall with strength your hearts supply,
And bless you with his love.

31 PART IV. S. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

DEFEND me, Lord, from shame,
For still I trust in thee;
As just and righteous is thy name,
From danger set me free.

2 Bow down thy gracious ear,
And speedy succor send;
Do thou my steadfast rock appear,
To shelter and defend.

3 How great thy mercies are
To such as fear thy name!
Which thou, for those that trust thy care,
Dost to the world proclaim.

4 Ye that on God rely,
Courageously proceed;
For he will yet your hearts supply
With strength in time of need.

31 PART V. S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

THY goodness, Lord, how great!
Eternally the same!
Before the sons of men laid up
For those who fear thy name.

2 Thy presence shall protect;
Thy watchful care shall hide:
In the pavilion of thy love,
Secure thy saints abide.

3 For ever bless the Lord,
His great salvation tell:
His marvellous loving-kindness keeps
The city where we dwell.

4 Despond not of his truth,
Nor yield to anxious grief:
God heard my voice, when in distress
I sought—and found relief.

32 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Blessedness of the Penitent and Pardoned.

BLEST is the man, for ever blest,
Whose guilt is pardoned by his God;
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed,
And covered with his Saviour's blood.

2 From guile his heart and lips are free;
His humble joy, his holy fear,
With deep repentance well agree,
And join to prove his faith sincere.

3 How glorious is that righteousness
That hides and cancels all his sins!
While brightest evidence of grace
Through all his life appears and shines.

32 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

I SPREAD my sins before the Lord,
And all my secret faults confess;
Thy gospel speaks a pardoning word,
Thy Holy Spirit seals the grace.

2 How safe beneath thy wings I lie,
When days grow dark, and storms appear!
And when I walk, thy watchful eye
Shall guide me safe from every snare.

32 PART III. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O BLESSED souls are they
Whose sins are covered o'er;
Divinely blest, to whom the Lord
Imputes their guilt no more.

2 They mourn their follies past,
And keep their hearts with care;
Their lips and lives, without deceit,
Shall prove their faith sincere.

3 While I concealed my guilt,
I felt the festering wound;
But I confessed my sins to thee,
And ready pardon found.

4 Let sinners learn to pray;
  Let saints keep near the throne;
Our help, in times of deep distress,
  Is found in God alone.

33 C. M. T. & B.

Rejoicing in God.

LET all the just to God with joy
  Their cheerful voices raise;
For well the righteous it becomes
  To sing glad songs of praise.

2 For faithful is the word of God;
  His works with truth abound;
He justice loves; and all the earth
  Is with his goodness crowned.

3 Whate'er the mighty Lord decrees
  Shall stand for ever sure;
The settled purpose of his heart
  To ages shall endure.

4 Our soul on God with patience waits;
  Our help and shield is he;
Then, Lord, let still our hearts rejoice,
  Because we trust in thee.

5 The riches of thy mercy, Lord,
  Do thou to us extend;
Since we, for all we want or wish,
  On thee alone depend.

34 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Praise for signal Deliverance.

LORD, I will bless thee all my days;
  Thy praise shall dwell upon my tongue;
My soul shall glory in thy grace,
  While saints rejoice to hear the song.

2 Come, magnify the Lord with me;
Let every heart exalt his name:
I sought th' eternal God, and he
Has not exposed my hope to shame.

3 I told him all my silent grief,
My secret groaning reached his ears;
He gave my inward pains relief,
And calmed the tumult of my fears.

4 His holy angels pitch their tents
Around the men who serve the Lord:
O fear and love him, all his saints;
Accept his grace, and trust his word.

34 PART II. C. M. T. & B.

Trusting and Praising God.

THROUGH all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

2 Of his deliverance I will boast,
Till all that are distressed
From my example comfort take,
And charm their griefs to rest.

3 O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt his name;
When in distress, to him I called;
He to my rescue came.

4 The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
Who on his succor trust.

5 O make but trial of his love;
Experience will decide

How blest are they, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.

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

34 PART III. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

THEE will I bless, O Lord, my God,
To thee my voice I 'll raise,
For ever spread thy fame abroad,
And daily sing thy praise.

2 My soul shall glory in the Lord,
His wondrous acts proclaim;
O let us now his love record,
And magnify his name.

3 Mine eyes beheld his heavenly light
When I implored his grace;
I saw his glory with delight,
And joy beamed o'er my face.

4 O taste and see the Lord is good,
Ye who on him rely;
He shall your souls with heavenly food
And strengthening aid supply.

35 8, 7 & 4. PRATT'S COL.

Christ exalted over his Enemies.

LO! the Lord, the mighty Saviour,
Quits the grave, the throne to claim;
Object of his endless favor,
God o'er all exalts his name;
Those who hate him
Clothed with everlasting shame.

2 Shout for joy, with songs of praises,
Ye who in his name delight:
Shout, for God our Saviour raises
To his throne, in endless might!
'Tis Jehovah
Crowns our Lord in realms of light!

3 God his servant lifts to glory,
Bids him all his honors share:
Now, Jehovah, we adore thee,
And thy righteousness declare:
Endless praises
Shall thy ransomed Church prepare.

36 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Immutable Perfections and Glory of God.

HIGH in the heavens, eternal God,
Thy goodness in full glory shines;
Thy truth shall break through every cloud
That veils thy just and wise designs.

2 For ever firm thy justice stands,
As mountains their foundations keep;
Wise are the wonders of thy hands,
Thy judgments are a mighty deep.

3 O God, how excellent thy grace,
Whence all our hope and comfort springs!
The sons of Adam, in distress,
Fly to the shadow of thy wings.

4 From the provisions of thy house,
We shall be fed with sweet repast;
There mercy, like a river, flows,
And brings salvation to our taste.

5 Life, like a fountain, rich and free,
Springs from the presence of my Lord;
And in thy light our souls shall see
The glories promised in thy word.

36 PART II. L. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

O LORD, thy mercy, my sure hope,
The highest orb of heaven transcends:
Thy sacred truth's unmeasured scope
Beyond the spreading skies extends.

2 Thy justice like the hills remains;
How deep, great God, thy judgments are!
Thy providence the world sustains;
The whole creation is thy care.

3 With thee the springs of life remain,
Thy presence is eternal day:
O let thy saints thy favor gain;
To upright hearts thy truth display.

36 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

ABOVE these heavens' created rounds,
Thy mercies, Lord, extend;
Thy truth outlives the narrow bounds
Where time and nature end.

2 Thy justice shall maintain its throne,
Though mountains melt away;
Thy judgments are a world unknown,
A deep, unfathomed sea.

3 Though all created light decay,
And death close up our eyes,
Thy presence makes eternal day,
Where clouds can never rise.

36 PART IV. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

SURE there's a dreadful God,
Though men renounce his fear;

His justice, hid behind the cloud,
Shall one great day appear.

2 His truth transcends the sky,
In heaven his mercies dwell;
Deep as the sea his judgments lie,
His anger burns to hell.

3 How excellent his love,
Whence all our safety springs!
O never let my soul remove
From underneath his wings.

37 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

God the Guardian of the Pious.

NOW let me make the Lord my trust,
And practice all that 's good;
So shall I dwell among the just,
And he 'll provide me food.

2 I to my God my ways commit,
And cheerful wait his will:
Thy hand, which guides my doubtful feet,
Shall my desires fulfil.

3 Mine innocence shalt thou display,
And make thy judgments known,
Fair as the light of dawning day,
And glorious as the noon.

4 The meek at last the earth possess,
And are the heirs of heaven:
True riches, with abundant peace,
To humble souls are given.

37 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY God, the steps of pious men
Are ordered by thy will;

Though they should fall, they rise again;
Thy hand supports them still.

2 The Lord delights to see their ways,
Their virtue he approves;
He 'll ne'er deprive them of his grace,
Nor leave the men he loves.

3 Wait on the Lord, ye sons of men,
Nor fear when tyrants frown;
Ye shall confess their pride was vain,
When justice casts them down.

4 But mark the man of righteousness,
His several steps attend:
True pleasure runs through all his ways,
And peaceful is his end.

38 C. M. WATTS.

Severe Chastisement deprecated.

AMID thy wrath, remember love;
Restore thy servant, Lord;
Nor let a Father's chastening prove
Like an avenger's sword.

2 My sins a heavy load appear,
And o'er my head are gone;
The burden, Lord, I cannot bear,
Nor e'er the guilt atone.

3 But I 'll confess my guilty ways,
And grieve for all my sin;
I 'll mourn how weak the seeds of grace,
And beg support divine.

4 Thou art my God, my only hope,
And thou wilt hear my cry:
Thou, Lord, wilt bear my spirit up,
Nor let thy servant die.

39 PART I. L. M. MERRICK.

Brevity of Human Life.

O LET me, gracious Lord, extend
My view to life's approaching end.
What are my days?—a span their line;
And what my age, compared with thine?

2 Our life, advancing to its close,
While scarce its earliest dawn it knows,
Swift, through an empty shade, we run,
And vanity and man are one.

3 God of my fathers! here, as they,
I walk, the pilgrim of a day;
A transient guest, thy works admire,
And instant to my home retire.

4 O spare me, Lord, in mercy spare,
And nature's failing strength repair,
Ere, life's short circuit wandered o'er,
I perish, and am seen no more.

39 PART II. L. M. MRS. STEELE.

Same Subject.

ALMIGHTY Maker of my frame,
Teach me the measure of my days;
Teach me to know how frail I am,
To spend the remnant to thy praise.

2 My days are shorter than a span;
A little point my life appears:
How frail, at best, is dying man!
How vain are all his hopes and fears!

3 O be a heavenly portion mine!
My God, I bow before thy throne;
Earth's fleeting treasure I resign,
And fix my hope on thee alone.

39 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

TEACH me the measure of my days,
Thou Maker of my frame;
I would survey life's narrow space,
And learn how frail I am.

2 A span is all that we can boast;
How short the fleeting time!
Man is but vanity and dust,
In all his flower and prime.

3 What can I wish or wait for, then,
From creatures, earth and dust?
They make our expectations vain,
And disappoint our trust.

4 Now I forbid my carnal hope,
My fond desire recall;
I give my mortal interest up,
And make my God my all.

40 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Trust in God and Deliverance.

I WAITED patient for the Lord,
He bowed to hear my cry;
He saw me resting on his word,
And brought salvation nigh.

2 Firm on a rock he made me stand,
And taught my cheerful tongue
To praise the wonders of his hand
In new and thankful song.

3 I'll spread his works of grace abroad;
The saints with joy shall hear,
And sinners learn to make my God
Their only hope and fear.

40 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Incarnation and Atonement of Christ.

BEHOLD, the blest Redeemer comes,
Th' eternal Son appears,
And at th' appointed time assumes
The body God prepares.

2 Much he revealed his Father's grace,
And much his truth he showed;
He preached the way of righteousness
Where great assemblies stood.

3 His Father's honor touched his heart,
He pitied sinners' cries;
And to fulfil a Saviour's part
Was made a sacrifice.

4 No blood of beasts, on altars shed,
Could wash the conscience clean;
But the rich sacrifice he paid
Atones for all our sin.

40 PART III. C. M. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

O LORD, how infinite thy love!
How wondrous are thy ways!
Let earth beneath, let heaven above,
Combine to sing thy praise.

2 Man in immortal beauty shone,
Thy noblest work below;
Too soon by sin made heir alone
To death and endless woe.

3 Then "Lo! I come," the Saviour said:
O be his name adored,
Who with his blood our ransom paid,
And life and bliss restored.

4 O Lord, how infinite thy love!
How wondrous are thy ways!
Let earth beneath, let heaven above,
Combine to sing thy praise.

41 PART I. L. M. 6 L. P.'S COL.

Blessedness of the Merciful.

BLEST who with generous pity glows,
Who learns to feel another's woes;
Bows to the poor man's wants his ear,
And wipes the helpless orphan's tear:
In every want, in every woe,
Himself thy pity, Lord, shall know.

2 Thy love his life shall guard, thy hand
Give to his lot the chosen land;
Nor leave him, in the dreadful day,
To unrelenting foes a prey:
In sickness thou shalt raise his head,
And make with tenderest care his bed.

41 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

BLEST is the man whose tender care
Relieves the poor in their distress;
Whose pity wipes the widow's tear,
Whose hand supports the fatherless.

2 His heart contrives for their relief
More good than his own hand can do:
He, in the time of general grief,
Shall find the Lord has pity too.

3 Or, if he languish on his bed,
God will pronounce his sins forgiven;
Will save from death his sinking head,
Or take his willing soul to heaven.

41 PART III. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

HAPPY the man whose tender care
Relieves the poor distressed!
When he's by trouble compassed round,
The Lord shall give him rest.

2 If he, in languishing estate,
Oppressed with sickness lie,
The Lord will easy make his bed,
And inward strength supply.

3 Let, therefore, Israel's Lord and God
Through every age be praised,
And all the people's glad applause
With loud hosannas raised.

42 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Trusting in God in Times of Despondency.

MY spirit sinks within me, Lord,
But I will call thy name to mind,
And times of past distress record,
When I have found my God was kind.

2 Yet will the Lord command his love
When I address his throne by day,
Nor in the night his grace remove;
The night shall hear me sing and pray.

3 I'll chide my heart, that sinks so low;
Why should my soul indulge in grief?
Hope in the Lord, and praise him too;
He is my rest, my sure relief.

4 O God, thou art my hope, my joy;
Thy light and truth shall guide me still;
Thy word shall my best thoughts employ,
And lead me to thine heavenly hill.

42 PART II. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

AS pants the hart for cooling streams,
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for thee,
And thy refreshing grace.

2 For thee, my God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine;
O when shall I behold thy face,
Thou Majesty Divine?

3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Trust God, and he'll employ
His aid for thee, and change these sighs
To thankful hymns of joy.

4 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
The praise of him who is thy God
And heaven's eternal King.

43 PART I. L. M. MERRICK.

Resorting to God in Troubles.

GREAT God, our strength, to thee we cry;
O let us not forgotten lie!
Oppressed with sorrows and with care,
To thy protection we repair.

2 O let thy light attend our way,
Thy truth afford its steady ray;
To Zion's hill direct our feet,
To worship at thy sacred seat.

3 Thy praise, O God, shall tune the lyre,
Thy love our joyful song inspire;
To thee our cordial thanks be paid,
Our sure defence, our constant aid.

4 Why, then, cast down, and why distressed?
And whence the grief that fills our breast?
In God we'll hope; to God we'll raise
Our songs of gratitude and praise.

43 PART II. L. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

GOD of my strength, in thee alone
A refuge from distress I see;
O why hast thou thine aid withdrawn?
Why hast thou, Lord, forsaken me?

2 O let thy light my footsteps guide,
Thy love and truth my spirit fill;
That in thy house I may reside,
And worship at thy holy hill.

3 Then will I at thine altar bend;
My harp its softest notes shall raise;
And from my lips to heaven ascend
The song of thankfulness and praise.

4 Why, then, my soul, art thou cast down?
Why art thou anxious and distressed?
Hope thou in God, his mercy own,
For I shall yet enjoy his rest.

43 PART III. C. M. BARLOW.

Same Subject.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause
Against a sinful race;
From vile oppression and deceit
Secure me by thy grace.

2 On thee my steadfast hope depends,
And am I left to mourn?
To sink in sorrow, and in vain
Implore thy kind return?

3 O send thy light to guide my feet,
And bid thy truth appear;
Conduct me to thy holy hill,
To taste thy mercies there.

4 Then to thine altar, O my God,
My joyful feet shall rise,
And my triumphant song shall praise
The God that rules the skies.

43 PART IV. 7s. 6 L. P.'s COL.

Same Subject.

JUDGE me, Lord, in righteousness;
Plead for me in my distress:
Good and merciful thou art;
Bind this bleeding, broken heart:
Cast me not despairing hence;
Be my love, my confidence.

2 Send thy light and truth to guide,
Leave me not to turn aside:
On thy holy hill I'd rest,
In thy courts for ever blest:
There to God, my hope, my joy,
Praise shall all my powers employ.

44 PART I. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Divine Aid implored in National Distress.

WHY should thy face, where mercies dwell,
Its beams of majesty conceal,
Regardless of the woes that wait
Around our long-afflicted state?

2 Behold, our soul with sorrow bends,
And down to dust our life descends;
And, while thine arm its aid denies,
Prostrate on earth, deserted lies.

3 Thy mercy, Lord, alone we claim;
Redeem us, and exalt thy name:
Rise for our help, almighty Lord!
Salvation shall attend thy word.

44 PART II. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

National Deliverances ascribed to God.

OFT have our ears, great God, been taught
What for our fathers thou hast wrought,
While, with adoring minds, they told
The wonders of thy works of old.

2 Still we disclaim the bow or sword,
And wait for thy salvation, Lord:
On thee we trust—thy mercies claim,
Whose presence puts all foes to shame.

3 From morning dawn to evening close,
On thee, O Lord, our hopes repose:
To thy great name, with joy, we 'll raise
Triumphant songs of grateful praise.

44 PART III. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

O LORD, our fathers oft have told,
In our attentive ears,
Thy wonders in their days performed,
And in more ancient years.

2 'T was not their courage nor their sword
To them salvation gave;
'T was not their number nor their strength
That did their country save;

3 But thy right hand, thy powerful arm,
Whose succor they implored:
Thy providence protected them,
Who thy great name adored.

4 As thee, their God, our fathers owned,
So thou art still our King;
O, therefore, as thou didst to them,
To us deliverance bring.

5 To thee the glory we'll ascribe,
From whom salvation came;
In God, our shield, we will rejoice,
And ever bless thy name.

45 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Victory and Exaltation of Christ.

NOW be my heart inspired to sing
The glories of my Saviour King!
He comes with blessings from above,
And wins the nations to his love.

2 Thy throne, O God, for ever stands;
Grace is the sceptre in thy hands:
Thy laws and works are just and right,
But truth and mercy thy delight.

3 Let endless honors crown thy head;
Let every age thy praises spread:
Let all the nations know thy word,
And every tongue confess thee Lord.

45 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

GIRD on thy sword, victorious Prince,
Ride with majestic sway;
Thy terror shall strike through thy foes,
And make the world obey.

2 Thy throne, O God, for ever stands;
Thy word of grace shall prove
A peaceful sceptre in thy hands,
To rule thy saints by love.

3 Gird on thy sword, victorious Prince,
  Ride with majestic sway;
Thy terror shall strike through thy foes,
  And make the world obey.

45 PART III. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY Saviour and my King,
  Thy honors are divine;
Thy lips with blessings overflow,
  And every grace is thine.

2 Thy laws, O God, are right,
  Thy throne shall ever stand;
And thy victorious gospel prove
  A sceptre in thy hand.

3 Now make thy glory known,
  Gird on thy powerful sword,
And ride in majesty to spread
  The conquests of thy word.

4 Strike through thy stubborn foes,
  Or make their hearts obey;
While justice, meekness, grace, and truth
  Attend thy glorious way.

46 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

God the Refuge and Portion of his People.

GOD is the refuge of his saints
  When storms of sharp distress invade;
Ere we can offer our complaints,
  Behold him present with his aid.

2 Loud may the troubled ocean roar—
  In sacred peace our souls abide,
While every nation, every shore
  Trembles, and dreads the swelling tide.

3 There is a stream whose gentle flow
  Supplies the city of our God;
Life, love, and joy still gliding through,
  And watering our divine abode.

4 That sacred stream, thine holy word,
  Supports our faith, our fear controls:
Sweet peace thy promises afford,
  And give new strength to fainting souls.

5 Zion enjoys her Monarch's love,
  Secure against a threatening hour;
Nor can her firm foundation move,
  Built on his truth, and armed with power.

46 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LET Zion in her King rejoice,
  Though tyrants rage, and kingdoms rise:
He utters his almighty voice—
  The nations melt, the tumult dies.

2 Be still, and learn that he is God;
  He reigns exalted o'er the lands;
He will be known and feared abroad,
  But still his throne in Zion stands.

3 O Lord of hosts, almighty King,
  While we so near thy presence dwell,
Our faith shall sit secure, and sing,
  Nor fear the raging powers of hell.

46 PART III. L. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

THE Lord in Zion ever reigns,
  And o'er her holds his guardian hand;
Her worship and her laws maintains,
  Which, like himself, unmoved shall stand.

2 O come, behold what he has done
Whom we delight to call our Lord;
The victories which his arm has won;
And faithfully his deeds record.

3 He maketh war on earth to cease;
He breaks the bow, he cuts the dart,
The chariot burns; and sheds his peace
O'er every nation, every heart.

4 Be still, and hear the Lord proclaim—
"I will above the heathen rise;
O'er all the earth exalt my name,
And spread my triumphs through the skies.'

47 PART I. L. M. WRANGHAM

Exultation in the Reign of Jehovah.

O ALL ye people, clap your hands,
And shout with triumph while you sing
Of God, who all the earth commands—
Of God, the dreadful, mighty King.

2 The trumpet swells along the sky;
We hear the joyful, solemn sound;
The righteous God ascends on high,
And shouts of gladness echo round.

3 The Lord, who o'er the earth bears sway,
Sits on his throne of holiness;
The heathen now his laws obey:
Let all the earth his praise express.

4 Loud praises to Jehovah sing,
In hymns of joy his love proclaim;
Sing praises to the heavenly King,
Adore and bless his sacred name.

47 PART II. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Praise to the exalted Redeemer.

JESUS, the Lord, ascends on high!
He reigns in glory o'er the sky!
Let all the earth its offerings bring,
Exalt his name, proclaim him King!

2 Wide through the world he spreads his sway,
And bids the heathen lands obey,
His Church with willing offerings greet,
And bend submissive at her feet.

3 His reign the heathen lands shall own:
His holiness secures his throne;
And earthly princes gather round,
Where Christ, the mighty God, is found.

4 Princes by him their power extend,
Earth's mightiest kings to Jesus bend:
He bids them rule, he bids them die,
Himself o'er all exalted high!

47 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O FOR a shout of sacred joy
To God, the sovereign King!
Let every land their tongues employ,
And hymns of triumph sing.

2 Jesus, our God, ascends on high;
His heavenly guards around
Attend him rising through the sky,
With trumpets' joyful sound.

3 While angels shout and praise their King,
Let mortals learn their strains;
Let all the earth his honors sing;
O'er all the earth he reigns.

4 Speak of his praise with awe profound,
  Let knowledge guide the song;
Nor mock him with a solemn sound
  Upon a thoughtless tongue.

5 Loud be the shouts of sacred joy
  To God the sovereign King!
Let every land their tongues employ,
  And hymns of triumph sing.

47 PART IV. C. M. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

ARISE, ye people, and adore,
  Exulting strike the chord;
Let all the earth, from shore to shore,
  Confess th' almighty Lord.

2 Glad shouts aloud, wide echoing round,
  Th' ascending God proclaim;
Th' angelic choir respond the sound,
  And shake creation's frame.

3 They sing of death and hell o'erthrown
  In that triumphant hour;
And God exalts his conquering Son
  To his right hand of power.

4 O shout, ye people, and adore,
  Exulting strike the chord;
Let all the earth, from shore to shore,
  Confess th' almighty Lord.

48 PART I. S. M. WATTS.

God's Presence the Safety and Glory of the Church.

GREAT is the Lord our God,
  And let his praise be great:
He makes the churches his abode,
  His most delightful seat.

2 In Zion God is known,
A refuge in distress:
How bright has his salvation shone!
How fair his heavenly grace!

3 When kings against her joined,
And saw the Lord was there,
In wild confusion of the mind,
They fled with hasty fear.

4 Oft have our fathers told,
Our eyes have often seen,
How well our God secures the fold
Where his own flock has been.

5 In every new distress
We'll to his house repair,
Recall to mind his wondrous grace,
And seek deliverance there.

48 PART II. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

FAR as thy name is known,
The world declares thy praise;
Thy saints, O Lord, before thy throne
Their songs of honor raise.

2 With joy thy people stand
On Zion's chosen hill,
Proclaim the wonders of thy hand,
And counsels of thy will.

3 Let strangers walk around
The city where we dwell,
Compass and view thine holy ground,
And mark the building well;

4 The order of thy house,
The worship of thy court,

The cheerful songs, the solemn vows;
And make a fair report.

5 How decent and how wise!
How glorious to behold!
Beyond the pomp that charms the eyes,
And rites adorned with gold.

6 The God we worship now
Will guide us till we die;
Will be our God while here below,
And ours above the sky.

50 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Jehovah coming to Judgment.

THE Lord, the judge, before his throne
Bids all the earth draw nigh;
The nations near the rising sun,
And near the western sky.

2 No more shall bold blasphemers say,
"Judgment will ne'er begin;"
No more abuse his long delay
To impudence and sin.

3 Throned on a cloud, our God shall come;
Bright flames prepare his way;
Thunder and darkness, fire and storm,
Lead on the dreadful day.

4 Heaven from above his call shall hear;
Attending angels come;
And earth and hell shall know and fear
His justice and their doom.

50 PART II. 8, 7 & 4. P.'s COL.

Same Subject.

LO! the mighty God appearing,
From on high Jehovah speaks!

Eastern lands the summons hearing,
O'er the west his thunder breaks:
Earth beholds him!
Universal nature shakes!

2 Zion, all its light unfolding,
God in glory shall display:
Lo! he comes!—nor silence holding,
Fire and clouds prepare his way:
Tempests round him
Hasten on the dreadful day!

3 To the heavens his voice ascending,
To the earth beneath he cries—
"Souls immortal, now descending,
Let the sleeping dust arise!
Rise to judgment!
Let my throne adorn the skies!

4 "Gather first my saints around me,
Those who to my covenant stood:
Those who humbly sought and found me
Through the dying Saviour's blood—
Blest Redeemer!
Dearest sacrifice to God!"

5 Now the heavens on high adore him,
And his righteousness declare:
Sinners perish from before him,
But his saints his mercies share:
Just his judgment:
God, himself the judge, is there!

51 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Pardon and Sanctification penitently implored.

SHOW pity, Lord, O Lord, forgive;
Let a repenting rebel live:
Are not thy mercies large and free?
May not a sinner trust in thee?

2 My crimes are great, but can't surpass
The power and glory of thy grace:
Great God, thy nature hath no bound,
So let thy pardoning love be found.

3 O wash my soul from every sin,
And make my guilty conscience clean:
Here, on my heart, the burden lies,
And past offences pain mine eyes.

4 My lips with shame my sins confess
Against thy law, against thy grace:
Lord, should thy judgment grow severe,
I am condemned, but thou art clear.

5 Should sudden vengeance seize my breath,
I must pronounce thee just in death;
And if my soul were sent to hell,
Thy righteous law approves it well.

6 Yet save a trembling sinner, Lord,
Whose hope, still hovering round thy word,
Would light on some sweet promise there,
Some sure support against despair.

51 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O THOU that hear'st when sinners cry,
Though all my crimes before thee lie,
Behold them not with angry look,
But blot their memory from thy book.

2 Create my nature pure within,
And form my soul averse to sin:
Let thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
Nor hide thy presence from my heart.

3 I cannot live without thy light,
Cast out and banished from thy sight:
Thine holy joys, my God, restore,
And guard me, that I fall no more.

51 PART III. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THOUGH I have grieved thy Spirit, Lord,
Thy help and comfort still afford,
And let a wretch come near thy throne,
To plead the merits of thy Son.

2 A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring:
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.

3 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
And owns thy dreadful sentence just:
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
And save the soul condemned to die.

4 Then will I teach the world thy ways;
Sinners shall learn thy sovereign grace;
I 'll lead them to my Saviour's blood,
And they shall praise a pardoning God.

5 O may thy love inspire my tongue!
Salvation shall be all my song;
And all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord, my strength and righteousness.

51 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

CLEANSE me, O Lord, and cheer my soul
With thy forgiving love:
O make my wounded spirit whole,
And bid my pains remove.

2 Let not thy Spirit e'er depart,
Nor drive me from thy face;
Create anew my sinful heart,
And fill it with thy grace.

3 Then will I make thy mercy known
Before the sons of men;
Backsliders shall address thy throne,
And turn to God again.

51 PART V. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

NO blood of goats nor heifers slain
For sin could e'er atone;
The death of Christ shall still remain
Sufficient and alone.

2 A soul oppressed with sin's desert
The Lord will ne'er despise;
An humble groan, a broken heart,
Is our best sacrifice.

3 O God of mercy, hear my call,
My load of guilt remove;
Break down the separating wall
That bars me from thy love.

4 Give me the presence of thy grace;
Then my rejoicing tongue
Shall speak aloud thy righteousness,
And make thy praise my song.

51 PART VI. S. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

ACCORDING to thy word,
Let me thy mercy prove;
Blot out my past transgressions, Lord,
And save me by thy love.

2 Wash me from every stain
Which vice and guilt impart;
Let me, O Lord, thy love regain,
And cleanse my sinful heart.

3 To me thy love restore;
From trouble set me free;
That sinners may thine aid implore,
And turn in faith to thee.

4 O let thy peace and love
O'er Zion's city spread;
Build up her walls, her works approve,
And blessings round her shed.

5 Then shall their offerings rise
In truth and righteousness:
Thou shalt receive their sacrifice,
And all thy people bless.

51 PART VII. S. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

HAVE mercy, Lord, on me,
As thou wert ever kind;
Let me, oppressed with loads of guilt,
Thy wonted pardon find.

2 Against thee, Lord, alone,
And only in thy sight,
Have I transgressed; and, though condemned,
Must own thy judgments right.

3 Blot out my crying sins,
Nor me in anger view;
Create in me a heart that's clean,
An upright mind renew.

4 Withdraw not thou thy help,
Nor cast me from thy sight,
Nor let thy Holy Spirit take
Its everlasting flight.

5 The joy thy favor gives,
Let me again obtain;
And thy free Spirit's firm support
My fainting soul sustain.

55 PART I. C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Resorting to God in Times of Distress.

MY God, thine ear indulgent bend,
Nor turn thy face away:
From heaven my earnest cries attend,
While in distress I pray.

2 My heart is pained; the shades of death
Their terrors round me spread;
While fearful tremblings seize my breath,
And horrors whelm my head.

3 Thus from within the bursting sigh
Mounts to the throne above—
O that my soul on wings could fly,
And emulate the dove!

4 Swift I'd escape; I'd flee afar,
Some secret place to find,
Hid from the world's wide scene of care,
And rest my troubled mind.

5 I'd stretch my everlasting flight,
And bid the world farewell,
From sin and strife to realms of light,
Where peace and quiet dwell.

55 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O GOD, my refuge, hear my cries,
Behold my flowing tears;
For earth and hell my hurt devise,
And triumph in my fears.

2 By morning light I'll seek thy face,
At noon repeat my cry:
The night shall hear me ask thy grace,
Nor wilt thou long deny.

3 God shall preserve my soul from fear,
Or shield me when afraid;
Ten thousand angels must appear,
If he command their aid.

4 I cast my burdens on the Lord;
The Lord sustains them all;
My faith shall rest upon his word,
And I shall never fall.

55 PART III. C. M. P.'S COL.

Same Subject.

STILL on the Lord thy burden roll,
Nor let a care remain:
His mighty arm shall bear thy soul,
And all thy griefs sustain.

2 Ne'er will the Lord his aid deny
To those who trust his love:
The men who on his grace rely,
Nor earth nor hell shall move.

55 PART IV. S. M. WATTS.

God's Favor preferred to the Prosperity of Sinners.

LET sinners take their course,
And choose the road to death,
But in the worship of my God
I'll spend my daily breath.

2 My thoughts address his throne
When morning brings the light;
I seek his blessing every noon,
And pay my vows at night.

3 Thou wilt regard my cries,
O my eternal God!
While sinners perish in surprise
Beneath thine angry rod.

4 Because they dwell at ease,
And no sad changes feel,
They neither fear nor trust thy name,
Nor learn to do thy will.

5 But I, with all my cares,
Will lean upon the Lord;
I'll cast my burdens on his arm,
And rest upon his word.

6 His arm shall well sustain
The children of his love;
The ground on which their safety stands
No earthly power can move.

56 PART I. L. M. 6 L. SP. PSALMS.

Excellence of the Word of God.

COME, all ye servants of the Lord,
And praise him for his sacred word—
That word, like manna, sent from heaven,
To all who seek it freely given:
Its promises our fears remove,
And fill our hearts with joy and love.

2 It tells us, though oppressed with cares,
The God of mercy hears our prayers;
Though steep and rough th' appointed way,
His mighty arm shall be our stay;
Though deadly foes assail our peace,
His power shall bid their malice cease.

3 It tells who first inspired our breath,
And who redeemed our souls from death;
It tells of grace so freely given,
And shows the path to God and heaven:
O bless we, then, our gracious Lord
For all the treasures of his word.

56 PART II. C. M. WATTS

Trusting God in the midst of Enemies.

O THOU whose justice reigns on high,
And makes th' oppressor cease,
Behold how envious sinners try
To vex and break my peace.

2 In God, most holy, just, and true,
I have reposed my trust;
Nor will I fear what man can do,
The offspring of the dust.

3 Thy solemn vows are on me, Lord,
Thou shalt receive my praise;
I'll sing how faithful is thy word;
How righteous all thy ways.

4 Thou hast secured my soul from death;
O set thy servant free,
That heart and hand and life and breath
May be employed for thee.

56 PART III. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

LORD, I have thee my refuge made,
Thy laws have been my choice;
Therefore I will not be afraid,
But in thy word rejoice.

2 To thee my solemn vows I'll pay,
And show thy righteous ways;
With grateful heart thy will obey,
And lift my voice in praise.

3 Thou hast redeemed my soul from death,
Do thou my fears destroy;
That till I yield to thee my breath,
I may thy light enjoy.

57 PART I. L. M. T. & B.

Praise to the great Jehovah.

BE thou, O God, exalted high;
And as thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till thou art here, as there, obeyed.

2 O God, my heart is fixed, 'tis bent,
Its thankful tribute to present;
And, with my heart, my voice I'll raise
To thee, my God, in songs of praise.

3 Thy praises, Lord, I will resound
To all the listening nations round:
Thy mercy highest heaven transcends,
Thy truth beyond the clouds extends.

4 Be thou, O God, exalted high;
And, as thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till thou art here, as there, obeyed.

57 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY God, in whom are all the springs
Of boundless love and grace unknown,
Hide me beneath thy spreading wings
Till the dark cloud is overblown.

2 Up to the heavens I raise my cry;
The Lord will my desires perform;
He sends his angel from the sky,
And saves me from the threatening storm.

3 Be thou exalted, O my God,
Above the heavens, where angels dwell;
Thy power on earth be known abroad,
And land to land thy wonders tell.

57 PART III. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

BE thou exalted, O my God,
Above the heavens where angels dwell;
Thy power on earth be known abroad,
And land to land thy wonders tell.

2 My heart is fixed; my song shall raise
Immortal honors to thy name:
Awake, my tongue, to sound his praise,
My tongue, the glory of my frame.

3 High o'er the earth his mercy reigns,
And reaches to the utmost sky;
His truth to endless years remains,
When lower worlds dissolve and die.

4 Be thou exalted, O my God,
Above the heavens where angels dwell·
Thy power on earth be known abroad,
And land to land thy wonders tell.

57 PART IV. L. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

ETERNAL God, celestial King,
Exalted be thy glorious name;
Let hosts in heaven thy praises sing,
And saints on earth thy love proclaim.

2 My heart is fixed on thee, my God,
I rest my hope on thee alone;
I'll spread thy sacred truths abroad,
To all mankind thy love make known.

3 Awake, my tongue! awake, my lyre!
With morning's earliest dawn arise;
To songs of joy my soul inspire,
And swell your music to the skies.

4 With those who in thy grace abound,
To thee I'll raise my thankful voice;
While every land the earth around
Shall hear, and in thy name rejoice.

5 Eternal God, celestial King,
Exalted be thy glorious name;
Let hosts in heaven thy praises sing,
And saints on earth thy love proclaim.

60 C. M. WATTS.

Relief from National Judgments implored.

LORD, thou hast scourged our guilty land;
Behold thy people mourn:
Shall vengeance ever guide thy hand,
And mercy ne'er return?

2 Our Zion trembles at thy stroke,
And dreads thy lifted hand:
O heal the people thou hast broke,
And spare our guilty land.

3 Then shall our loud and grateful voice
Proclaim our guardian God;
The nations round the earth rejoice,
And sound thy praise abroad.

61 PART I. C. M. SP. PSALMS.

God a Refuge in Trouble.

HAIL, gracious Source of every good,
Our Saviour and defence:
Thou art our glory and our shield,
Our help and confidence.

2 When anxious fears disturb the breast,
When threatening foes are nigh,
To thee we pour our deep complaint,
To thee for succor fly.

3 Jesus, our Lord, our only hope,
Before thy throne we bow:
Thou art our strength, and thou the Rock
Whence living waters flow.

61 PART II. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

WHEN, overwhelmed with grief,
My heart within me dies,
Helpless, and far from all relief,
To heaven I lift mine eyes.

2 O lead me to the rock
That 's high above my head,
And make the covert of thy wings
My shelter and my shade.

3 Within thy presence, Lord,
For ever I 'll abide;
Thou art the tower of my defence,
The refuge where I hide.

62 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Trusting in God for Protection.

MY spirit looks to God alone;
My rock and refuge is his throne;
In all my fears, in all my straits,
My soul for his salvation waits.

2 Trust him, ye saints, in all your ways;
Pour out your hearts before his face:
When helpers fail and foes invade,
God is our all-sufficient aid.

62 PART II. C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

ON God, my soul, with patient hope,
Resigned, in silence wait;

He bears my sinking spirit up,
  Then let my joy be great.

2 God my salvation shall complete;
  From him my glory springs:
Rock of my strength! my soul shall wait
  Its refuge in his wings.

3 My Rock! my Saviour! my defence!
  My everlasting stay!
Not all my foes shall pluck me thence,
  Nor move my soul away.

63 PART I. L. P. M. T. & B.

Delight in God and his Worship.

O GOD, my gracious God, to thee
  My early prayers shall offered be;
For thee my thirsty soul doth pant:
My fainting flesh implores thy grace
Within this dry and barren place,
  Where I refreshing waters want.

2 O! to my longing eyes once more
That view of glorious power restore
  Which thy majestic house displays!
Because to me thy wondrous love
Than life itself does dearer prove,
  My lips shall always speak thy praise.

63 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

GREAT God, indulge my humble claim;
  Thou art my hope, my joy, my rest;
The glories that compose thy name
  Stand all engaged to make me blest.

2 Thou great and good, thou just and wise,
  Thou art my Father and my God;

And I am thine by sacred ties,
Thy son, thy servant, bought with blood.

3 With early feet I love t' appear
Among thy saints, and seek thy face;
Oft have I seen thy glory there,
And felt the power of sovereign grace.

4 I'll lift my hands, I'll raise my voice,
While I have breath to pray or praise;
This work shall make my heart rejoice,
And bless the remnant of my days.

63 PART III. L. M. MONTGOMERY.

Same Subject.

O GOD, thou art my God alone;
Early to thee my soul shall cry,
A pilgrim in a land unknown,
A thirsty land, whose springs are dry.

2 Thee, in the watches of the night,
When I remember on my bed,
Thy presence makes the darkness light,
Thy guardian wings are round my head.

3 Better than life itself, thy love;
Dearer than all beside to me;
For whom have I in heaven above,
Or what on earth, compared with thee?

4 Praise with my heart, my mind, my voice,
For all thy mercy I will give;
My soul shall still in God rejoice,
My tongue shall bless thee while I live.

63 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

EARLY, my God, without delay,
I haste to seek thy face;

My thirsty spirit faints away
Without thy cheering grace.

2 So pilgrims on the scorching sand,
Beneath a burning sky,
Long for a cooling stream at hand,
And they must drink or die.

3 I've seen thy glory and thy power
Through all thy temple shine:
My God, repeat that heavenly hour,
That vision so divine.

4 Not life itself, with all its joys,
Can my best passions move,
Or raise so high my cheerful voice
As thy forgiving love.

5 Thus, till my last expiring day,
I'll bless my God and King;
Thus will I lift my hands to pray,
And tune my lips to sing.

63 PART V. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

'TWAS in the watches of the night
I thought upon thy power;
I kept thy lovely face in sight
Amid the darkest hour.

2 While I lay resting on my bed,
My soul arose on high;
My God, my life, my hope, I said,
Bring thy salvation nigh.

3 I strive to mount thy holy hill,
I walk the heavenly road;
Thy glories all my spirit fill,
While I commune with God.

4 Thy mercy stretches o'er my head
The shadow of thy wing;
My heart rejoices in thine aid,
And I thy praises sing.

63 PART VI. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY God, permit my tongue
This joy, to call thee mine;
And let my early cries prevail
To taste thy love divine.

2 For life, without thy love,
No relish can afford;
No joy can be compared with this,
To serve and please the Lord.

3 In wakeful hours of night,
I call my God to mind;
I think how wise thy counsels are,
And all thy dealings kind.

4 Since thou hast been my help,
To thee my spirit flies;
And on thy watchful providence
My cheerful hope relies.

5 The shadow of thy wings
My soul in safety keeps;
I follow where my Father leads,
And he supports my steps.

65 PART I. L. M. T. & B.

Worship of God in his Temple.

FOR thee, O God, our constant praise
In Zion waits, thy chosen seat:
Our promised altars there we'll raise,
And there our zealous vows complete.

2 O thou who to our humble prayer
Didst always bend thy listening ear,
To thee shall all mankind repair,
And at thy gracious throne appear.

3 How blest the man who, near thee placed,
Within thy heavenly dwelling lives!
While we, at humbler distance, taste
The vast delight thy temple gives.

65 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THE praise of Zion waits for thee,
Great God, and praise becomes thy house;
There shall thy saints thy glory see,
And there perform their public vows.

2 O thou whose mercy bends the skies,
To save when humble sinners pray,
All lands to thee shall lift their eyes,
And every yielding heart obey.

3 Soon shall the flocking nations run
To Zion's hill, and own their Lord;
The rising and the setting sun
Shall see the Saviour's name adored.

65 PART III. L. M. WATTS.

Goodness of God in the Seasons.

ON God the race of man depends,
Far as the earth's remotest ends;
At his command the morning ray
Smiles in the east, and leads the day.

2 Seasons and times obey his voice;
The morn and evening both rejoice
To see the earth made soft with showers,
Laden with fruit, and dressed in flowers.

3 The desert grows a fruitful field;
Abundant food the valleys yield;
The plains shall shout with cheerful voice,
And neighboring hills repeat their joys.

4 Thy works pronounce thy power divine;
O'er every field thy glories shine;
Through every month thy gifts appear:
Great God, thy goodness crowns the year.

65 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THE Lord is good, the heavenly King,
He makes the earth his care;
Visits the pastures every spring,
And bids the grass appear.

2 The times and seasons, days and hours,
Heaven, earth, and air are thine;
When clouds distil in fruitful showers,
The author is divine.

3 The softened ridges of the field
Permit the corn to spring;
The valleys rich provision yield,
And all the laborers sing.

4 The various months thy goodness crowns;
How bounteous are thy ways!
The bleating flocks spread o'er the downs,
And shepherds shout thy praise.

65 PART V. C. M. WATTS.

Worship of God in his Temple.

PRAISE waits in Zion, Lord, for thee;
There shall our vows be paid:
Thou hast an ear when sinners pray;
All flesh shall seek thine aid.

2 O Lord, our guilt and fears prevail,
But pardoning grace is thine,
And thou wilt grant us power and skill
To conquer every sin.

3 Blest are the men whom thou wilt choose
To bring them near thy face;
Give them a dwelling in thy house,
To feast upon thy grace.

4 In answering what thy Church requests,
Thy truth and terror shine;
And works of dreadful righteousness
Fulfil thy kind design.

5 Thus shall the wandering nations see
The Lord is good and just;
And distant islands fly to thee,
And make thy name their trust.

66 PART I. L. M. P.'S COL.

Praise to Christ.

JESUS demands the voice of joy;
Loud through the land let triumph ring!
His honors shall your songs employ;
Let glorious praises hail the King.

2 Shout to the Lord! adoring own,
Thy works thy wondrous might disclose;
Thine arm victorious power has shown;
Thus did thy cross confound thy foes!

3 Low at that cross the world shall bow;
All nations shall its blessings prove;
While grateful strains in concert flow,
To sing thy power and praise thy love.

4 O bless our God, ye nations round;
People and lands, rehearse his name:
Let shouts of joy through earth resound;
Let every tongue his praise proclaim!

66 PART II. C. M. T. & B.

Praise to the Creator.

LET all the lands, with shouts of joy,
To God their voices raise;
Sing psalms in honor of his name,
And spread his glorious praise!

2 And let them say, How dreadful, Lord,
In all thy works art thou!
To thy great power thy stubborn foes
Shall all be forced to bow.

3 Through all the earth, the nations round
Shall thee their God confess;
And, with glad hymns, their awful dread
Of thy great name express.

4 O come, behold the works of God;
And then with me you'll own
That he to all the sons of men
Has wondrous judgments shown.

5 Let all the lands, with shouts of joy,
To God their voices raise;
Sing psalms in honor of his name,
And spread his glorious praise!

66 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

SING, all ye nations, to the Lord,
Sing with a joyful noise;
With melody of sound record
His honors and your joys.

2 Say to the power that formed the sky,
How terrible art thou!
Sinners before thy presence fly,
Or at thy feet they bow.

3 O bless our God, and never cease;
Ye saints, fulfil his praise;
He keeps our life, maintains our peace,
And guides our doubtful ways.

66 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Praise for Redemption.

NOW shall my solemn vows be paid
To that almighty Power
Who heard the long request I made
In my distressful hour.

2 My lips and cheerful heart prepare
To make his mercies known:
Come, ye who fear my God, and hear
The wonders he has done.

3 When on my head deep sorrows fell,
I sought his heavenly aid;
He saved my sinking soul from hell,
And death's eternal shade.

4 If sin lay covered in my heart
While prayer employed my tongue,
The Lord had shown me no regard,
Nor I his praises sung.

5 But God—his name be ever blest!—
Has set my spirit free;
He ne'er rejected my request,
Nor turned his heart from me.

66 PART V. C. M. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

O ALL ye lands, rejoice in God;
Sing praises to his name;
Let all the earth, with one accord,
His wondrous acts proclaim;

2 And let his faithful servants tell
How, by redeeming love,
Their souls are saved from death and hell,
To share the joys above;

3 Tell how the Holy Spirit's grace
Forbids their feet to slide:
And, as they run the Christian race,
Vouchsafes to be their guide.

4 O, then, rejoice, and shout for joy,
Ye ransomed of the Lord;
Be grateful praise your sweet employ,
His presence your reward.

67 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Prayer for the Enlargement of the Church.

SHINE, mighty God, on Zion shine
With beams of heavenly grace;
Reveal thy power through every land,
And show thy smiling face.

2 When shall thy name, from shore to shore,
Sound through the earth abroad,
And distant nations know and love
Their Saviour and their God?

3 Sing to the Lord, ye distant lands,
Sing loud with solemn voice;
Let every tongue exalt his praise,
And every heart rejoice.

67 PART II. S. M. P.'s COL.

Same Subject.

O GOD, to earth incline,
With mercies from above;
And let thy presence round us shine
With beams of heavenly love.

2 Through all the earth below
  Thy ways of grace proclaim,
Till distant nations hear and know
  The Saviour's blessed name.

3 Now let the world agree
  One general voice to raise,
Till all mankind present to thee
  Their songs of grateful praise.

4 O let the nations round
  Their cheerful powers employ,
And earth's far-distant coasts resound
  With shouts of sacred joy.

67 PART III. S. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

THOU shalt, O Lord, descend,
  And all the kingdoms bless;
Throughout the earth thy realm extend,
  And judge in righteousness.

2 The fruitful earth shall yield
  A rich, increasing store;
And God, who is to us revealed,
  His choicest gifts shall pour.

3 The blessings of his grace
  He shall to us make known,
Till all the earth his laws embrace,
  And his dominion own.

4 Let all the people raise
  The loud thanksgiving voice;
Let every nation sing thy praise,
  And every tongue rejoice.

67 PART IV. 7s. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

ON thy Church, O Power divine,
Cause thy glorious face to shine,
Till the nations from afar
Hail her as their guiding star.

2 Then shall God, with lavish hand,
Scatter blessings o'er the land,
And the world's remotest bound
With the voice of praise resound.

68 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

The Majesty of Jehovah.

KINGDOMS and thrones to God belong;
Crown him, ye nations, in your song;
His wondrous name and power rehearse;
His honors shall enrich your verse.

2 He rides and thunders through the sky;
His name, Jehovah, sounds on high:
Praise him aloud, ye sons of grace;
Ye saints, rejoice before his face.

3 God is our shield, our joy, our rest;
God is our King—proclaim him blest;
When terrors rise, when nations faint,
He is the strength of every saint.

68 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LORD, when thou didst ascend on high,
Ten thousand angels filled the sky;
Those heavenly guards around thee wait,
Like chariots that attend thy state.

2 Not Sinai's mountain could appear
More glorious when the Lord was there;
While he pronounced his holy law,
And struck the chosen tribes with awe.

3 How bright the triumph none can tell,
When the rebellious powers of hell,
That thousand souls had captive made,
Were all in chains, like captives, led.

4 Raised by his Father to the throne,
He sent his promised Spirit down,
With gifts and grace for rebel men,
That God might dwell on earth again.

68 PART III. L. M. WRANGHAM.

The Goodness and Compassion of God.

BLEST be the Lord, the God of love,
Who showers his blessings from above;
The rock on which the righteous trust,
The hope and saviour of the just.

2 He to his saints redemption gives;
The weak and humble he relieves;
Supported by his grace we stand,
For life and death are in his hand.

3 He views his children in distress,
The widow and the fatherless,
And, from his holy seat above,
Supports them with his tender love.

4 All they who make his laws their choice
Shall in his promises rejoice;
With gladness in their hearts, shall raise,
Before his throne, triumphant praise.

69 PART I. L. M. WRANGHAM.

Pardon implored.

TO thee, great God, I make my prayer;
Do thou my supplications hear;
Let me not sink, o'erwhelmed in grief,
But kindly send my soul relief.

2 O let me now thy goodness prove,
Thy tender mercies, and thy love;
Turn not away, O Lord, thy face,
But hear, and heal me with thy grace.

3 So shall my song to thee arise,
Thy praise shall echo through the skies:
Through all the earth will I proclaim
The greatness of Jehovah's name.

69 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Pardon through the Sufferings of Christ.

DEEP in our hearts let us record
The deeper sorrows of our Lord:
Behold the rising billows roll
To overwhelm his holy soul.

2 Yet, gracious God, thy power and love
Have made the curse a blessing prove:
Those dreadful sufferings of thy Son
Atoned for crimes which we had done.

3 O for his sake our guilt forgive,
And let the mourning sinner live:
The Lord will hear us in his name,
Nor shall our hope be turned to shame.

69 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

FATHER, I sing thy wondrous grace,
I bless my Saviour's name:

He bought salvation for the poor,
And bore the sinner's shame.

2 His deep distress has raised us high;
His duty and his zeal
Fulfilled the law, which mortals broke,
And finished all thy will.

3 Zion is thine, most holy God;
Thy Son shall bless her gates;
And glory, purchased by his blood,
For thine own Israel waits.

4 Let heaven, and all that dwell on high,
To God their voices raise;
While lands and seas assist the sky,
And join t' advance his praise.

70 C. M. WATTS.

Prayer for Divine Aid.

GREAT God, attend my humble call,
Nor hear my cries in vain;
O let thy grace prevent my fall,
And still my hope sustain.

2 Be thou my help in time of need;
To thee, O Lord, I pray:
In mercy hasten to my aid,
Nor let thy grace delay.

3 Let all who love thy name rejoice,
And glory in thy word;
In thy salvation raise their voice,
And magnify the Lord.

71 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Praise to God, the Saviour.

MY Saviour, my almighty Friend,
When I begin thy praise,

Where will the growing numbers end,
The numbers of thy grace?

2 Thou art my everlasting trust,
Thy goodness I adore;
And since I knew thy graces first,
I speak thy glories more.

3 My feet shall travel all the length
Of the celestial road,
And march, with courage in thy strength,
To see my Father, God.

4 When I am filled with sore distress
For some surprising sin,
I'll plead thy perfect righteousness,
And mention none but thine.

5 How will my lips rejoice to tell
The victories of my King!
My soul, redeemed from sin and hell,
Shall thy salvation sing.

71 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Sustaining Grace implored.

GOD of my childhood and my youth,
The guide of all my days,
I have declared thy heavenly truth,
And told thy wondrous ways.

2 Wilt thou forsake my hoary hairs,
And leave my fainting heart?
Who shall sustain my sinking years,
If God, my strength, depart?

3 Let me thy power and truth proclaim
Before the rising age,
And leave a savor of thy name
When I shall quit the stage.

4 The land of silence and of death
Attends my next remove:
O may these poor remains of breath
Teach all the world thy love!

71 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY God, my everlasting hope,
I live upon thy truth;
Thy hands have held my childhood up,
And strengthened all my youth.

2 Still has my life new wonders seen,
Repeated every year;
Behold my days that yet remain,
I trust them to thy care.

3 Cast me not off when strength declines,
When hoary hairs arise;
And round me let thy glory shine,
Whene'er thy servant dies.

4 Then, in the history of my age,
When men review my days,
They 'll read thy love in every page,
In every line thy praise.

72 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Universal Reign of Christ.

GREAT God, whose universal sway
The known and unknown worlds obey,
Now give the kingdom to thy Son,
Extend his power, exalt his throne.

2 As rain on meadows newly mown,
So shall he send his influence down;
His grace on fainting souls distils,
Like heavenly dew on thirsty hills.

3 The heathen lands, that lie beneath
The shades of overspreading death,
Revive at his first dawning light,
And deserts blossom at the sight.

4 The saints shall flourish in his days,
Dressed in the robes of joy and praise;
Peace, like a river, from his throne,
Shall flow to nations yet unknown.

72 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 For him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The joyful prisoner bursts his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

72 PART III. S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

THE Saviour's glorious name
For ever shall endure;
Long as the sun, his matchless fame
Shall ever stand secure.

2 Wonders of grace and power
To thee alone belong;
Thy Church those wonders shall adore
In everlasting song.

3 O Israel, bless him still,
His name to honor raise;
Let all the earth his glory fill,
Midst songs of grateful praise.

4 Jehovah, God most high,
We spread thy praise abroad;
Through all the world thy fame shall fly,
O God, thine Israel's God.

72 PART IV. 7s. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

HASTEN, Lord, the glorious time,
When, beneath Messiah's sway,
Every nation, every clime,
Shall the gospel call obey.

2 Mightiest kings his power shall own,
Heathen tribes his name adore;
Satan and his host, o'erthrown,
Bound in chains, shall hurt no more.

3 Then shall wars and tumults cease,
Then be banished grief and pain;
Righteousness, and joy, and peace,
Undisturbed shall ever reign.

4 Bless we, then, our gracious Lord;
Ever praise his glorious name;
All his mighty acts record,
All his wondrous love proclaim.

73 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Folly of envying the Prosperity of Sinners.

LORD, what a thoughtless wretch was I,
To mourn, and murmur, and repine,
To see the wicked placed on high,
In pride and robes of honor shine!

2 But O their end, their dreadful end!
Thy sanctuary taught me so:
On slippery rocks I see them stand,
And fiery billows roll below.

3 Now I esteem their mirth and wine
Too dear to purchase with my blood;
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine,
My life, my portion, and my God.

73 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

God the Portion of the Soul.

GOD, my supporter and my hope,
My help for ever near,
Thine arm of mercy held me up
When sinking in despair.

2 Thy counsels, Lord, shall guide my feet
Through this dark wilderness;
Thine hand conduct me near thy seat,
To dwell before thy face.

3 Were I in heaven, without my God,
'Twould be no joy to me;
And while the earth is my abode,
I long for none but thee.

4 What if the springs of life were broke,
And flesh and heart should faint;
Thou art my soul's eternal rock,
The strength of every saint.

5 Then to draw near to thee, my God,
Shall be my sweet employ;
My tongue shall sound thy works abroad,
And tell the world my joy.

73 PART III. C. M. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

WHOM have we, Lord, in heaven, but thee,
And whom on earth beside?
Where else for succor can we flee,
Or in whose strength confide?

2 Thou art our portion here below,
Our promised bliss above;
Ne'er may our souls an object know
So precious as thy love.

3 When heart and flesh, O Lord, shall fail,
Thou wilt our spirits cheer,
Support us through life's thorny vale,
And calm each anxious fear.

4 Yes, thou shalt be our guide through life,
And help and strength supply;
Sustain us in death's fearful strife,
And welcome us on high.

73 PART IV. S. M. WATTS.

Folly of envying the Prosperity of Sinners.

SURE there's a righteous God,
Nor is religion vain;
Though men of vice may boast aloud,
And men of grace complain.

2 I saw the wicked rise,
  And felt my heart repine,
While haughty fools, with scornful eyes,
  In robes of honor shine.

3 The tumult of my thought
  Held me in hard suspense,
Till to thy house my feet were brought,
  To learn thy justice thence.

4 Thy word with light and power
  Does my mistake amend;
I viewed the sinner's life before,
  But here I learn his end.

5 On what a slippery steep
  The thoughtless wretches go!
And O! that dreadful, fiery deep
  That waits their fall below!

6 Lord, at thy feet I bow;
  My thoughts no more repine;
I call my God my portion now,
  And all my powers are thine.

76 H. M. PRATT'S COL.

God only to be feared and worshipped.

THY glories, mighty God,
  Alone our reverence claim:
Thy terrors spread abroad;
  How awful is thy name!
Thine anger shown,
  Thy judgments near,
Who dare appear
Before thy throne?

2 Let man his anger raise,
  With persecuting rage;
His wrath shall work thy praise,
  The rest thy hands assuage:

Then still obey
Th' Eternal King,
Your offerings bring,
And vows repay.

3 Let all who round his throne
With holy gifts draw near,
There lay their offerings down;
Jehovah claims their fear:
Before his word
The world shall bow,
And princes know
Thy terrors, Lord.

77 C. M. WATTS.

Despondency forbidden.

TO God I cried with mournful voice,
I sought his gracious ear,
In the sad day when trouble rose,
And filled my heart with fear.

2 Will he for ever cast me off?
His promise ever fail?
Has he forgot his tender love?
Shall anger still prevail?

3 But I forbid this hopeless thought,
This dark despairing frame,
Remembering what thy hand has wrought—
Thy hand is still the same.

4 I'll think again of all thy ways,
And talk thy wonders o'er—
Thy wonders of recovering grace,
When I could hope no more.

5 Grace dwells with justice on the throne;
And men who love thy word
Have in thy holy temple known
The counsels of the Lord.

78 C. M. WATTS.

The Works of God recounted to Posterity.

LET children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger years we saw,
And which our fathers told.

2 He bids us make his glories known,
His works of power and grace;
And we 'll convey his wonders down
Through every rising race.

3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons,
And they again to theirs,
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.

4 Thus shall they learn, in God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may ne'er forget his works,
But practice his commands.

79 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Pardoning Mercy supplicated.

THOU gracious God and kind,
O cast our sins away;
Nor call our former guilt to mind,
Thy justice to display.

2 Thy tenderest mercies show,
Thy richest grace prepare,
Ere yet, with guilty fears laid low,
We perish in despair.

3 Save us from guilt and shame,
Thy glory to display;
And, for the great Redeemer's name,
Wash all our sins away.

80 L. M. WATTS.

The Church's Prayer in Time of Desertion.

GREAT Shepherd of thine Israel,
Who didst between the cherubs dwell,
And lead the tribes, thy chosen sheep,
Safe through the desert and the deep;

2 Thy Church is in the desert now;
Shine from on high, and guide us through;
Turn us to thee, thy love restore;
We shall be saved, and sigh no more.

3 Hast thou not planted with thy hand
A lovely vine in this our land?
Did not thy power defend it round,
And heavenly dew enrich the ground?

4 How did the spreading branches shoot,
And bless the nations with their fruit!
But now, O Lord, look down and see
Thy mourning vine, that lovely tree.

5 Return, almighty God, return,
Nor let thy bleeding vineyard mourn:
Turn us to thee, thy love restore;
We shall be saved, and sigh no more.

81 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Praise to God in his Temples.

TO God, our strength, your voice aloud
In strains of glory raise;
The great Jehovah, Jacob's God,
Exalt in notes of praise.

2 Now let the gospel trumpet blow
On each appointed feast,
And teach his waiting Church to know
The Sabbath's sacred rest.

3 This was the statute of the Lord
To Israel's favored race;
And yet his courts preserve his word,
And there we wait his grace.

4 With psalms of honor and of joy
Let all his temples ring;
Your various instruments employ,
And songs of triumph sing.

82 L. M. WATTS.

Oppressors admonished.

AMONG th' assemblies of the great,
A greater Ruler takes his seat:
The God of heaven, as judge, surveys
The kings of earth, and all their ways.

2 Why should they, then, frame wicked laws,
Or why support th' unrighteous cause?
When will they cease t' oppress the poor?
When will they vex the saints no more?

3 Arise, O God, and let thy Son
Possess his universal throne,
And rule the nations with his rod:
He is our judge, and he our God.

83 S. M. WATTS.

God arising to subdue Opposers.

AND will the God of grace
Perpetual silence keep;
The God of justice hold his peace,
And let his vengeance sleep?

2 Arise, almighty God,
Assume thy sovereign sway;
Before thy throne bid sinners bow,
And yield their hearts to thee.

3 Let all the nations know
And spread thy name abroad;
Let all who dwell on earth confess
Their Saviour and their God.

Blessedness of worshipping God in his Temple.

HOW pleasant, how divinely fair,
O Lord of hosts, thy dwellings are!
With long desire my spirit faints
To meet th' assemblies of thy saints.

2 My flesh would rest in thine abode:
My panting heart cries out for God:
My God! my King! why should I be
So far from all my joys and thee!

3 Blest are the saints who sit on high,
Around thy throne above the sky;
Thy brightest glories shine above,
And all their work is praise and love.

4 Blest are the souls who find a place
Within the temple of thy grace;
There they behold thy gentler rays,
And seek thy face, and learn thy praise.

5 Blest are the men whose hearts are set
To find the way to Zion's gate;
God is their strength; and through the road
They lean upon their helper, God.

6 Cheerful they walk with growing strength,
Till all shall meet in heaven at length;
Till all before thy face appear,
And join in nobler worship there.

84 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

GREAT God, attend, while Zion sings
The joy that from thy presence springs:
To spend one day with thee on earth
Exceeds a thousand days of mirth.

2 Might I enjoy the meanest place
Within thy house, O God of grace,
Not tents of ease nor thrones of power
Should tempt my feet to leave thy door.

3 God is our sun, he makes our day;
God is our shield, he guards our way
From all th' assaults of hell and sin;
From foes without and foes within.

4 All needful grace will God bestow,
And crown that grace with glory too;
He gives us all things, and withholds
No real good from upright souls.

5 O God, our King, whose sovereign sway
The glorious host of heaven obey,
Display thy grace, exert thy power,
Till all on earth thy name adore.

84 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY soul, how lovely is the place
To which thy God resorts!
'T is heaven to see his smiling face,
Though in his earthly courts.

2 There the great Monarch of the skies
His saving power displays;
And light breaks in upon our eyes
With kind and quickening rays.

3 With his rich gifts the heavenly Dove
Descends and fills the place;
While Christ reveals his wondrous love
And sheds abroad his grace.

4 There, mighty God, thy words declare
The secrets of thy will;
And still we seek thy mercies there,
And sing thy praises still.

84 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O LORD, my heart cries out for thee,
While far from thine abode:
When shall I tread thy courts, and see
My Saviour and my God?

2 To sit one day beneath thine eye,
And hear thy gracious voice,
Exceeds a whole eternity
Employed in carnal joys.

3 Lord, at thy threshold I would wait,
While Jesus is within,
Rather than fill a throne of state,
Or dwell in tents of sin.

4 Could I command the spacious land,
Or the more boundless sea,
For one blest hour at thy right hand
I'd give them both away.

84 PART V. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

O GOD of hosts, the mighty Lord,
How lovely is the place
Where, in thy glory, we behold
The brightness of thy face!

2 My fainting soul with longing waits
To view thy blest abode:
My panting heart and flesh cry out
For thee, the living God.

3 Thrice happy they whose choice has thee
Their sure protection made;
Who long to tread the sacred ways
Which to thy dwelling lead.

4 For God, who is our sun and shield,
Will grace and glory give;
And no good thing will he withhold
From them that justly live.

5 O Lord of hosts, my King, my God,
How highly blest are they
Who in thy temple always dwell,
And there thy praise display!

84 PART VI. H. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LORD of the worlds above,
How pleasant and how fair
The dwellings of thy love,
Thine earthly temples are:
To thine abode
My heart aspires,
With warm desires
To see my God.

2 O happy souls who pray
Where God appoints to hear!
O happy men who pay
Their constant service there!
They praise thee still;
And happy they
Who love the way
To Zion's hill.

3 They go from strength to strength,
  Through this dark vale of tears,
Till each arrives at length,
  Till each in heaven appears:
    O glorious seat,
      When God our King
      Shall thither bring
    Our willing feet!

85 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Quickening Grace implored.

LORD, thou hast called thy grace to mind,
  Thou hast reversed our heavy doom:
So God forgave when Israel sinned,
  And brought his wandering captives home.

2 Thou hast begun to set us free,
  And made thy fiercest wrath abate:
Now let our hearts be turned to thee,
  And thy salvation be complete.

3 Revive our dying graces, Lord,
  And let thy saints in thee rejoice:
Make known thy truth, fulfil thy word:
  We wait for praise to tune our voice.

4 We wait to hear what God will say:
  He'll speak—and give his people peace;
But let them go no more astray,
  Lest his returning wrath increase.

85 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Salvation through Christ.

SALVATION is for ever nigh
  The souls who fear and trust the Lord;
And grace, descending from on high,
  Fresh hopes of glory shall afford.

2 Mercy and truth on earth are met,
Since Christ the Lord came down from heaven;
By his obedience, so complete,
Justice is pleased, and peace is given.

3 His righteousness is gone before,
To give us free access to God;
Our wandering feet shall stray no more,
But mark his steps, and keep the road.

85 PART III. H. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

JESUS the Saviour's nigh
To those who fear his name;
He comes!—his praise on high
Let all his Church proclaim!
His footsteps still
On earth shall stand,
And all the land
His glory fill.

2 Thy mercy, O our God,
To all thy Church display:
Proclaim thy grace abroad,
And spread the gospel day:
High on thy throne,
Our prayer attend,
And quickly send
Salvation down.

86 PART I. L. M. BROWN.

The Creator only worthy to be worshipped.

ETERNAL God, almighty Cause
Of earth, and sea, and worlds unknown;
All things are subject to thy laws,
All things depend on thee alone.

2 Thy glorious being singly stands,
Of all within itself possessed;
Controlled by none are thy commands;
Thou from thyself alone art blest.

3 To thee alone ourselves we owe;
To thee alone our homage pay;
All other gods we disavow,
Deny their claims, renounce their sway.

4 Spread thy great name through heathen lands,
Their idol deities dethrone;
Subdue the world to thy commands,
And reign, as thou art, God alone.

86 PART II. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

THOU great Instructor, lest I stray,
O teach my erring feet thy way!
Thy truth, with ever fresh delight,
Shall guide my doubtful steps aright.

2 How oft my heart's affections yield,
And wander o'er the world's wide field!
My roving passions, Lord, reclaim;
Unite them all to fear thy name.

3 Then to my God my heart and tongue,
With all their powers, shall raise the song:
On earth thy glories I'll declare,
Till heaven th' immortal notes shall hear.

86 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

AMONG the princes, earthly gods,
There's none hath power divine;
Nor is their nature, mighty Lord,
Nor are their works like thine.

2 The nations thou hast made shall bring
Their offerings round thy throne;
For thou alone dost wondrous things,
For thou art God alone.

3 Lord, I would walk with holy feet;
Teach me thine heavenly ways,
And all my wandering thoughts unite
In God my Father's praise.

86 PART IV. S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Prayer for Divine Help.

MY God, my prayer attend!
O bow thine ear to me,
Without a hope, without a friend,
Without a help but thee!

2 O guard my soul around,
Which loves and trusts thy grace;
Nor let the powers of hell confound
The hopes on thee I place!

3 Thy mercy I entreat—
Let mercy hear my cries,
While, humbly waiting at thy seat,
My daily prayers arise!

4 O bid my heart rejoice,
And every fear control;
Since at thy throne, with suppliant voice,
To thee I lift my soul!

86 PART V. 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

THOU, Jehovah, God o'er all!
Idol gods to thee shall fall:
None thy wondrous works can share;
None with thee in might compare.

2 Formed by thy creative hand,
Let the nations round thee stand;
Prostrate at thy throne confess
And adore the Saviour's grace.

3 Great in power!—thine arm divine!—
Round the world thy wonders shine:
Bid the world thy glories own:
Thou art God, and thou alone!

87 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

The Church the Dwelling-Place of God.

GOD in his earthly temple lays
Foundation for his heavenly praise;
He likes the tents of Jacob well,
But still in Zion loves to dwell.

2 His mercy visits every house
That pay their night and morning vows,
But makes a more delightful stay
Where churches meet to praise and pray.

3 What glories were described of old!
What wonders are of Zion told!
Thou city of our God below,
Thy fame shall all the nations know.

87 PART II. H. M. PRATT'S COL

Same Subject.

FIXED on the sacred hills,
Its firm foundations rest:
The Lord his temple fills,
With all his glory blest!
He waits where'er his saints adore,
But loves the gates of Zion more.

2 O Zion, sacred place!
Thy name shall spread around;

The city of his grace,
His wonders there abound:
Thy glories shall thy God declare,
And earth thy fame resound afar.

87 PART III. 8s. & 7s. DRUMMOND.

Same Subject.

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word can ne'er be broken
Chose thee for his own abode.

2 Lord, thy Church is still thy dwelling,
Still is precious in thy sight;
Judah's temple far excelling,
Beaming with the gospel's light.

3 On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake her sure repose?
With salvation's wall surrounded,
She can smile at all her foes.

4 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word can ne'er be broken,
Chose thee for his own abode.

88 PART I. L. M. DWIGHT.

Resurrection from the Grave.

SHALL man, O God of light and life,
For ever moulder in the grave?
Canst thou forget thy glorious work,
Thy promise, and thy power to save?

2 In those dark, silent realms of night
Shall peace and hope no more arise?
No future morning light the tomb,
Nor day-star gild the darksome skies?

BREWER.

3 Cease, cease, ye vain desponding fears:
  When Christ our Lord from darkness sprang,
Death, the last foe, was captive led,
  And heaven with praise and wonder rang.

4 Faith sees the bright eternal doors
  Unfold to make his children way:
They shall be clothed with endless life,
  And shine in everlasting day.

5 The trump shall sound, the dead shall wake;
  From the cold tomb the slumberers spring;
Through heaven, with joy, their myriads rise,
  And hail their Saviour and their King.

88 PART II. L. M. DWIGHT.

Sinners invited to immediate Repentance.

WHILE life prolongs its precious light,
  Mercy is found and peace is given;
But soon, ah! soon approaching night
  Shall blot out every hope of heaven.

2 While God invites, how blest the day!
  How sweet the gospel's charming sound!
Come, sinners, haste! O haste away,
  While yet a pardoning God is found.

3 Soon, borne on time's most rapid wing,
  Shall death command you to the grave;
Before his bar your spirits bring,
  And none be found to hear or save.

4 In that lone land of deep despair,
  No Sabbath's heavenly light shall rise;
No God regard your bitter prayer,
  No Saviour call you to the skies.

5 Now God invites—how blest the day!
  How sweet the gospel's charming sound!
Come, sinners, haste! O haste away,
  While yet a pardoning God is found.

88 PART III. S. M.

Same Subject.

YE sinners, fear the Lord
While yet 'tis called to-day;
Soon will the awful voice of death
Command your souls away.

2 Soon will the harvest close;
The summer soon be o'er;
And soon your injured, angry God
Will hear your prayers no more.

3 Then while 'tis called to-day,
O hear the gospel's sound;
Come, sinner, haste! O haste away,
While pardon may be found.

89 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Frailty of Man.

REMEMBER, Lord, our mortal state,
How frail our life, how short the date:
Where is the man that draws his breath
Safe from disease, secure from death?

2 Lord, while we see whole nations die,
Distressed with gloomy fears, we cry,
"Must death for ever rage and reign?
Or hast thou made mankind in vain?

3 "Where is thy promise to the just?
Are not thy servants turned to dust?"
But faith forbids these mournful sighs,
And sees the sleeping dust arise.

4 That glorious hour, that dreadful day,
Wipes the reproach of saints away,
And clears the honor of thy word:
Awake, our souls, and bless the Lord.

89 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

The Faithfulness of God.

FOR ever shall my song record
The truth and mercy of the Lord;
Mercy and truth for ever stand,
Like heaven, established by his hand.

2 Jesus, our prophet and our priest,
Thy children shall be ever blest:
Thou art our King: thy glorious throne
Shall stand to ages yet unknown.

3 Then let the Church rejoice, and sing
Jesus, her Saviour and her King;
Angels above his wonders show,
And saints declare his works below.

89 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY never-ceasing song shall show
The mercies of the Lord,
And make succeeding ages know
How faithful is his word.

2 The sacred truths his lips pronounce
Shall firm as heaven endure;
And if he speak a promise once,
Th' eternal grace is sure.

3 Lord God of hosts, thy wondrous ways
Are sung by saints above;
And saints on earth their honors raise
To thy unchanging love.

89 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

The Majesty of God.

WITH reverence let the saints appear,
And bow before the Lord;

His high commands with reverence hear,
And tremble at his word.

2 Great God, how high thy glories rise!
How bright thine armies shine!
Where is the power with thee that vies,
Or truth compared with thine?

3 The northern pole and southern rest
On thy supporting hand;
Darkness and day, from east to west,
Move round at thy command.

4 Thy words the raging winds control,
And rule the boisterous deep;
Thou mak'st the sleeping billows roll,
The rolling billows sleep.

5 Heaven, earth, and air, and sea are thine,
And the dark world of hell:
How did thine arm in vengeance shine,
When Egypt durst rebel!

6 Justice and judgment are thy throne,
Yet wondrous is thy grace;
While truth and mercy, joined in one,
Invite us near thy face.

89 PART V. C. M. WATTS.

Rejoicing in the Gospel.

BLEST are the souls who hear and know
The gospel's joyful sound;
Peace shall attend the path they go,
And light their steps surround.

2 Their joy shall bear their spirits up,
Through their Redeemer's name;
His righteousness exalts their hope,
Nor Satan dares condemn.

3 The Lord, our glory and defence,
Strength and salvation gives;
Israel, thy King for ever reigns,
Thy God for ever lives.

90 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Divine Immutability and Human Frailty.

THROUGH every age, eternal God,
Thou art our rest, our safe abode:
High was thy throne ere heaven was made,
Or earth thy humble footstool laid.

2 Long hadst thou reigned ere time began,
Or dust was fashioned into man;
And long thy kingdom shall endure
When earth and time shall be no more.

3 But man, weak man, is born to die,
Made up of guilt and vanity:
Thy dreadful sentence, Lord, is just,
"Return, ye sinners, to your dust."

4 Death, like an ever-flowing stream,
Sweeps us away: our life 's a dream—
An empty tale—a morning flower,
Cut down and withered in an hour.

5 Teach us, O Lord, how frail is man;
And kindly lengthen out our span,
Till, cleansed by grace, we all may be
Prepared to die, and dwell with thee.

90 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne,
  Thy saints have dwelt secure:
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
  And our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
  Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
  To endless years the same.

4 Thy word commands our flesh to dust,
  "Return, ye sons of men:"
All nations rose from earth at first,
  And turned to earth again.

5 O God, our help in ages past,
  Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
  And our eternal home.

Same Subject.

O LORD, the saviour and defence
  Of all thy chosen race,
From age to age thou still hast been
  Our sure abiding-place.

2 Before the lofty mountains rose,
  Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
  To endless years the same.

3 Thou turnest man, O Lord, to dust,
  Of which he first was made;
When thou dost speak the word, Return,
  'Tis instantly obeyed.

4 For in thy sight a thousand years
  Are like a day that's past,

Or like a watch in dead of night,
Whose hours unminded waste.

5 So teach us, Lord, th' uncertain sum
Of our short days to mind,
That unto wisdom all our hearts
May ever be inclined.

90 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

RETURN, O God of love, return;
Earth is a tiresome place:
How long shall we, thy children, mourn
Our absence from thy face?

2 Let heaven succeed our painful years;
Let sin and sorrow cease;
And in proportion to our tears,
So make our joys increase.

3 Thy wonders to thy servants show;
Make thine own work complete;
Then shall our souls thy glory know,
And own thy love was great.

90 PART V. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LORD, if thine eye survey our faults,
And justice grow severe,
Thy dreadful wrath exceeds our thoughts,
And burns beyond our fear.

2 Almighty God, reveal thy love,
And not thy wrath alone;
O let our sweet experience prove
The mercies of thy throne.

90 PART VI. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LORD, what a feeble piece
Is this our mortal frame!
Our life, how poor a trifle 'tis,
That scarce deserves the name!

2 Our moments fly apace,
Our feeble powers decay;
Swift as a flood, our hasty days
Are sweeping us away.

3 Then, if our days must fly,
We'll keep their end in sight;
We'll spend them all in wisdom's way,
And let them speed their flight.

4 They'll waft us sooner o'er
This life's tempestuous sea;
Soon shall we reach the peaceful shore
Of blest eternity.

91 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Safety of trusting in God.

HE who hath made his refuge God
Shall find a most secure abode;
Shall walk all day beneath his shade,
And there at night shall rest his head.

2 Now may we say, Our God, thy power
Shall be our fortress and our tower:
We, that are formed of feeble dust,
Make thine almighty arm our trust.

3 Thrice happy man! thy Maker's care
Shall keep thee from the tempter's snare;
God is thy life; his arms are spread
To shield thee with a healthful shade.

91 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

YE sons of men, a feeble race,
Exposed to every snare,
Come, make the Lord your dwelling-place,
And trust his gracious care.

2 No ill shall enter where you dwell;
Or, if the plague come nigh,
And sweep the wicked down to hell,
'Twill raise the saints on high.

3 He'll give his angels charge to keep
Your feet in all their ways;
To watch your pillow while you sleep,
And guard your happy days.

4 Ye sons of men, a feeble race,
Exposed to every snare,
Come, make the Lord your dwelling-place,
And trust his gracious care.

92 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Delight in the Worship of the Sabbath.

LORD, 'tis a pleasant thing to stand
In gardens planted by thy hand;
Let me within thy courts be seen,
Like a young cedar, fresh and green.

2 There grow thy saints in faith and love,
Blest with thine influence from above;
Not Lebanon, with all its trees,
Yields such a comely sight as these.

3 Laden with fruits of age, they show
The Lord is holy, just, and true:
They who attend his gates shall find
God ever faithful, ever kind.

92 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

SWEET is the work, my God, my King,
To praise thy name, give thanks and sing;
To show thy love by morning light,
And talk of all thy truth at night.

2 Sweet is the day of sacred rest;
No mortal care shall seize my breast:
O may my heart in tune be found,
Like David's harp of solemn sound.

3 My heart shall triumph in my Lord,
And bless his works, and bless his word:
Thy works of grace, how bright they shine!
How deep thy counsels, how divine!

4 Sure I shall share a glorious part
When grace hath well refined my heart,
And fresh supplies of joy are shed,
Like holy oil, to cheer my head.

5 Then shall I see, and hear, and know
All I desired or wished below;
And every power find sweet employ
In that eternal world of joy.

92 PART III. S. M. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

SWEET is the work, O Lord,
Thy glorious name to sing;
To praise and pray, to hear thy word,
And grateful offerings bring.

2 Sweet, at the dawning light,
Thy boundless love to tell;
And when approach the shades of night,
Still on the theme to dwell.

3 Sweet, on this day of rest,
To join in heart and voice
With those who love and serve thee best,
And in thy name rejoice.

4 To songs of praise and joy
Be every Sabbath given,
That such may be our blest employ
Eternally in heaven.

93 PART I. L. M. T. & B.

The Majesty and Dominion of God.

WITH glory clad, with strength arrayed,
The Lord, that o'er all nature reigns,
The world's foundations firmly laid,
And the vast fabric still sustains.

2 How surely 'stablished is thy throne,
Which shall no change or period see;
For thou, O Lord, and thou alone,
Art God, from all eternity.

3 The floods, O Lord, lift up their voice,
And toss their troubled waves on high;
But God above can still their noise,
And make the angry sea comply.

4 Through endless ages stands thy throne;
Thy promise, Lord, is ever sure:
The pure in heart, and they alone,
Shall find their hope of heaven secure.

93 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

JEHOVAH reigns; he dwells in light,
Girded with majesty and might:
The world, created by his hands,
Still on its first foundation stands.

2 But ere this spacious world was made,
Or had its first foundation laid,
Thy throne eternal ages stood,
Thyself the ever-living God.

3 Like floods the angry nations rise,
And aim their rage against the skies:
Vain floods, that aim their rage so high!
At thy rebuke the billows die.

4 For ever shall thy throne endure;
Thy promise stands for ever sure;
And everlasting holiness
Becomes the dwellings of thy grace.

93 PART III. S. P. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THE Lord Jehovah reigns,
And royal state maintains,
His head with awful glories crowned;
Arrayed in robes of light,
Begirt with sovereign might,
And rays of majesty around.

2 Upheld by thy commands,
The world securely stands,
And skies and stars obey thy word:
Thy throne was fixed on high
Ere stars adorned the sky:
Eternal is thy kingdom, Lord.

3 Let floods and nations rage,
And all their power engage;
Let swelling tides assault the sky;
The terrors of thy frown
Shall beat their madness down;
Thy throne for ever stands on high.

4 Thy promises are true,
  Thy grace is ever new;
There fixed, thy Church shall ne'er remove;
  Thy saints with holy fear
  Shall in thy courts appear,
And sing thine everlasting love.

94 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Trusting in God for Help.

HAD not the Lord, my rock, my help,
  Sustained my fainting head,
My life had now in silence dwelt,
  My soul among the dead.

2 "Alas, my sliding feet!" I cried—
  Thy promise was my hope;
Thy grace stood constant at my side,
  Thy Spirit bore me up.

3 While multitudes of mournful thoughts
  Within my bosom roll,
Thy boundless love forgives my faults,
  Thy comforts cheer my soul.

4 The powers of earth and sin may rise,
  And frame oppressive laws;
But God, my refuge, rules the skies,
  He will defend my cause.

94 PART II. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

BLEST is the man whom thou, O Lord,
  In kindness dost chastise,
And by thy sacred rules to walk,
  In mercy dost advise.

2 For God will never from his saints
  His favor wholly take:

His own possession and his lot
He will not quite forsake.

3 The world shall then confess thee just
In all that thou hast done;
And those who choose thy upright path
Shall in that path go on.

4 My sure defence is firmly placed
In thee, the Lord most high:
Thou art my rock; to thee I may
For refuge always fly.

95 PART I. L. M. T. & B.

Exhortation to adore and praise Jehovah.

O COME, loud anthems let us sing,
Loud thanks to our almighty King;
For we our voices high should raise,
When our salvation's rock we praise.

2 Into his presence let us haste,
To thank him for his favors past;
To him address, in joyful song,
Praises which to his name belong.

3 O let us to his courts repair,
And bow with adoration there;
Down on our knees, devoutly, all
Before the Lord our Maker fall.

95 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

COME, let our voices join to raise
A sacred song of solemn praise:
God is a sovereign king; rehearse
His honor in exalted verse.

2 Come, let our souls address the Lord,
Who framed our natures with his word:
He is our shepherd; we, the sheep
His mercy chose, his pastures keep.

3 Come, let us hear his voice to-day,
The counsels of his love obey;
Nor let our hardened hearts renew
The sins and plagues that Israel knew.

4 Look back, my soul, with holy dread,
And view those ancient rebels dead;
Accept the offered grace to-day,
Nor lose the blessing by delay.

5 Come, seize the promise while it waits,
And march to Zion's heavenly gates;
Believe, and take the promised rest;
Obey, and be for ever blest.

95 PART III. L. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

TO God our voices let us raise,
And loudly chant the joyful strain;
That rock of strength, O let us praise,
Whence free salvation we obtain.

2 The Lord is great; with glory crowned,
O'er all the gods of earth he reigns;
His hand supports the deeps profound,
His power alone the hills sustains.

3 Let all who now his goodness feel,
Come near, and worship at his throne;
Before the Lord their Maker kneel,
And bow in adoration down.

95 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

SING to the Lord Jehovah's name,
And in his strength rejoice:

When his salvation is our theme,
Exalted be our voice.

2 With thanks approach his awful sight,
And psalms of honor sing:
The Lord's a God of boundless might,
The whole creation's King.

3 Come, and with humble souls adore;
Come kneel before his face:
O may the creatures of his power
Be children of his grace!

4 Now is the time, he bends his ear,
And waits for your request;
Come, lest he rouse his wrath, and swear,
"Ye shall not see my rest."

95 PART V. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

COME, sound his praise abroad,
And hymns of glory sing:
Jehovah is the sovereign God,
The universal King.

2 Come worship at his throne,
Come bow before the Lord:
We are his work, and not our own;
He formed us by his word.

3 To-day attend his voice,
Nor dare provoke his rod;
Come, like the people of his choice,
And own your gracious God.

96 PART I. L. P. M. WATTS.

Rejoicing in view of God's universal Reign.

LET all the earth their voices raise,
To sing a psalm of lofty praise,
To sing and bless Jehovah's name:

His glory let the heathen know,
His wonders to the nations show,
And all his saving works proclaim.

2 O haste the day, the glorious hour,
When earth shall feel his saving power,
And barbarous nations fear his name:
Then shall the race of man confess
The beauty of his holiness,
And in his courts his grace proclaim.

96 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

SING to the Lord, ye distant lands,
Ye tribes of every tongue;
His new-discovered grace demands
A new and noble song.

2 Say to the nations, Jesus reigns,
God's own almighty Son:
His power the sinking world sustains,
And grace surrounds his throne.

3 Let an unusual joy surprise
The islands of the sea;
Ye mountains, sink; ye valleys, rise!
Prepare the Lord his way.

4 Behold, he comes! he comes to bless
The nations, as their God;
To show the world his righteousness,
And send his truth abroad.

5 But when his voice shall raise the dead,
And bid the world draw near,
How will the guilty nations dread
To see their Judge appear!

96 PART III. S. M.

Same Subject.

SING praises to our God,
And bless his sacred name:
His great salvation all abroad
From day to day proclaim.

2 Midst heathen nations place
The glories of his throne,
And let the wonders of his grace
Through all the earth be known.

3 The gods the heathen boasts
Nor hear, nor see, nor move:
Jehovah is the Lord of hosts,
Who spread the heavens above!

4 Then let our songs arise
In new exalted strains;
Let earth repeat it to the skies,
The Lord, the Saviour reigns!

97 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Rejoicing in Christ as Sovereign and Judge.

HE reigns! the Lord, the Saviour reigns!
Sing to his name in lofty strains;
Let all the earth in songs rejoice,
And in his praise exalt their voice.

2 Deep are his counsels, and unknown;
But grace and truth support his throne:
Though gloomy clouds his way surround,
Justice is their eternal ground.

3 In robes of judgment, lo! he comes,
Shakes the wide earth, and cleaves the tombs;
Before him burns devouring fire;
The mountains melt, the seas retire.

4 His enemies, with sore dismay,
Fly from the sight, and shun the day;
Then lift your heads, ye saints, on high,
And sing, for your redemption's nigh.

97 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THE Lord is come: the heavens proclaim
His birth, the nations learn his name:
An unknown star directs the road
Of eastern sages to their God.

2 All ye bright armies of the skies,
Go, worship where the Saviour lies:
Angels and kings before him bow,
Those gods on high and gods below.

3 Let idols totter to the ground,
And their own worshippers confound;
Zion shall still his glories sing,
And earth confess her sovereign King.

97 PART III. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

TH' ALMIGHTY reigns, exalted high
O'er all the earth, o'er all the sky;
Though clouds and darkness veil his feet,
His dwelling is the mercy-seat.

2 Immortal light and joys unknown
Are for the saints in darkness sown:
Those glorious seeds shall spring and rise,
And the bright harvest bless our eyes.

3 Rejoice, ye righteous, and record
The sacred honors of the Lord:
None but the soul that feels his grace
Can triumph in his holiness.

97 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LET earth, with every isle and sea,
Rejoice—the Saviour reigns!
His word like fire prepares his way,
And mountains melt to plains.

2 His presence sinks the proudest hills,
And makes the valleys rise;
The humble soul enjoys his smiles,
The haughty sinner dies.

3 Adoring angels at his birth
Made the Redeemer known;
Thus shall he come to judge the earth,
And angels guard his throne.

97 PART V. C. M. P.'s COL.

Same Subject.

THE heavens his righteousness declare,
And angels hail his birth:
His gospel shall his glories bear
Around th' admiring earth.

2 Ye idols, prostrate on the ground,
Th' incarnate God adore:
His arm your worship shall confound,
And all who trust your power.

3 Zion with holy triumph hears,
The Church proclaims her joys;
Her Saviour for her aid appears,
And praise her lips employs.

98 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Glorious and joyful Reign of God the Saviour.

TO our almighty Maker, God,
New honors be addressed;

His great salvation shines abroad,
And makes the nations blest.

2 He spake the word to Abraham first,
His truth fulfils the grace;
The Gentiles make his name their trust,
And learn his righteousness.

3 Let all the earth his love proclaim
With all her different tongues,
And spread the honor of his name
In melody and songs.

98 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

JOY to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love.

98 PART III. C. M. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

TO God address the joyful psalm,
Who wondrous things hath done;

Whose own right hand and holy arm
The victory have won.

2 He to the Gentile nations round
Hath made his mercy known;
And to the world's remotest bound
His justice shall be shown.

3 The promised Saviour meekly came,
And man's full ransom paid;
Again he comes, his own to claim,
In awful pomp arrayed.

4 He comes with power; he quits the skies
To punish and reward:
O let one general chorus rise
To praise the sovereign Lord.

98 PART IV. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

SING to the Lord a new-made song,
Who wondrous things has done;
With his right hand and holy arm
The conquest he has won.

2 The Lord has through th' astonished world
Displayed his saving might,
And made his righteous acts appear
In all the heathen's sight.

3 Of Israel's house his love and truth
Have ever mindful been;
And earth's remotest tribes the power
Of Israel's God have seen.

4 Let all the people of the earth
Their cheerful voices raise;
Let all, with universal joy,
Resound their Maker's praise.

98 PART V. 8, 7 & 4. P.'S COL.

Same Subject.

SONGS anew of honor framing,
Sing ye to the Lord alone;
All his wondrous works proclaiming—
Jesus wondrous works hath done!
Glorious victory
His right hand and arm have won.

2 Now he bids his great salvation
Through the heathen lands be told;
Tidings spread through every nation,
And his acts of grace unfold:
All the heathen
Shall his righteousness behold.

3 Shout aloud, and hail the Saviour;
Jesus, Lord of all proclaim!
As ye triumph in his favor,
All ye lands, declare his fame:
Loud rejoicing,
Shout the honors of his name!

99 PART I. S. M. WATTS.

The Majesty and Grace of Jehovah.

THE Lord Jehovah reigns,
Let all the nations fear;
Let sinners tremble at his throne,
And saints be humble there.

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
Let earth adore its Lord;
Bright cherubs his attendants stand,
Swift to fulfil his word.

3 In Zion stands his throne,
His honors are divine;

His Church shall make his wonders known,
For there his glories shine.

4 How holy is his name!
How fearful is his praise!
Justice, and truth, and judgment join
In all his works of grace.

99 PART II. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

EXALT the Lord our God,
And worship at his feet;
His nature is all holiness,
And mercy is his seat.

2 When Israel was his church,
When Aaron was his priest,
When Moses cried, when Samuel prayed,
He gave his people rest.

3 Oft he forgave their sins,
Nor would destroy their race;
And oft he made his vengeance known
When they abused his grace.

4 Exalt the Lord our God,
Whose grace is still the same;
Still he's a God of holiness,
And jealous for his name.

100 PART I. L. M. T. & B.

All Nations exhorted to Adoration and Praise.

WITH one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before him songs of praise.

2 Convinced that he is God alone,
From whom both we and all proceed;
We whom he chooses for his own,
The flock which he vouchsafes to feed.

3 O enter then his temple gate,
Thence to his courts devoutly press;
And still your grateful hymns repeat,
And still his name with praises bless.

4 For he 's the Lord, supremely good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

100 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

YE nations round the earth, rejoice
Before the Lord, your sovereign King;
Serve him with cheerful heart and voice,
With all your tongues his glory sing.

2 The Lord is God: 't is he alone
Doth life, and breath, and being give:
We are his work, and not our own,
The sheep that on his pastures live.

3 Enter his gates with songs of joy,
With praises to his courts repair;
And make it your divine employ
To pay your thanks and honors there.

4 The Lord is good, the Lord is kind;
Great is his grace, his mercy sure;
And all the race of man shall find
His truth from age to age endure.

100 PART III. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

BEFORE Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone;
He can create, and he destroy.

2 His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men;
And when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to his fold again.

3 We are his people, we his care,
Our souls, and all our mortal frame:
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to thy name!

4 We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heaven our voices raise;
And earth, with all her thousand tongues,
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

5 Wide as the world is thy command,
Vast as eternity thy love;
Firm as a rock thy truth shall stand
When rolling years shall cease to move.

100 PART IV. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

O ALL ye lands, in God rejoice,
To him your thanks belong;
In strains of gladness raise your voice,
In loud and joyful song.

2 O enter ye his courts with praise,
His love to all proclaim;
To God the song of triumph raise,
And magnify his name.

3 For he is gracious, just and good;
  His mercy ever sure
Through ages past has ever stood,
  And ever shall endure.

100 PART V. S. M. DWIGHT.

Same Subject.

SING to the Lord most high;
  Let every land adore;
With grateful heart and voice make known
  His goodness and his power.

2 Enter his courts with joy;
  With fear address the Lord;
'T was he who formed us with his hand,
  And quickened by his word.

3 His hands provide our food,
  And every blessing give;
We 're guarded by his daily care,
  And on his bounty live.

4 Good is the Lord our God;
  His truth and mercy sure;
And while eternity shall last,
  His promises endure.

102 PART I. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Compassion of God for the Distressed.

DOWN from his lofty throne on high
  He looked—the Lord the world surveyed;
He saw the race in ruin lie,
  He pitied, and his grace displayed.

2 He hears the groaning prisoner's voice,
  He hears the suppliant's trembling breath:
From bonds released, the slaves rejoice;
  He frees the captives doomed to death!

3 Let Zion now his name repeat;
His Church his wonders shall record,
Till kingdoms, crowding round his seat,
Own him their Saviour and their Lord.

102 PART II. L. M. P.'S COL.

Human Frailty and Divine Immutability.

SWIFT as declining shadows pass,
Our days in quick succession fly;
And, transient as the withering grass,
Amid our youthful hopes we die.

2 But thou, our Saviour, shalt endure,
Thy years unchanged, eternal Lord!
Thy grace through every age is sure,
And firm the promise of thy word.

102 PART III. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

IT is the Lord our Saviour's hand
Impairs our strength amid the race;
Disease and death, at his command,
Arrest us, and cut short our days.

2 Spare us, O Lord, aloud we pray,
Nor let our sun go down at noon:
Thy years are one eternal day,
And must thy children die so soon?

3 Yet, in the midst of death and grief,
This thought our sorrows shall assuage:
"Our Father and our Saviour lives;
Thou art the same through every age."

4 Before thy face thy Church shall live,
And on thy throne thy children reign:
This fading world shall they survive,
And rise to glorious life again.

102 PART IV. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

WHEN I pour out my soul in prayer,
Do thou, great God, attend;
To thy eternal throne of grace
O let my cry ascend.

2 Hide not, O Lord, thy glorious face
In times of deep distress;
Incline thine ear, and when I call,
My sorrows soon redress.

3 My days, just hastening to their end,
Are like an evening shade;
My beauty does, like withered grass,
With waning lustre fade.

4 But thy eternal state, O Lord,
No length of time shall waste;
The memory of thy wondrous works
From age to age shall last.

102 PART V. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

THROUGH endless years thou art the same,
O thou eternal God!
Ages to come shall know thy name,
And tell thy works abroad.

2 The strong foundations of the earth
Of old by thee were laid;
By thee the beauteous arch of heaven
With matchless skill was made.

3 Soon shall this goodly frame of things,
Formed by thy powerful hand,
Be like a vesture laid aside,
And changed at thy command.

4 But thy perfections all divine,
Eternal as thy days,
Through everlasting ages shine
With undiminished rays.

102 PART VI. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LET Zion and her sons rejoice—
Behold the promised hour:
Her God hath heard her mourning voice,
And comes t' exalt his power.

2 Her dust and ruins that remain
Are precious in his eyes;
Those ruins shall be built again,
And all that dust shall rise.

3 The Lord will raise Jerusalem,
And stand in glory there:
Nations shall bow before his name,
And kings attend with fear.

4 He sits a sovereign on his throne,
With pity in his eyes:
He hears the dying prisoners' groan,
And sees their sighs arise.

5 He frees the soul condemned to death;
Nor, when his saints complain,
Shall it be said that praying breath
Was ever spent in vain.

6 This shall be known when we are dead,
And left on long record,
That ages yet unborn may read,
And praise, and trust the Lord.

102 PART VII. C. M. WATTS.

Divine Aid implored in Times of Extremity.

HEAR me, O God, nor hide thy face,
But answer, lest I die:
Hast thou not built a throne of grace,
To hear when sinners cry?

2 As on some lonely building's top
The sparrow tells her moan,
Far from the tents of joy and hope,
I sit and grieve alone.

3 But thou for ever art the same,
O my eternal God!
Ages to come shall know thy name,
And spread thy works abroad.

4 Thou wilt arise and show thy face;
Nor will my Lord delay
Beyond th' appointed hour of grace
That long-expected day.

5 He hears his saints, he knows their cry,
And by mysterious ways
Redeems the prisoners doomed to die,
And fills their tongues with praise.

102 PART VIII. 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

HEAR my prayer, Jehovah, hear!
Listen to my humble cries:
See the day of trouble near—
Heavy on my soul it lies.

2 Hide not, then, thy gracious face
When the storm around me falls:
Hear me, O thou God of grace,
In the time thy servant calls.

3 Earth and hell their censures pour,
Madly rage against my soul:
When my God appears no more,
Who their fury can control?

4 Hide not, then, thy gracious face
When the storm around me falls:
Hear me, O thou God of grace,
Hear me when thy servant calls.

103 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

The Goodness and Mercy of God celebrated.

BLESS, O my soul, the living God;
Call home thy thoughts that rove abroad;
Let all the powers within me join
In work and worship so divine.

2 Bless, O my soul, the God of grace:
His favors claim thy highest praise:
Let not the wonders he hath wrought
Be lost in silence and forgot.

3 'Tis he, my soul, that sent his Son
To die for crimes which thou hast done:
He owns the ransom, and forgives
The hourly follies of our lives.

4 Let every land his power confess,
Let all the earth adore his grace:
My heart and tongue with rapture join
In work and worship so divine.

103 PART II. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

HIGH o'er the heavens, supreme, alone,
Th' eternal Lord prepares his throne:
O'er all his kingdom he 'll extend,
Beyond a limit or an end.

2 Bless ye the Lord, his glories tell,
Ye angels who in might excel,
Who do his will, who hear his voice,
And in his high commands rejoice.

3 Bless ye the Lord, proclaim his state,
Ye heavenly hosts who round him wait,
Quick to perform his acts of might,
His pleasure your supreme delight.

4 Bless ye the Lord, his works around!
Creation, with his praise resound!
My soul, the general chorus join,
And bless the Lord in songs divine.

103 PART III. L. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

MY soul, inspired with sacred love,
God's holy name for ever bless;
Of all his favors mindful prove,
And still thy grateful thanks express.

2 The Lord abounds with tender love
And unexampled acts of grace;
His wakened wrath does slowly move,
His willing mercy flies apace.

3 As far as 'tis from east to west,
So far has he our sins removed,
Who, with a father's tender breast,
Has such as fear him always loved.

4 Let every creature jointly bless
The mighty Lord; and thou, my heart,
With grateful joy thy thanks express,
And in this concert bear thy part.

103 PART IV. L. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

THE Lord! how wondrous are his ways!
How firm his truth! how large his grace!
He takes his mercy for his throne,
And thence he makes his glories known.

2 Not half so high his power hath spread
The starry heavens above our head,
As his rich love exceeds our praise,
Exceeds the highest hopes we raise.

3 Not half so far has nature placed
The rising morning from the west,
As his forgiving grace removes
The daily guilt of those he loves.

4 How slowly does his wrath arise!
On swifter wings salvation flies;
Or, if he lets his anger burn,
How soon his frowns to pity turn!

5 His everlasting love is sure
To all his saints, and shall endure:
From age to age his truth shall reign,
Nor children's children hope in vain.

103 PART V. L. M. P.'S COL.

Same Subject.

MY soul, with humble fervor raise
To God the voice of grateful praise;
Let every mental power combine
To bless his attributes divine.

2 Deep on my heart let memory trace
His acts of mercy and of grace;
Who, with a father's tender care,
Saved me when sinking in despair;

3 Gave my repentant soul to prove
The joy of his forgiving love;
Poured balm into my bleeding breast,
And led my weary feet to rest.

103 PART VI. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O BLESS the Lord, my soul;
Let all within me join,
And aid my tongue to bless his name
Whose favors are divine.

2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.

3 'Tis he forgives thy sins,
'Tis he relieves thy pain,
'Tis he that heals thy sicknesses,
And gives thee strength again.

4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He who redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sovereign power to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest:
The Lord hath judgments for the proud,
And justice for th' oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world his truth and grace
By his beloved Son.

7 O bless the Lord, my soul;
Let all within me join,
And aid my tongue to bless his name
Whose favors are divine.

103 PART VII. S. M. MONTGOMERY.

Same Subject.

O BLESS the Lord, my soul;
His grace to thee proclaim;
And all that is within me join
To bless his holy name.

2 O bless the Lord, my soul;
His mercies bear in mind;
Forget not all his benefits:
The Lord to thee is kind.

3 He will not always chide;
He will with patience wait;
His wrath is ever slow to rise,
And ready to abate.

4 He pardons all thy sins,
Prolongs thy feeble breath;
He healeth thy infirmities,
And ransoms thee from death.

5 Then bless his holy name
Whose grace hath made thee whole,
Whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

103 PART VIII. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

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

2 His power subdues our sins;
And his forgiving love,
Far as the east is from the west,
Doth all our guilt remove.

3 High as the heavens are raised
Above the ground we tread,
So far the riches of his grace
Our highest thoughts exceed.

103 PART IX. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THE pity of the Lord
To those that fear his name
Is such as tender parents feel:
He knows our feeble frame.

2 He knows we are but dust,
Scattered with every breath;
His anger, like a rising wind,
Can send us swift to death.

3 Our days are as the grass,
Or like the morning flower:
When blasting winds sweep o'er the field,
It withers in an hour.

4 But thy compassions, Lord,
To endless years endure;
And children's children ever find
Thy words of promise sure.

103 PART X. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THE Lord, the sovereign King,
Hath fixed his throne on high;
O'er all the heavenly world he rules,
And all beneath the sky.

2 Ye angels, great in might,
And swift to do his will,
Bless ye the Lord, whose voice ye hear,
Whose pleasure ye fulfil.

3 Ye heavenly hosts, who wait
The orders of your King,
Who guard his churches when they pray,
O join the praise we sing.

4 And while his wondrous works
Through his vast kingdom show
Their Maker's glory, thou, my soul,
Shalt sing his praises too.

104 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Praise to God the Creator.

MY soul, thy great Creator praise!
When clothed in his celestial rays,
He in full majesty appears,
And like a robe his glory wears.

2 How strange thy works! how great thy skill,
While every land thy riches fill:
Thy wisdom round the world we see—
This spacious earth is full of thee.

3 How awful are thy glorious ways!
Thou, Lord, art dreadful in thy praise;
Yet humble souls may seek thy face,
And tell their wants to sovereign grace.

104 PART II. L. M. P.'S COL.

Same Subject.

LONG as I live, all-bounteous Lord,
My song thy glories shall record;
Thy praise, my God, shall fill the strain
While life or being shall remain.

2 Sweet are the thoughts which fill my breast
When on thy various works they rest:
God, my Creator, lifts my voice:
In God, my Saviour, I rejoice.

3 Soon shall his arm his foes dismay,
And sweep the guilty race away:
And while his Church his power adore,
The wicked sink to rise no more.

4 Then, O my soul, Jehovah bless,
His providence and grace confess:
Let all his works their tribute raise,
And triumph in Jehovah's praise.

104 PART III. L. M.

Same Subject.

GREAT is the Lord! what tongue can frame
An honor equal to his name?
How awful are his glorious ways!
The Lord is dreadful in his praise.

2 The world's foundations by his hand
Were laid, and shall for ever stand;
The swelling billows know their bound,
While to his praise they roll around.

3 Vast are thy works, almighty Lord;
All nature rests upon thy word;
And clouds, and storms, and fire obey
Thy wise and all-controlling sway.

4 Thy glory, fearless of decline,
Thy glory, Lord, shall ever shine;
Thy praise shall still our breath employ
Till we shall rise to endless joy.

105 PART I. C. M. T. & B.

Exhortation to Praise.

O RENDER thanks and bless the Lord,
Invoke his sacred name;
Acquaint the nations with his deeds,
His matchless deeds proclaim.

2 Sing to his praise in lofty hymns,
  His wondrous works rehearse;
Make them the theme of your discourse
  And subject of your verse.

3 Rejoice in his almighty name,
  Alone to be adored;
And let their hearts o'erflow with joy
  Who humbly seek the Lord.

105 PART II. C. M. PRATT'S COL.

The Faithfulness of God celebrated.

JEHOVAH is the Lord our God;
  Then let his Church adore:
His justice o'er the earth abroad
  Shall all his judgments pour.

2 Once his eternal oath he sware
  To Abraham and his race;
And placed his laws and statutes there,
  The types of richer grace.

3 His covenant, in his changeless mind,
  Stands like himself secure;
His Church through every age shall find
  His word of promise sure.

105 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

GIVE thanks to God, invoke his name,
  And tell the world his grace;
Sound through the earth his deeds of fame,
  That all may seek his face.

2 His covenant, which he kept in mind
  For numerous ages past,
To numerous ages yet behind
  In equal force shall last.

3 He swore to Abraham and his seed,
And made the blessing sure:
Gentiles the ancient promise read,
And find his truth endure.

4 Then let the world forbear its rage,
The Church renounce her fear;
Israel shall live through every age,
And be th' Almighty's care.

106 PART I. L. M. T. & B.

God praised for his Works of Goodness and Mercy.

O RENDER thanks to God above,
The fountain of eternal love;
Whose mercy firm through ages past
Has stood, and shall for ever last.

2 Who can his mighty deeds express,
Not only vast, but numberless?
What mortal eloquence can raise
His tribute of immortal praise?

3 Extend to me that favor, Lord,
Thou to thy chosen dost afford:
When thou return'st to set them free,
Let thy salvation visit me.

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The fountain of eternal love;
Whose mercy firm through ages past
Has stood, and shall for ever last.

106 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

TO God the great, the ever-blest,
Let songs of honor be addressed;
His mercy firm for ever stands;
Give him the thanks his love demands.

2 Sing to his praise in lofty hymns,
  His wondrous works rehearse;
Make them the theme of your discourse
  And subject of your verse.

3 Rejoice in his almighty name,
  Alone to be adored;
And let their hearts o'erflow with joy
  Who humbly seek the Lord.

105 PART II. C. M. PRATT'S COL.

The Faithfulness of God celebrated.

JEHOVAH is the Lord our God;
  Then let his Church adore:
His justice o'er the earth abroad
  Shall all his judgments pour.

2 Once his eternal oath he sware
  To Abraham and his race;
And placed his laws and statutes there,
  The types of richer grace.

3 His covenant, in his changeless mind,
  Stands like himself secure;
His Church through every age shall find
  His word of promise sure.

105 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

GIVE thanks to God, invoke his name,
  And tell the world his grace;
Sound through the earth his deeds of fame,
  That all may seek his face.

2 His covenant, which he kept in mind
  For numerous ages past,
To numerous ages yet behind
  In equal force shall last.

3 He swore to Abraham and his seed,
And made the blessing sure:
Gentiles the ancient promise read,
And find his truth endure.

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His mercy firm for ever stands;
Give him the thanks his love demands.

2 Who knows the wonders of thy ways?
Who shall fulfil thy boundless praise?
Blest are the souls that fear thee still,
And pay their duty to thy will.

3 Remember what thy mercy did
For Jacob's race, thy chosen seed;
And with the same salvation bless
The meanest suppliant of thy grace.

4 O may I see thy tribes rejoice,
And aid their triumphs with my voice!
This is my glory, Lord, to be
Joined to thy saints, and near to thee.

107 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Providential Goodness celebrated.

GIVE thanks to God; he reigns above:
Kind are his thoughts, his name is love:
His mercy ages past have known,
And ages long to come shall own.

2 He feeds and clothes us all the way;
He guides our footsteps, lest we stray;
He guards us with a powerful hand,
And brings us to the heavenly land.

3 O let the saints with joy record
The truth and goodness of the Lord:
How great his works! how kind his ways!
Let every tongue pronounce his praise.

107 PART II. C. M. WRANGHAM.

God's Goodness celebrated.

O PRAISE the Lord, for he is good;
In him we rest obtain;
His mercy has through ages stood,
And ever shall remain.

2 Let all the people of the Lord
His praises spread around;
Let them his grace and love record,
Who have salvation found.

3 Now let the east in him rejoice,
The west its tribute bring,
The north and south lift up their voice
In honor of their King.

4 O praise the Lord, for he is good;
In him we rest obtain;
His mercy has through ages stood,
And ever shall remain.

107 PART III. 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

O THAT men their songs would raise,
All his goodness to declare!
All Jehovah's wonders praise,
Wonders which their children share.

2 Where his holy altars rise,
Let his saints adore his name;
There present their sacrifice,
There with joy his works proclaim.

108 PART I. L. M. WRANGHAM.

General Praise to God.

MY heart is fixed on thee, my God;
Thy sacred truth I'll spread abroad;
My soul shall rest on thee alone,
And make thy loving-kindness known.

2 Awake, my glory; wake, my lyre,
To songs of praise my tongue inspire;
With morning's earliest dawn arise,
And swell your music to the skies.

3 With those who in thy grace abound,
I'll spread thy fame the earth around,
Till every land, with thankful voice,
Shall in thy holy name rejoice.

108 PART II. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

O GOD, my heart is fully bent
To magnify thy name;
My tongue, with cheerful songs of praise,
Shall celebrate thy fame.

2 To all the listening tribes, O Lord,
Thy wonders I will tell;
And to those nations sing thy praise
That round about us dwell.

3 Thy mercy, in its boundless height,
The highest heaven transcends;
And far beyond th' aspiring clouds
Thy faithful truth extends.

4 Be thou, O God, exalted high
Above the starry frame;
And let the world, with one consent,
Confess thy glorious name.

108 PART III. C. M. BARLOW.

Same Subject.

AWAKE, my soul, to sound his praise;
Awake, my harp, to sing;
Join, all my powers, the song to raise,
And morning incense bring.

2 Among the people of his care,
And through the nations round,
Glad songs of praise will I prepare,
And there his name resound.

3 Be thou exalted, O my God,
Above the starry frame;
Diffuse thy heavenly grace abroad,
And teach the world thy name.

4 So shall thy chosen sons rejoice,
And throng thy courts above;
While sinners hear thy pardoning voice,
And taste redeeming love.

110 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Christ exalted as a King and Saviour.

THUS God, the eternal Father, spake
To Christ the Son: "Ascend and sit
At my right hand, till I shall make
Thy foes submissive at thy feet.

2 "From Zion shall thy word proceed;
Thy word, the sceptre in thy hand,
Shall make the hearts of rebels bleed,
And bow their wills to thy command.

3 "That day shall show thy power is great,
When saints shall flock with willing minds,
And sinners crowd thy temple-gate,
Where holiness in beauty shines."

4 O blessed power! O glorious day!
How large a victory shall ensue!
And converts, who thy grace obey,
Exceed the drops of morning dew.

110 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

JESUS, our Lord, ascend thy throne,
And near thy Father sit;
In Zion shall thy power be known,
And make thy foes submit.

2 What wonders shall thy gospel do!
Thy converts shall surpass
The numerous drops of morning dew,
And own thy sovereign grace.

3 Jesus, our priest, for ever lives
To plead for us above;
Jesus, our king, for ever gives
The blessings of his love.

4 God shall exalt his glorious head,
And his high throne maintain;
Shall strike the powers and princes dead
Who dare oppose his reign.

111 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

The Works and Grace of God celebrated.

SONGS of immortal praise belong
To my almighty God;
He has my heart, and he my tongue,
To spread his name abroad.

2 How great the works his hand has wrought!
How glorious in our sight!
And men in every age have sought
His wonders with delight.

3 When he redeemed his chosen sons,
He fixed his covenant sure:
The orders that his lips pronounce
To endless years endure.

111 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

GREAT is the Lord; his works of might
Demand our noblest songs;
O let th' assembled saints unite
Their harmony of tongues.

2 Great is the mercy of the Lord!
He gives his children food;
And, ever mindful of his word,
He makes his promise good.

3 His Son, the great Redeemer, came
To seal his covenant sure;
Holy and reverend is his name,
His ways are just and pure.

4 Great is the Lord; his works of might
Demand our noblest songs;
O let th' assembled saints unite
Their harmony of tongues.

112 PART I. L. M. T. & B.

Blessedness of fearing and obeying God.

THAT man is blest who stands in awe
Of God, and loves his sacred law;
His seed on earth shall be renowned,
And with successive honors crowned.

2 The soul that's filled with virtue's light
Shines brightest in affliction's night;
His conscience bears his courage up,
He sees in darkness beams of hope.

3 Beset with threatening dangers round,
Unmoved shall he maintain his ground:
The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.

112 PART II. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THRICE happy man who fears the Lord,
Loves his commands, and trusts his word:
Honor and peace his days attend,
And blessings on his seed descend.

2 Compassion dwells upon his mind,
To works of mercy still inclined;
He lends the poor some present aid,
Or gives them, not to be repaid.

3 His soul, well fixed upon the Lord,
Draws heavenly courage from his word;
Amid the darkness light shall rise,
To cheer his heart and bless his eyes.

4 He hath dispersed his alms abroad,
His works are still before his God;
His name on earth shall long remain,
Nor shall his hope of heaven be vain.

112 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

HAPPY is he who fears the Lord,
And follows his commands;
Who lends the poor without reward,
Or gives with liberal hands.

2 As pity dwells within his breast
To all the sons of need,
So God shall answer his request
With blessings on his seed.

3 In times of danger and distress,
Some beams of light shall shine,
To show the world his righteousness,
And give him peace divine.

4 His works of piety and love
Remain before the Lord;
Honor on earth, and joys above,
Shall be his sure reward.

113 PART I. L. M. 6 L. T. & B.

Exhortation to universal Praise.

YE saints and servants of the Lord,
The triumphs of his name record;
His sacred name for ever bless:
Where'er the circling sun displays
His rising beams or setting rays,
Due praise to his great name address.

2 God through the world extends his sway;
The regions of eternal day
But shadows of his glory are:
To him whose majesty excels,
Who made the heaven wherein he dwells,
Let no created power compare.

113 PART II. L. M.

Same Subject.

O ALL ye people, shout and sing
Hosannas to your heavenly King;
Where'er the sun's bright glories shine,
Ye nations, praise his name divine.

2 High on his everlasting throne,
He reigns almighty and alone;
Yet we, on earth, with angels share
His kind regard, his tender care.

3 Rejoice, ye servants of the Lord,
Spread wide Jehovah's name abroad;
O praise our God, his power adore,
From age to age, from shore to shore.

116 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Thankful Acknowledgment of God's Goodness.

I LOVE the Lord: he heard my cries,
And pitied every groan;

Long as I live, when troubles rise,
I'll hasten to his throne.

2 I love the Lord: he bowed his ear,
And chased my grief away:
O let my heart no more despair,
While I have breath to pray.

3 The Lord beheld me sore distressed,
He bade my pains remove;
Return, my soul, to God, thy rest,
For thou hast known his love.

116 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

WHAT shall I render to my God
For all his kindness shown?
My feet shall visit thine abode,
My songs address thy throne.

2 Among the saints that fill thine house
My offering shall be paid;
There shall my zeal perform the vows
My soul in anguish made.

3 How much is mercy thy delight,
Thou ever-blessed God!
How dear thy servants in thy sight!
How precious is their blood!

4 How happy all thy servants are!
How great thy grace to me!
My life, which thou hast made thy care,
Lord, I devote to thee.

5 Now I am thine, for ever thine,
Nor shall my purpose move;
Thy hand has loosed my bonds of pain,
And bound me with thy love.

6 Here in thy courts I leave my vow,
And thy rich grace record:
Witness, ye saints, who hear me now,
If I forsake the Lord.

117 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Exhortation to universal Praise.

FROM all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

117 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O ALL ye nations, praise the Lord,
Each with a different tongue;
In every language learn his word,
And let his name be sung.

2 His mercy reigns through every land—
Proclaim his grace abroad:
For ever firm his truth shall stand—
Praise ye the faithful God.

117 PART III. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

WITH cheerful notes let all the earth
To heaven their voices raise;
Let all, inspired with godly mirth,
Sing solemn hymns of praise.

2 God's tender mercy knows no bound;
His truth shall ne'er decay;
Then let the willing nations round
Their grateful tribute pay.

117 PART IV. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

O ALL ye nations, praise the Lord,
His glorious acts proclaim:
The fulness of his grace record,
And magnify his name.

2 His love is great, his mercy sure,
And faithful is his word;
His truth for ever shall endure;
For ever praise the Lord!

117 PART V. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THY name, almighty Lord,
Shall sound through distant lands;
Great is thy grace and sure thy word;
Thy truth for ever stands.

2 Far be thine honor spread,
And long thy praise endure,
Till morning light and evening shade
Shall be exchanged no more.

117 PART VI. S. M. P.'S COL.

Same Subject.

LET songs of endless praise
From every nation rise;
Let all the lands their tribute raise
To God, who rules the skies.

2 His mercy and his love
Are boundless as his name;
And all eternity shall prove
His truth remains the same.

117 PART VII. 7s. WRANGHAM

Same Subject.

ALL ye nations, praise the Lord,
All ye lands, your voices raise;
Heaven and earth, with loud accord,
Praise the Lord, for ever praise.

2 For his truth and mercy stand,
Past, and present, and to be,
Like the years of his right hand,
Like his own eternity.

3 Praise him, ye who know his love;
Praise him from the depths beneath;
Praise him in the heights above;
Praise your Maker, all that breathe!

118 PART I. L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Exaltation of the Divine Saviour.

ALL power and grace to God belong;
He is my strength, and he my song:
He comes, my Saviour, from his throne,
He comes to bring salvation down.

2 Lo! rising from the tents of men,
The voice of joy resounds again:
His saints with him the triumph claim,
And shout salvation to his name.

3 His own right hand its strength displays
In acts of valor and of grace:
The cross, the tomb, the throne, declare
How vast his power and glory are.

4 For us he conquers, though he dies:
Behold the mighty Saviour rise!
His saints with him the triumph claim,
And shout salvation to his name.

118 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Christ the Author of Salvation.

LO, what a glorious corner-stone
The builders did refuse!
Yet God hath built his Church thereon,
In spite of envious Jews.

2 Great God, the work is all divine,
The wonder of our eyes!
This is the day that proves it thine,
This day did Jesus rise.

3 Sinners, rejoice, and saints, be glad;
The Saviour's name be blest;
Let endless honors on his head,
With joy and glory, rest.

4 In God's own name, he comes to bring
Salvation to our race:
O let the Church address her King
With holy songs of praise.

118 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

THIS is the day the Lord hath made,
He calls the hours his own;
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround his throne.

2 To-day he rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
To-day the saints his triumph spread,
And all his wonders tell.

3 Hosanna to the anointed King,
To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from thy throne.

4 Blest be the Lord, who comes to men
With messages of grace;
Who comes, in God his Father's name,
To save our sinful race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise!
The highest heavens, in which he reigns,
Shall give him nobler praise.

Thankful Acknowledgment of Divine Aid.

THE Lord appears my helper now,
Nor is my faith afraid
Of what the sons of earth can do,
Since he affords me aid.

2 'Tis safer, Lord, to trust in thee,
And have my God my friend,
Than trust in men of high degree,
And on their truth depend.

3 'Tis through the Lord my heart is strong,
In him my lips rejoice;
While his salvation is my song,
How cheerful is my voice!

4 Joy to the saints, and peace belongs;
The Lord protects their days:
Let Zion tune immortal songs
To his almighty grace.

118 PART V. C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Same Subject.

LORD, thou hast heard thy servants cry,
And rescued from the grave:
Now shall we live; for none can die
Whom God resolves to save.

2 Thy praise, more constant than before,
Shall fill our daily breath;
Thy hand, that hath chastised us sore,
Defends us still from death.

3 Open the gates of Zion now,
For we will worship there;
To thine own house with joy we'll go,
Thy mercy to declare.

4 Here, with th' assembly of thy saints,
Our cheerful voice we raise;
Here we have told thee our complaints,
And here we speak thy praise.

118 PART VI. C. M. WATTS.

Christ the Foundation of his Church.

BEHOLD the sure foundation-stone
Which God in Zion lays,
To build our heavenly hopes upon,
And his eternal praise.

2 Chosen of God, to sinners dear,
Let saints adore the name;
They trust their whole salvation here,
Nor shall they suffer shame.

3 The foolish builders, scribe and priest,
Reject it with disdain;
Yet on this rock the Church shall rest,
And envy rage in vain.

4 What though the gates of hell withstood,
Yet must this building rise:
'Tis thy own work, almighty God,
And wondrous in our eyes.

118 PART VII. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

SEE what a living stone
The builders did refuse;
Yet God hath built his Church thereon,
In spite of envious Jews.

2 The scribe and angry priest
Reject thine only Son;
Yet on this rock shall Zion rest,
As the chief corner-stone.

3 The work, O Lord, is thine,
And wondrous in our eyes;
This day declares it all divine,
This day did Jesus rise.

4 This is the glorious day
That our Redeemer made:
Let us rejoice, and sing, and pray;
Let all the Church be glad.

5 Hosanna to the King
Of David's royal blood!
Bless him, ye saints; he comes to bring
Salvation from your God.

6 We bless thine holy word,
Which all this grace displays,
And offer on thine altar, Lord,
Our sacrifice of praise.

118 PART VIII. 8s. & 7s. P.'s COL.

Praise to Christ, the Author of Salvation.

CROWN his head with endless blessing,
Who, in God the Father's name,
With compassion never-ceasing,
Comes, salvation to proclaim.

2 Lo! Jehovah, we adore thee!
Thee, our Saviour! thee, our God!
From thy throne let beams of glory
Shine through all the world abroad.

3 Jesus, thee our Saviour hailing,
Thee our God in praise we own:
Highest honors, never failing,
Rise eternal round thy throne.

4 Now, ye saints, his power confessing,
In your grateful strains adore;
For his mercy, never ceasing,
Flows, and flows for evermore.
Hallelujah, Amen.

119 PART I. L. M.

Departures from God deplored.

WE all, O Lord, have gone astray,
And wandered from thy heavenly way:
The wilds of sin our feet have trod,
Far from the paths of thee, our God.

2 Hear us, great Shepherd of thy sheep!
Our wanderings heal, our footsteps keep:
We seek thy sheltering fold again;
Nor shall we seek thee, Lord, in vain.

3 Teach us to know and love thy way;
And grant, to life's remotest day,
By thine unerring guidance led,
Our willing feet thy paths may tread.

119 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

The Blessedness of fearing and obeying God.

BLEST are the undefiled in heart,
Whose ways are right and clean;
Who never from thy law depart,
But fly from every sin.

2 Blest are the men that keep thy word
And practice thy commands;
With their whole heart they seek thee, Lord,
And serve thee with their hands.

3 Great is their peace who love thy law;
How firm their souls abide!
Nor can a bold temptation draw
Their steady feet aside.

4 Then shall my heart have inward joy,
And keep my face from shame,
When all thy statutes I obey,
And honor all thy name.

119 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Communion with God.

TO thee, before the dawning light,
My gracious God, I pray;
I meditate thy name by night,
And keep thy law by day.

2 My spirit faints to see thy grace—
Thy promise bears me up;
And while salvation long delays,
Thy word supports my hope.

3 When midnight darkness veils the skies,
I call thy works to mind;
My thoughts in warm devotion rise,
And sweet acceptance find.

119 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Delight in God and his Word.

THOU art my portion, O my God;
Soon as I know thy way,
My heart makes haste t' obey thy word,
And suffers no delay.

2 I choose the path of heavenly truth,
And glory in my choice;
Not all the riches of the earth
Could make me so rejoice.

3 Thy precepts and thy heavenly grace
I set before my eyes;
Thence I derive my daily strength,
And there my comfort lies.

4 If once I wander from thy path,
I think upon my ways;
Then turn my feet to thy commands,
And trust thy pardoning grace.

5 Now I am thine, for ever thine,
O save thy servant, Lord!
Thou art my shield, my hiding-place;
My hope is in thy word.

119 PART V. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

HOW shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy word the choicest rules imparts,
To keep the conscience clean.

2 'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And, through the dangers of the night,
A lamp to lead our way.

3 Thy precepts make me truly wise;
I hate the sinner's road;
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise,
But love thy law, my God.

4 Thy word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

119 PART VI. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O HOW I love thy holy law!
'Tis daily my delight;
And thence my meditations draw
Divine advice by night.

2 My waking eyes prevent the day,
To meditate thy word:
My soul with longing melts away,
To hear thy gospel, Lord.

3 Thy heavenly words my heart engage,
And well employ my tongue,
And through my weary pilgrimage
Yield me a heavenly song.

4 When nature sinks and spirits droop,
Thy promises of grace
Are pillars to support my hope,
And there I write thy praise.

119 PART VII. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LORD, I have made thy word my choice,
My lasting heritage;
There shall my noblest powers rejoice,
My warmest thoughts engage.

2 I'll read the histories of thy love,
And keep thy laws in sight,
While through the promises I rove
With ever new delight.

3 'Tis like a land of wealth unknown,
Where springs of life arise;
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
And hidden glory lies.

4 The best relief that mourners have,
It makes our sorrows blest;
Our fairest hope beyond the grave,
And our eternal rest.

119 PART VIII. C. M. P.'S COL.

Same Subject.

LORD, I am thine; thy truth I own,
Thy righteous precepts love:
In mercy to my soul, send down
Salvation from above.

2 The wicked stand on every side,
And my destruction seek;
But in thy laws will I abide,
And of thy judgments speak.

3 I love the company of those
Who worship thee in fear,
Obey thy word, observe thy laws,
And hold thy precepts dear.

4 At morn, at noon, at night, I'll praise,
O Lord, thy sacred name;
With joy my thankful voice I'll raise,
Thy goodness to proclaim.

119 PART IX. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O THAT thy statutes every hour
Might dwell upon my mind!
Thence I derive a quickening power,
And daily peace I find.

2 To meditate thy precepts, Lord,
Shall be my sweet employ;
My soul shall ne'er forget thy word,
Thy word is all my joy.

3 How would I run in thy commands,
If thou my heart discharge
From sin and Satan's hateful chains,
And set my feet at large!

4 My lips with courage shall declare
Thy statutes and thy name;
I'll speak thy word, though kings shall hear,
Nor yield to sinful shame.

119 PART X. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

BEHOLD thy waiting servant, Lord,
Devoted to thy fear;
Remember and confirm thy word,
For all my hopes are there.

2 Hast thou not sent salvation down,
And promised quickening grace?
Doth not my heart address thy throne?
And yet thy love delays.

3 Mine eyes for thy salvation fail:
O bear thy servant up;
Nor let the scoffing lips prevail
Who dare reproach my hope.

4 Didst thou not raise my faith, O Lord?
  Then let thy truth appear:
Saints shall rejoice in my reward,
  And trust as well as fear.

119 PART XI. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

O THAT the Lord would guide my ways
  To keep his statutes still!
O that my God would grant me grace
  To know and do his will!

2 O send thy Spirit down, to write
  Thy law upon my heart;
Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
  Nor act the liar's part.

3 From vanity turn off my eyes;
  Let no corrupt design
Nor covetous desire arise
  Within this soul of mine.

4 Order my footsteps by thy word,
  And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
  But keep my conscience clear.

5 My soul hath gone too far astray,
  My feet too often slip;
Yet, since I keep in mind thy way,
  Restore thy wandering sheep.

6 Make me to walk in thy commands—
  'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head, nor heart, nor hands
  Offend against my God.

119 PART XII. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

WITH my whole heart I've sought thy face;
O let me never stray
From thy commands, O God of grace;
Nor tread the sinner's way.

2 Thy word I've hid within my heart,
To keep my conscience clean,
And be an everlasting guard
From every rising sin.

3 I'm a companion of the saints
Who fear and love the Lord;
My sorrows rise, my nature faints,
When men transgress thy word.

4 My heart with sacred reverence hears
The threatenings of thy word;
My flesh with holy trembling fears
The judgments of the Lord.

5 My God, I long, I hope, I wait
For thy salvation still;
Thy holy law is my delight,
And I obey thy will.

119 PART XIII. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

CONSIDER all my sorrows, Lord,
And thy deliverance send;
My soul for thy salvation faints;
When will my troubles end?

2 Yet I have found 'tis good for me
To bear my Father's rod;
Affliction made me learn thy law,
And live upon my God.

3 Had not thy word been my delight
When earthly joys were fled,
My soul, oppressed with sorrow's weight,
Had sunk among the dead.

4 Before I knew thy chastening rod,
My feet were apt to stray;
But now I learn to keep thy word,
Nor wander from thy way.

119 PART XIV. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

MY soul lies cleaving to the dust;
Lord, give me life divine;
From vain desires and every lust
Turn off these eyes of mine.

2 I need the influence of thy grace
To speed me in thy way,
Lest I should loiter in my race,
Or turn my feet astray.

3 Are not thy mercies sovereign still,
And thou a faithful God?
Wilt thou not grant me warmer zeal
To run the heavenly road?

4 Does not my heart thy precepts love,
And long to see thy face?
And yet, how slow my spirits move
Without enlivening grace!

5 Then shall I love thy gospel more,
And ne'er forget thy word,
When I have felt its quickening power
To draw me near the Lord.

119 PART XV. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

THY mercies fill the earth, O Lord;
How good thy works appear!
Open my eyes to read thy word,
And see thy wonders there.

2 Since I'm a stranger here below,
Let not thy path be hid,
But mark the road my feet should go,
And be my constant guide.

3 When I confessed my wandering ways,
Thou heard'st my soul complain;
Grant me the teachings of thy grace,
Or I shall stray again.

4 If God to me his statutes show,
And heavenly truth impart,
His work for ever I'll pursue,
His law shall rule my heart.

119 PART XVI. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

MY hiding-place, my refuge-tower,
And shield art thou, O Lord:
I firmly anchor all my hopes
On thy unerring word.

2 According to thy gracious word,
From danger set me free;
Nor make me of those hopes ashamed,
That I repose on thee.

3 On me, devoted to thy fear,
Lord, make thy face to shine;
Thy statutes both to know and keep,
My heart with zeal incline.

4 My hiding-place, my refuge-tower,
And shield art thou, O Lord:
I firmly anchor all my hopes
On thy unerring word.

119 PART XVII. S. M. FAWCETT.

Same Subject.

WITH humble heart and tongue,
My God, to thee I pray:
O bring me now, while I am young,
To thee, the living way.

2 Make an unguarded youth
The object of thy care;
Help me to choose the way of truth,
And fly from every snare.

3 My heart, to folly prone,
Renew by power divine;
Unite it to thyself alone,
And make me wholly thine.

4 O let thy word of grace
My warmest thoughts employ;
Be this, through all my following days,
My treasure and my joy.

5 To what thy laws impart
Be my whole soul inclined;
Come, Saviour, dwell within my heart,
And sanctify my mind.

121 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

God's guardian Care of his People.

HE lives, the everlasting God,
Who built the world, who spread the flood;
The heavens, with all their host, he made,
And the dark regions of the dead.

2 He guides our feet, he guards our way;
His morning smiles adorn the day;
He spreads the evening veil, and keeps
The silent hours while Israel sleeps.

3 Israel, a name divinely blest,
May rise secure, securely rest:
Thy holy guardian's wakeful eyes
Admit no slumber nor surprise.

4 Long as I live I'll trust his power;
Then in my last, departing hour,
Angels, that trace the airy road,
Shall bear me homeward to my God.

121 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

TO heaven I lift my waiting eyes,
There all my hopes are laid;
The Lord, who built the earth and skies,
Is my perpetual aid.

2 Their steadfast feet shall never fall
Whom he designs to keep;
His ear attends their humble call,
His eyes can never sleep.

3 Israel, rejoice, and rest secure;
Thy keeper is the Lord;
His wakeful eyes employ his power
For thine eternal guard.

4 He guards thy soul, he keeps thy breath,
Where thickest dangers come;
Go and return, secure from death,
Till God shall call thee home.

121 PART III. H. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

TO God I lift mine eyes,
From him is all my aid;

The God that built the skies,
And earth and nature made:
God is the tower
To which I fly:
His grace is nigh
In every hour.

2 My feet shall never slide
And fall in fatal snares,
Since God, my guard and guide,
Defends me from my fears.
Those wakeful eyes
That never sleep
Shall Israel keep
When dangers rise.

3 No burning heats by day,
Nor blasts of evening air,
Shall take my health away,
If God be with me there:
Thou art my sun,
And thou my shade,
To guard my head
By night or noon.

4 Hast thou not given thy word
To save my soul from death?
And I can trust my Lord
To keep my mortal breath:
I'll go and come,
Nor fear to die
Till from on high
Thou call me home.

122 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Delight in the Sabbath and Temple of God.

HOW did my heart rejoice to hear
My friends devoutly say,

"In Zion let us all appear,
And keep the solemn day!"

2 I love her gates, I love the road:
The Church, adorned with grace,
Stands like a palace built for God,
To show his milder face.

3 Up to her courts, with joy unknown,
The holy tribes repair:
The Son of David holds his throne,
And sits in judgment there.

4 He hears our praises and complaints;
And while his awful voice
Divides the sinners from the saints,
We tremble and rejoice.

5 Peace be within this sacred place,
And joy a constant guest;
With holy gifts and heavenly grace
Be her attendants blest!

6 My soul shall pray for Zion still,
While life or breath remains;
Here my best friends, my kindred dwell,
Here God, my Saviour, reigns.

122 PART II. C. M. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

WITH joy we hail the sacred day
Which God has called his own;
With joy the summons we obey
To worship at his throne.

2 Thy chosen temple, Lord, how fair!
Where willing votaries throng
To breathe the humble, fervent prayer,
And pour the choral song.

3 Spirit of grace, O deign to dwell
Within thy Church below;
Make her in holiness excel,
With pure devotion glow.

4 Let peace within her walls be found;
Let all her sons unite
To spread with grateful zeal around
Her clear and shining light.

5 Great God, we hail the sacred day
Which thou hast called thine own;
With joy the summons we obey
To worship at thy throne.

122 PART III. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

O TWAS a joyful sound to hear
Our tribes devoutly say,
"Up, Israel! to the temple haste,
And keep your festal day!"

2 At Salem's courts we must appear
With our assembled powers,
In strong and beauteous order ranged,
Like her united towers.

3 O pray we then for Salem's peace;
For they shall prosperous be,
Thou holy city of our God,
Who bear true love to thee.

4 May peace within thy sacred walls
A constant guest be found;
With plenty and prosperity
Thy palaces be crowned.

122 PART IV. C. P. M. MERRICK.

Same Subject.

THE festal morn, my God, is come,
That calls me to thy sacred dome,
Thy presence to adore:

My feet the summons shall attend,
With willing steps thy courts ascend,
And tread the hallowed floor.

2 With holy joy I hail the day
That warns my thirsting soul away;
What transports fill my breast!
For, lo! my great Redeemer's power
Unfolds the everlasting door,
And leads me to his rest.

3 Hither, from earth's remotest end,
Lo! the redeemed of God ascend,
Their tribute hither bring;
Here, crowned with everlasting joy,
In hymns of praise their tongues employ,
And hail th' immortal King.

122 PART V. S. P. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

HOW pleased and blest was I
To hear the people cry,
"Come, let us seek our God to-day!"
Yes, with a cheerful zeal
We haste to Zion's hill,
And there our vows and honors pay.

2 Zion, thrice happy place,
Adorned with wondrous grace,
And walls of strength embrace thee round.
In thee our tribes appear
To pray and praise, and hear
The sacred gospel's joyful sound.

3 Here David's greater Son
Has fixed his royal throne;

He sits for grace and judgment here:
He bids the saints be glad,
He makes the sinners sad,
And humble souls rejoice with fear.

4 May peace attend thy gate,
And joy within thee wait,
To bless the soul of every guest:
The man who seeks thy peace
And wishes thine increase,
A thousand blessings on him rest!

5 My tongue repeats her vows,
"Peace to this sacred house!"
For here my friends and kindred dwell;
And since my glorious God
Makes thee his blest abode,
My soul shall ever love thee well.

123 7s.

Humble Waiting on God for Spiritual Strength.

LORD, before thy throne we bend;
Now to thee our eyes ascend;
Servants to our Master true,
Lo! we yield thee homage due:
Children, to thy throne we fly:
Abba, Father, hear our cry!

2 Low before thee, Lord, we bow;
We are weak, but mighty thou:
Sore distressed, yet suppliant still,
Here we wait thy holy will:
Bound to earth, and rooted here,
Till our Saviour God appear.

3 Leave us not beneath the power
Of temptation's darkest hour:
Swift to read their captives' doom,
See our foes exulting come!

Jesus, Saviour, yet be nigh,
Lord of life and victory!

125 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Safety of trusting in God.

UNSHAKEN as the sacred hill,
And firm as mountains stand,
Firm as a rock the soul shall rest
That trusts th' almighty hand.

2 Not walls nor hills could guard so well
Fair Salem's happy ground,
As those eternal arms of love
That every saint surround.

3 Deal gently, Lord, with souls sincere,
And lead them safely on:
O may we reach the blest abode
Where Christ our Lord is gone.

125 PART II. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

FIRM and unmoved are they
Who rest their souls on God;
Firm as the mount where David dwelt,
Or where the ark abode.

2 As mountains stood to guard
The city's sacred ground,
So God and his almighty love
Embrace his saints around.

3 Deal gently, Lord, with those
Whose faith and holy fear,
Whose hope, and love, and every grace,
Proclaim their hearts sincere.

126 C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

WHEN God revealed his gracious name,
And changed my mournful state,
My rapture seemed a pleasing dream,
The grace appeared so great.

2 The world beheld the glorious change,
And did thy hand confess;
My tongue broke out in unknown strains,
And sung surprising grace.

3 Great is the work! my neighbors cried,
And owned thy power divine;
Great is the work! my heart replied,
And be the glory thine.

4 The Lord can clear the darkest skies,
Can give us day for night,
Make drops of sacred sorrow rise
To rivers of delight.

5 Let those that sow in sadness wait
Till the fair harvest come;
They shall confess their sheaves are great,
And shout the blessings home.

127 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

The Divine Blessing necessary to Success.

IF God succeed not, all the cost
And pains to build the house are lost;
If God the city will not keep,
The watchful guards as well may sleep.

2 What though we rise before the sun,
And work and toil when day is done,
Careful and sparing eat our bread,
To shun that poverty we dread;

3 'Tis all in vain till God hath blest;
He can make rich, yet give us rest;
On God, our sovereign, still depends
Our joy in children and in friends.

4 Happy the man to whom he sends
Obedient children, faithful friends!
How sweet our daily comforts prove,
Bestowed by his paternal love!

127 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

IF God to build the house deny,
The builders work in vain;
And towns, without his wakeful eye,
A useless watch maintain.

2 Before the morning beams arise,
Your painful work renew,
And till the stars ascend the skies,
Your tiresome toil pursue;

3 Short be your sleep, and coarse your fare,
In vain, till God has blest;
But if his smiles attend your care,
You shall have food and rest.

4 Nor children, relatives, nor friends,
Shall real blessings prove,
Nor all the earthly joys he sends,
If sent without his love.

127 PART III. 8s. & 7s. SP. PSALMS.

Same Subject.

VAINLY through night's weary hours
Keep we watch, lest foes alarm;
Vain our bulwarks and our towers,
But for God's protecting arm.

2 Vain were all our toil and labor,
Did not God that labor bless;
Vain, without his grace and favor,
Every talent we possess.

3 Vainer still the hope of heaven
That on human strength relies;
But to him shall help be given
Who in humble faith applies.

4 Seek we, then, the Lord's Anointed,
He shall grant us peace and rest:
Ne'er was suppliant disappointed
Who through Christ his prayer addressed.

128 C. M. WATTS.

Blessedness of obeying and serving God.

O HAPPY man whose soul is filled
With zeal and reverend awe!
His lips to God their honors yield,
His life adorns thy law.

2 A careful providence shall stand,
And ever guard his head;
Shall on the labors of his hand
Its kindly blessings shed.

3 The Lord shall his best hopes fulfil
For months and years to come;
The Lord, who dwells on Zion's hill,
Shall send the blessings home.

4 This is the man whose happy eyes
Shall see his house increase;
Shall see the mourning Church arise,
Then leave the world in peace.

130 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Mercy and Pardon penitently implored.

FROM deep distress and troubled thoughts,
To thee, my God, I raised my cry:
If thou severely mark our faults,
O, who could stand before thine eye?

2 But thou hast built thy throne of grace,
Free to dispense thy pardons there,
That sinners may approach thy face,
And hope and love, as well as fear.

3 My trust is fixed upon thy word,
Nor shall I trust thy word in vain:
Let mourning souls address the Lord,
And find relief from all their pain.

4 Great is his love, and large his grace,
Through the redemption of his Son;
He turns our feet from sinful ways,
And pardons what our hands have done.

130 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

OUT of the deeps of long distress,
The borders of despair,
I sent my cries to seek thy grace,
My groans to move thine ear.

2 Great God, should thy severer eye
And thine impartial hand
Be strict to mark iniquity,
No mortal flesh could stand.

3 But there are pardons with my God
For crimes of high degree;
Thy Son has bought them with his blood,
To draw us near to thee.

4 I wait for thy salvation, Lord;
With strong desires I wait;
My soul, invited by thy word,
Stands watching at thy gate.

5 In God the Lord let Israel trust:
O sinners, seek his face:
The Lord is good, as well as just,
And plenteous is his grace.

130 PART III. S. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

FROM lowest depths of woe,
To God I send my cry;
Lord, hear my supplicating voice,
And graciously reply!

2 Shouldst thou severely judge,
Who can the trial bear?
Forgive, O Lord, lest we despond,
And quite renounce thy fear.

3 My soul with patience waits
For thee, the living Lord;
My hopes are on thy promise built,
Thy never-failing word.

4 My longing eyes look out
For thine enlivening ray,
More duly than the morning watch
To hail the dawning day.

5 Let Israel trust in God;
No bounds his mercy knows;
The plenteous source and spring from
Eternal succor flows. [whence

131 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Resignation and Contentment.

IS there ambition in my heart?
Search, gracious God, and see;
Or do I act a haughty part?
Lord, I appeal to thee.

2 Whate'er thine all-discerning eye
Sees for thy creature fit,
I'll bless the good, and to the ill
Contentedly submit.

3 Let not despair nor fell revenge
Be to my bosom known;
O give me tears for others' woe,
And patience for my own.

4 Feed me, O Lord, with needful food:
I ask not wealth or fame;
But give me eyes to view thy works,
A heart to praise thy name.

5 O may my days obscurely pass,
Without remorse or care;
And let me for my parting hour
From day to day prepare.

131 PART II. 8s. & 7s. P.'s COL.

Same Subject.

LET thy grace, Lord, make me lowly;
Humble all my swelling pride:
Fallen, guilty, and unholy,
Greatness from my eyes I'll hide:

2 I'll forbid my vain aspiring,
Nor at earthly honors aim;
No ambitious heights desiring,
Far above my humble claim.

3 Weaned from earth's vexatious pleasures,
In thy love I 'll seek for mine;
Placed in heaven my nobler treasures,
Earth I quietly resign.

4 Israel, thus the world despising,
On the Lord alone rely;
Then, from him thy joys arising,
Like himself shall never die.

132 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

The Church the Dwelling-place of God.

WHERE shall we go to seek and find
A habitation for our God,
A dwelling for the Eternal Mind,
Among the sons of flesh and blood?

2 The God of Jacob chose the hill
Of Zion for his ancient rest;
And Zion is his dwelling still;
His Church is with his presence blest.

3 Here will he meet the hungry poor,
And fill their souls with living bread;
Sinners that wait before his door
With sweet provision shall be fed.

4 Here will I fix my gracious throne,
And reign for ever, saith the Lord:
Here shall my power and love be known,
And blessings shall attend my word.

132 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

ARISE! O King of grace, arise,
And enter to thy rest:
Lo! thy Church waits with longing eyes
Thus to be owned and blest.

2 Enter with all thy glorious train,
Thy Spirit and thy word:
All that the ark did once contain
Could no such grace afford.

3 Here, mighty God, accept our vows,
Here let thy praise be spread;
Bless the provisions of thy house,
And fill thy poor with bread.

4 Here let the Son of David reign,
Let God's Anointed shine;
Justice and truth his court maintain,
With love and power divine.

5 Here let him hold a lasting throne;
And as his kingdom grows,
Fresh honors shall adorn his crown,
And shame confound his foes.

133 PART I. C. M. SP. PSALMS.

Excellence of Christian Unanimity and Love.

SPIRIT of peace, celestial Dove,
How excellent thy praise!
No richer gift than Christian love
Thy gracious power displays.

2 Sweet as the dew on herb and flower,
That silently distils,
At evening's soft and balmy hour,
On Zion's fruitful hills;

3 So, with mild influence from above,
Shall promised grace descend,
Till universal peace and love
O'er all the earth extend.

133 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LO! what an entertaining sight
Those friendly brethren prove
Whose cheerful hearts in bands unite
Of harmony and love!

2 Where streams of bliss from Christ the spring
Descend to every soul,
And heavenly peace, with balmy wing,
Shades and bedews the whole.

3 'Tis pleasant as the morning dews
That fall on Zion's hill,
Where God his mildest glory shows,
And makes his grace distil.

133 PART III. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

BLEST are the sons of peace,
Whose hearts and hopes are one;
Whose kind designs to serve and please
Through all their actions run.

2 Blest is the pious house
Where zeal and friendship meet;
Their songs of praise, their mingled vows,
Make their communion sweet.

3 From those celestial springs
Such streams of pleasure flow
As no increase of riches brings,
Nor honors can bestow.

4 Thus on the heavenly hills
The saints are blest above,
Where joy like morning dew distils,
And all the air is love.

133 PART IV. S. P. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

HOW pleasant 'tis to see
Kindred and friends agree,
Each in his proper station move;
And each fulfil his part,
With sympathizing heart,
In all the cares of life and love!

2 Like fruitful showers of rain,
That water all the plain,
Descending from the neighboring hills,
Such streams of pleasure roll
Through every friendly soul,
Where love, like heavenly dew, distils.

134 ,S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Praise to God for his Works.

BEHOLD his wondrous grace,
And bless Jehovah's name;
Ye servants of the Lord, his praise
By day and night proclaim.

2 He formed the earth below,
He formed the heavens his throne:
His grace from Zion he 'll bestow,
And pour his blessings down.

3 Ye who his courts attend,
There lift your hands on high;
And let your songs of praise ascend
In strains of sacred joy.

135 PART I. L. M. P.'S COL.

Exhortation to praise God.

PRAISE ye the Lord, exalt his name,
While in his holy courts ye wait,

Ye saints that to his house belong,
Or stand attending at his gate.

2 Praise ye the Lord! the Lord is good;
To praise his name is sweet employ:
Israel he chose of old, and still
His Church is his peculiar joy.

135 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

AWAKE, ye saints, to praise your King,
Your sweetest passions raise;
Your pious pleasure, while you sing,
Increasing with the praise.

2 Great is the Lord, and works unknown
Are his divine employ;
But still his saints are near his throne,
His treasure and his joy.

3 Heaven, earth, and sea confess his hand;
He bids the vapors rise;
Lightning and storm, at his command,
Sweep through the sounding skies.

4 All power that gods or kings have claimed
Is found with him alone;
But heathen gods shall ne'er be named
Where our Jehovah's known.

5 Ye nations, know the living God,
Serve him with holy fear;
He makes the churches his abode,
And claims your honors there.

135 PART III. C. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

O PRAISE the Lord with one consent,
And magnify his name;

Let all the servants of the Lord
His worthy praise proclaim.

2 For this our truest interest is,
Glad hymns of praise to sing;
And with loud songs to bless his name,
A most delightful thing.

3 That God is great, we often have
By glad experience found;
And seen how he, with wondrous power,
Above all gods is crowned.

4 O praise the Lord with one consent,
And magnify his name;
Let all the servants of the Lord
His worthy praise proclaim.

136 PART I. L. M. WATTS

Divine Goodness and Compassion celebrated.

GIVE to our God immortal praise;
Mercy and truth are all his ways:
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat his mercies in your song.

2 He built the earth, he spread the sky,
And fixed the starry lights on high:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

3 He sent his Son with power to save
From guilt, and darkness, and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.

4 Give to the Lord of lords renown;
The King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When lords and kings are known no more.

136 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

GIVE thanks to God, the sovereign Lord;
His mercies still endure:
And be the King of kings adored;
His truth is ever sure.

2 What wonders hath his wisdom done!
How mighty is his hand!
Heaven, earth, and sea he framed alone;
How wide is his command!

3 He saw the nations dead in sin:
He felt his pity move:
How sad the state the world was in!
How boundless was his love!

4 He sent to save us from our woe;
His goodness never fails;
From death and hell, and every foe;
And still his grace prevails.

5 Give thanks to God, the heavenly King;
His mercies still endure:
Let all the earth his praises sing;
His truth is ever sure.

136 PART III. 7s. MILTON.

Same Subject.

LET us, with a joyful mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind;
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

2 He, with all-commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light;
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

3 All things living he doth feed:
His full hand supplies their need;
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

4 He his chosen race did bless
In the wasteful wilderness;
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

5 He hath with a piteous eye
Looked upon our misery;
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

6 Let us then, with joyful mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind;
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

137 PART I. 10s. BARLOW.

Lamenting the Desolations of Zion.

ALONG the banks where Babel's current flows,
Our captive bands in deep despondence strayed,
While Zion's fall in sad remembrance rose—
Her friends, her children, mingled with the dead.

2 The tuneless harp, that once with joy we strung,
When praise employed and mirth inspired the lay,
In mournful silence on the willows hung,
And growing grief prolonged the tedious day.

3 Our hard oppressors, to increase our woe,
With taunting smiles a song of Zion claim;
Bid sacred praise in strains melodious flow,
While they blaspheme the great Jehovah's name.

4 But how, in heathen chains and lands unknown,
Shall Israel's sons a song of Zion raise?
O hapless Salem, God's terrestrial throne,
Thou land of glory, sacred mount of praise;

5 If e'er my memory lose thy lovely name,
If my cold heart neglect my kindred race,
Let dire destruction seize this guilty frame!
My hand shall perish, and my voice shall cease.

137 PART II. L. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

WHEN we, our wearied limbs to rest,
Sat down by proud Euphrates' stream,
We wept, with doleful thoughts oppressed,
And Zion was our mournful theme.

2 Our harps, that, when with joy we sung,
Were wont their tuneful parts to bear,
With silent strings, neglected, hung
On willow trees that withered there.

3 How shall we tune our voice to sing,
Or touch our harps with skilful hands?
Shall hymns of joy, to God our King,
Be sung by slaves in foreign lands?

4 O Salem, our once happy seat,
When I of thee forgetful prove,
Let then my trembling hand forget
The tuneful strings with art to move.

5 If I to mention thee forbear,
Eternal silence seize my tongue;
Or if I sing one cheerful air
Till thy deliverance is my song.

137 PART III. S. M. DWIGHT.

Love to the Church.

I LOVE thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

2 I love thy Church, O God:
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

3 For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

4 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

5 Jesus, thou Friend divine,
Our Saviour and our King,
Thy hand from every snare and foe
Shall great deliverance bring.

6 Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

138 L. M. WATTS.

Praise for Divine Protection.

WITH all my powers of heart and tongue,
I'll praise my Maker in my song;
Angels shall hear the notes I raise,
Approve the song, and join the praise.

2 To God I cried when troubles rose;
He heard me, and subdued my foes;
He did my rising fears control,
And strength diffused through all my soul.

3 Amid a thousand snares I stand,
Upheld and guarded by thy hand;
Thy words my fainting soul revive,
And keep my dying faith alive.

4 I'll sing thy truth and mercy, Lord;
I'll sing the wonders of thy word:
Not all the works and names below
So much thy power and glory show.

139 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Omniscience and Omnipresence of God.

LORD, thou hast searched and seen me through:
Thine eye commands with piercing view
My rising and my resting hours,
My heart and flesh, with all their powers.

2 My thoughts, before they are my own,
Are to my God distinctly known:
He knows the words I mean to speak,
Ere from my opening lips they break.

3 Within thy circling power I stand;
On every side I find thy hand:

Awake, asleep, at home, abroad,
I am surrounded still with God.

4 Amazing knowledge! vast and great!
What large extent! what lofty height!
My soul, with all the powers I boast,
Is in the boundless prospect lost.

5 O may these thoughts possess my breast,
Where'er I rove, where'er I rest;
Nor let my weaker passions dare
Consent to sin, for God is there.

139 PART II. L. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

THOU, Lord, by strictest search hast known
My rising up and lying down:
My secret thoughts are known to thee,
Known long before conceived by me.

2 Could I so false, so faithless prove,
To leave thy service, and thy love,
Where, Lord, could I thy presence shun,
Or from thy dreadful glory run?

3 If up to heaven I take my flight,
'Tis there thou dwell'st, enthroned in light;
Or sink to hell's infernal plains,
'Tis there almighty vengeance reigns.

4 Or should I try to shun thy sight
Beneath the sable wings of night,
One glance from thee, one piercing ray,
Would kindle darkness into day.

5 The veil of night is no disguise,
No screen from thy all-searching eyes;
Through midnight shades thou find'st thy way
As in the blazing noon of day.

6 Search, O my God, my thoughts and heart,
If mischief lurks in any part;
Correct me, where I go astray,
And guide me in thy perfect way.

139 PART III. L. M. WATTS.

God our Creator and Preserver.

'TWAS from thy hand, my God, I came,
A work of such a curious frame:
In me thy fearful wonders shine,
And each proclaims thy skill divine.

2 Great God, my feeble nature pays
Immortal tribute to thy praise:
Thy thoughts of love to me surmount
The power of numbers to recount.

3 These on my heart are still impressed;
With these I give mine eyes to rest;
And at my waking hour I find
God and his love possess my mind.

139 PART IV. C. M. WATTS.

Omniscience and Omnipresence of God.

IN all my vast concerns with thee,
In vain my soul would try
To shun thy presence, Lord, or flee
The notice of thine eye.

2 Thine all-surrounding sight surveys
My rising and my rest,
My public walks, my private ways,
And secrets of my breast.

3 My thoughts lie open to the Lord
Before they're formed within;
And ere my lips pronounce the word,
He knows the sense I mean.

4 O wondrous knowledge, deep and high!
Where can a creature hide?
Within thy circling arms I lie,
Enclosed on every side.

5 So let thy grace surround me still,
And like a bulwark prove,
To guard my soul from every ill,
Secured by sovereign love.

139 PART V. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LORD, where shall guilty souls retire,
Forgotten and unknown?
In hell they meet thy dreadful fire,
In heaven thy glorious throne.

2 Should I suppress my vital breath
To 'scape the wrath divine,
Thy voice would break the bars of death,
And make the grave resign.

3 If, winged with beams of morning light,
I fly beyond the west,
Thy hand, which must support my flight,
Would soon betray my rest.

4 If o'er my sins I think to draw
The curtains of the night,
The flaming eyes that guard thy law
Would turn the shades to light.

5 The beams of noon, the midnight hour,
Are both alike to thee:
O may I ne'er provoke that power
From which I cannot flee!

139 PART VI. C. M. WATTS.

God our Creator and Preserver.

WHEN I with pleasing wonder stand,
And all my frame survey,
Lord, 'tis thy work: I own thy hand
That built my humble clay.

2 My flesh with fear and wonder stands,
The product of thy skill;
And hourly blessings from thy hands
Thy thoughts of love reveal.

3 And when I count thy mercies o'er,
They fill me with surprise;
Not all the sands that spread the shore
To equal numbers rise.

4 These on my heart by night I keep;
How kind, how dear to me!
O may the hour that ends my sleep
Still find my thoughts with thee!

139 PART VII. C. M. THOMPSON.

Same Subject.

JEHOVAH, God, thy gracious power
On every hand we see;
O may the blessings of each hour
Lead all our thoughts to thee!

2 If, on the wings of morn, we speed
To earth's remotest bound,
Thy hand will there our journey lead,
Thine arm our path surround.

3 Thy power is in the ocean deeps,
And reaches to the skies;
Thine eye of mercy never sleeps,
Thy goodness never dies.

4 From morn till noon, till latest eve,
Thy hand, O God, we see;
And all the blessings we receive
Proceed alone from thee.

5 In all the varying scenes of time,
On thee our hopes depend;
In every age, in every clime,
Our Father and our Friend.

140 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Divine Protection acknowledged and implored.

JEHOVAH, God most high,
Thou art the God I own:
O let my supplicating cry
Be heard before thy throne.

2 Great God, thy sovereign power
Salvation can impart:
Thy shield, in every dangerous hour,
Has sheltered o'er my heart.

3 Do thou my foes repel,
Their dark designs restrain;
So shall the powers of earth or hell
Assault my soul in vain.

141 L. M. WATTS.

Daily Devotion.

MY God, accept my early vows,
Like morning incense in thine house,
And let my nightly worship rise,
Sweet as the evening sacrifice.

2 Watch o'er my lips, and guard them, Lord,
From every rash and heedless word;
Nor let my feet incline to tread
The guilty path where sinners lead.

3 O may the righteous, when I stray,
Smite, and reprove my wandering way;
Their gentle words, like ointment shed,
Shall never bruise, but cheer my head.

4 When I behold them pressed with grief,
I'll cry to heaven for their relief;
And by my warm petitions prove
How much I prize their faithful love.

143 L. M. WATTS

Longing for spiritual Light and Comfort.

MY righteous Judge, my gracious God,
Hear when I spread my hands abroad
I cry for succor from thy throne,
O make thy truth and mercy known.

2 For thee I pray, for thee I mourn;
When wilt thou, gracious Lord, return?
Shall all my joys on earth remove?
Wilt thou for ever hide thy love?

3 I lift my hands to thee again,
And thirst like parchèd lands for rain;
O let me hear thy gracious voice—
So shall my weary soul rejoice.

4 My thoughts in musing silence trace
The ancient wonders of thy grace;
Thence I derive a glimpse of hope
To bear my sinking spirit up.

5 Teach me, O Lord, thy holy will,
And lead me to thy heavenly hill:
O let the Spirit of thy love
Conduct me to thy courts above.

144 PART I. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

FOR ever blessed be the Lord,
My Saviour and my shield;
He sends his Spirit with his word,
To arm me for the field.

2 When sin and hell their force unite,
He makes my soul his care;
Instructs me in the heavenly fight,
And guards me through the war.

3 A friend and helper so divine
My fainting hope shall raise;
He makes the glorious victory mine,
And his shall be the praise.

144 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

God's condescending Goodness to Man.

LORD, what is man, poor feeble man,
Born of the earth at first?
His life a shadow, light and vain,
Still hastening to the dust.

2 O what is feeble, dying man,
Or all his sinful race,
That God should make it his concern
To visit him with grace?

3 That God who darts his lightnings down,
Who shakes the worlds above,
While terrors wait his awful frown,
How wondrous is his love!

145 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

All Praise due to God.

MY God, my King, thy various praise
Shall fill the remnant of my days;

Thy grace employ my humble tongue,
Till death and glory raise the song.

2 The wings of every hour shall bear
Some thankful tribute to thine ear;
And every setting sun shall see
New works of duty done for thee.

3 Thy works with boundless glory shine,
And speak thy majesty divine;
Let every realm with joy proclaim
The sound and honor of thy name.

4 Let distant times and nations raise
The long succession of thy praise,
And unborn ages make my song
The joy and triumph of their tongue.

5 But who can speak thy wondrous deeds?
Thy greatness all our thoughts exceeds:
Vast and unsearchable thy ways—
Vast and immortal be thy praise!

145 PART II. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LONG as I live, I'll bless thy name,
My King, my God of love:
My work and joy shall be the same
In brighter worlds above.

2 Great is the Lord, his power unknown:
O let his praise be great:
I'll sing the honors of thy throne,
Thy works of grace repeat.

3 Thy grace shall dwell upon my tongue;
And while my lips rejoice,
The men who hear my sacred song
Shall join their cheerful voice.

4 Fathers to sons shall tell thy name,
And children learn thy ways;
Ages to come thy truth proclaim,
And nations sound thy praise.

5 The world is governed by thy hands,
Thy saints are ruled by love;
And thine eternal kingdom stands,
Though rocks and hills remove.

145 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

SWEET is the memory of thy grace,
My God, my heavenly King;
Let age to age thy righteousness
In sounds of glory sing.

2 God reigns on high, but ne'er confines
His goodness to the skies;
Through all the earth his bounty shines,
And every want supplies.

3 How kind are thy compassions, Lord!
How slow thine anger moves!
But soon he sends his pardoning word
To cheer the souls he loves.

4 Sweet is the memory of thy grace,
My God, my heavenly King;
Let age to age thy righteousness
In sounds of glory sing.

145 PART IV. C. M. MRS. STEELE.

Same Subject.

GREAT is the Lord! our souls adore;
We wonder while we praise:
Thy power, O God, who can explore,
Or equal honor raise?

2 How large thy tender mercies are!
How wide thy grace extends!
On thy beneficence and care
The universe depends.

3 Thy praise shall be my constant theme;
How wondrous is thy power!
I'll speak the honors of thy name,
And bid the world adore.

4 Thy name shall dwell upon my tongue
While suns shall set and rise,
And tune my everlasting song
In realms beyond the skies.

145 PART V. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LET every tongue thy goodness speak,
Thou sovereign Lord of all;
Thy powerful hands uphold the weak,
And raise the poor that fall.

2 With longing eyes thy creatures wait
On thee for daily food;
Thy liberal hand provides their meat,
And fills their mouths with good.

3 Thy mercy never shall remove
From men of heart sincere;
Thou sav'st the souls whose humble love
Is joined with holy fear.

4 My lips shall dwell upon thy praise,
And spread thy fame abroad;
Let all the sons of Adam raise
The honors of their God.

145 PART VI. C. M. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

TO thee, my righteous King and Lord,
My grateful soul I'll raise;

From day to day thy works record,
And ever sing thy praise.

2 Thy greatness human thought exceeds;
Thy glory knows no end;
The lasting record of thy deeds
Through ages shall descend.

3 Thy wondrous acts, thy power and might,
My constant theme shall be;
That song shall be my soul's delight,
Which breathes in praise to thee.

4 The Lord is bountiful and kind,
His anger slow to move;
All shall his tender mercies find,
And all his goodness prove.

5 From all thy works, O Lord, shall spring
The sound of joy and praise;
Thy saints shall of thy glory sing,
And show the world thy ways.

6 Throughout all ages shall endure
Thine everlasting reign;
Thy high dominion firm and sure
For ever shall remain.

146 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Praise to God for his Perfections and Providence.

PRAISE ye the Lord! my heart shall join
In work so pleasant, so divine;
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
While life, and thought, and being last.

2 Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God: he made the sky,
And earth, and seas, with all their train;
And none shall find his promise vain.

3 His truth for ever stands secure;
He saves the oppressed, he feeds the poor;
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless.

4 He loves the saints, he knows them well,
But turns the wicked down to hell:
Thy God, O Zion, ever reigns;
Praise him in everlasting strains.

146 PART II. L. P. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

I'LL praise my Maker with my breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

2 How blest the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God! he made the sky,
And earth, and seas, with all their train;
His truth for ever stands secure;
He saves the oppressed, he feeds the poor,
And none shall find his promise vain.

3 I'll praise him while he lends me breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

147 C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

WITH songs and honors sounding loud,
Address the Lord on high;

Over the heavens he spreads his cloud,
And waters veil the sky.

2 He sends his showers of blessing down
To cheer the plains below;
He makes the grass the mountains crown,
And corn in valleys grow.

3 His steady counsels change the face
Of each revolving year;
He bids the sun cut short his race,
And wintry days appear.

4 His hoary frost, his fleecy snow
Descend and clothe the ground;
The liquid streams forbear to flow,
In icy fetters bound.

5 He sends his word and melts the snow,
The fields no longer mourn;
He calls the warmer gales to blow,
And bids the spring return.

6 The changing wind, the flying cloud,
Obey his mighty word:
With songs and honors sounding loud,
Praise ye the sovereign Lord.

148 PART I. L. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LOUD hallelujahs to the Lord [dwell:
From distant worlds, where creatures
Let heaven begin the solemn word,
And sound it dreadful down to hell.

2 Wide as his vast dominion lies,
Make the Creator's name be known;
Loud as his thunder shout his praise,
And sound it lofty as his throne.

3 Jehovah!—'t is a glorious word!
O may it dwell on every tongue!
But saints, who best have known the Lord,
Are bound to raise the noblest song.

4 Speak of the wonders of that love
Which Gabriel plays on every chord:
From all below and all above,
Loud hallelujahs to the Lord!

148 PART II. S. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

LET every creature join
To praise th' eternal God;
Ye heavenly hosts, the song begin,
And sound his name abroad.

2 Thou sun, with golden beams,
And moon, with paler rays;
Ye starry lights, ye twinkling flames,
Shine to your Maker's praise.

3 He built those worlds above,
And fixed their wondrous frame:
By his command they stand or move,
And ever speak his name.

4 By all his works above,
His honors be expressed;
But saints, who taste his saving love,
Should sing his praises best.

148 PART III. C. P. M. OGILVIE.

Same Subject.

BEGIN, my soul, th' exalted lay;
Let each enraptured thought obey,
And praise th' Almighty's name:

Lo! heaven and earth, and seas and skies,
In one melodious concert rise,
To swell th' inspiring theme.

2 Thou heaven of heavens, his vast abode,
Ye clouds, proclaim your Maker God;
Ye thunders, speak his power:
Lo! on the lightning's fiery wing
In triumph walks th' eternal King:
Th' astonished worlds adore.

3 Ye deeps, with roaring billows rise,
To join the thunders of the skies;
Praise him who bids you roll:
His praise in softer notes declare,
Each whispering breeze of yielding air,
And breathe it to the soul.

4 Wake, all ye soaring throngs, and sing;
Ye feathered warblers of the spring,
Harmonious anthems raise
To him who shaped your finer mould,
Who tipped your glittering wings with gold,
And tuned your voice to praise.

5 Let man, by nobler passions swayed,
Let man, in God's own image made,
His breath in praise employ;
Spread wide his Maker's name around,
Till heaven shall echo back the sound
In songs of holy joy.

148 PART IV. H. M. WATTS.

Praise to God.

YE tribes of Adam, join
With heaven, and earth, and seas,
And offer notes divine
To your Creator's praise.

Ye holy throng
Of angels bright,
In worlds of light
Begin the song.

2 The shining worlds above
In glorious order stand,
Or in swift courses move
By his supreme command.
He spake the word,
And all their frame
From nothing came
To praise the Lord.

3 Let all the nations fear
The God that rules above;
He brings his people near,
And makes them taste his love:
While earth and sky
Attempt his praise,
His saints shall raise
His honors high.

148 PART V. 8s. & 7s. DUBLIN COL.

Same Subject.

PRAISE the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels in the height:
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;
Praise him, all ye stars of light!
Hallelujah, Amen.

2 Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never can be broken,
For their guidance he hath made.
Hallelujah, Amen.

3 Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;

God hath made his saints victorious,
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Hallelujah, Amen.

4 Praise the God of our salvation,
Hosts on high his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Praise and magnify his name!
Hallelujah, Amen.

149 C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

ALL ye that love the Lord, rejoice,
And let your songs be new;
Amidst the Church, with cheerful voice,
His later wonders show.

2 The Jews, the people of his grace,
Shall their Redeemer sing,
And Gentile nations join the praise,
While Zion owns her King.

3 The Lord takes pleasure in the just,
Whom sinners treat with scorn;
The meek, who lie despised in dust,
Salvation shall adorn.

4 Saints shall be joyful in their King,
E'en on a dying-bed,
And like the souls in glory sing,
For God shall raise the dead.

5 When Christ his judgment-seat ascends,
And bids the world appear,
Thrones are prepared for all his friends
Who humbly loved him here.

150 PART I. L. M. T. & B.

Same Subject.

O PRAISE the Lord in that blest place
From whence his goodness largely flows:
Praise him in heaven, where he his face
Unveiled in perfect glory shows.

2 Praise him for all the mighty acts
Which he in our behalf hath done;
His kindness this return exacts,
With which our praise should equal run.

3 Let all who vital breath enjoy,
The breath he doth to them afford
In just returns of praise employ:
Let every creature praise the Lord.

150 PART II. L. M. MRS. STEELE.

Same Subject.

PRAISE ye the Lord: let praise employ,
In his own courts, your songs of joy:
The spacious firmament around
Shall echo back the joyful sound.

2 Recount his works in strains divine;
His wondrous works, how bright they shine!
Praise him for all his mighty deeds,
Whose greatness all your praise exceeds.

3 Awake the trumpet's lofty sound
To spread your sacred pleasure round;
Awake each voice, and strike each string,
And to the solemn organ sing.

4 Let all whom life and breath inspire
Attend, and join the blissful choir;
But chiefly ye who know his word,
Adore, and love, and praise the Lord.

150 PART III. C. M. WATTS.

Same Subject.

IN God's own house pronounce his praise;
His grace he there reveals;
To heaven your joy and wonder raise,
For there his glory dwells.

2 Let all your sacred passions move,
While you rehearse his deeds;
But still the work of saving love
Your highest praise exceeds.

3 All that have motion, life, and breath,
Proclaim your Maker blest;
Yet when my voice expires in death,
My soul shall praise him best.

150 PART IV. 6s. & 4s. GOODE.

Same Subject.

PRAISE ye Jehovah 's name,
Praise through his courts proclaim,
Rise and adore:
High o'er the heavens above
Sound his great acts of love,
While his rich grace we prove,
Vast as his power.

2 Now let the trumpet raise
Sounds of triumphant praise,
Wide as his fame:
There let the harp be found;
Organs, with solemn sound,
Roll your deep notes around,
Filled with his name.

3 While his high praise ye sing,
Shake every sounding string;
Sweet the accord:

He vital breath bestows;
Let every breath that flows
His noblest fame disclose—
Praise ye the Lord.

150 PART V. 7s. WRANGHAM.

Same Subject.

PRAISE the Lord, his glory bless;
Praise him in his holiness;
Praise him as the theme inspires,
Praise him as his fame requires.

2 Let the trumpet's lofty sound
Spread its loudest notes around;
Let the harp unite in praise
With the sacred minstrel's lays.

3 Let the organ join to bless
God, the Lord of righteousness;
Tune your voice to spread the fame
Of the great Jehovah's name.

4 All who dwell beneath his light,
In his praise your hearts unite;
While the stream of song is poured,
Praise and magnify the Lord.

150 PART VI. 7s. MERRICK.

Same Subject.

PRAISE, O praise the name Divine,
Praise him at the hallowed shrine;
Let the firmament on high
To its Maker's praise reply.

2 All who vital breath enjoy,
In his praise that breath employ;
Heaven and earth the chorus join;
Praise, O praise the name Divine.

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The Holy Scriptures.

1. C. M. EVANG. MAG.

Revelation welcomed.

HAIL, sacred truth! whose piercing rays
Dispel the shades of night;
Diffusing o'er the mental world
The healing beams of light.

2 Jesus, thy word, with friendly aid,
Restores our wandering feet;
Converts the sorrows of the mind
To joys divinely sweet.

3 O send thy light and truth abroad,
In all their radiant blaze;
And bid th' admiring world adore
The glories of thy grace.

2. L. M. WATTS.

Divine Authority of the Bible.

'TWAS by an order from the Lord
The ancient prophets spoke his word;
His Spirit did their tongues inspire,
And warm their hearts with heavenly fire.

2 Great God, mine eyes with pleasure look
On the dear volume of thy book;
There my Redeemer's face I see,
And read his name who died for me.

3 Let the false raptures of the mind
Be lost and vanish in the wind:
Here I can fix my hope secure;
This is thy word, and must endure.

3 C. M. COWPER.

The Bible the Light of the World.

WHAT glory gilds the sacred page,
Majestic, like the sun!
It gives a light to every age;
It gives, but borrows none.

2 The power that gave it still supplies
The gracious light and heat:
Its truths upon the nations rise;
They rise, but never set.

3 Let everlasting thanks be thine
For such a bright display
As makes the world of darkness shine
With beams of heavenly day.

4 My soul rejoices to pursue
The steps of him I love,
Till glory breaks upon my view
In brighter worlds above.

4 C. M. WINCHELL COL.

HOW precious is the book divine,
By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven.

2 It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts
In this dark vale of tears;
Life, light, and joy it still imparts,
And quells our rising fears.

3 This lamp, through all the tedious night
Of life, shall guide our way,
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.

5 C. M. STEELE.

The Bible suited to the Wants of Mankind.

FATHER of mercies, in thy word
What endless glory shines!
For ever be thy name adored
For these celestial lines!

2 Here may the wretched sons of want
Exhaustless riches find;
Riches above what earth can grant,
And lasting as the mind.

3 Here springs of consolation rise
To cheer the fainting mind:
And thirsty souls receive supplies,
And sweet refreshment find.

4 Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heavenly peace around;
And life and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound!

5 O may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light!

6 Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
Be thou for ever near;
Teach me to love thy sacred word,
And view my Saviour there.

6 C. M. WATTS.

OPPRESSED with guilt, and full of fears,
I come to thee, my Lord;

While not a ray of hope appears
But in thy holy word.

2 The volume of my Father's grace
Does all my grief dispel;
Here I behold my Saviour's face,
And learn to do his will.

3 Here living water freely flows,
To cleanse me from my sin;
'Tis here the tree of knowledge grows,
Nor danger dwells therein.

4 O may thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command;
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to thy right hand.

7 L. M. MAXWELL'S COL.

Delight in the Scriptures.

I LOVE the sacred book of God;
No other can its place supply:
It points me to the saints' abode,
And lifts my joyful thoughts on high.

2 Blest book! in thee my eyes discern
The image of my absent Lord:
From thine instructive page I learn
The joys his presence will afford.

3 But while I'm here, thou shalt supply
His place, and tell me of his love:
I'll read with faith's discerning eye,
And thus partake of joys above.

8 C. M. WATTS.

GREAT God, with wonder and with praise
On all thy works I look;

But still thy wisdom, power, and grace
Shine brightest in thy book.

2 Here are my choicest treasures hid;
Here my best comfort lies;
Here my desires are satisfied,
And here my hopes arise.

3 Lord, make me understand thy law;
Show what my faults have been;
And from thy gospel let me draw
Pardon for all my sin.

9 L. M. HIGINBOTHAM.

NOW let my soul, eternal King,
To thee its grateful tribute bring;
My knee with humble homage bow,
My tongue perform its solemn vow.

2 All nature sings thy boundless love,
In worlds below and worlds above;
But in thy blessed word I trace
Diviner wonders of thy grace.

3 There what delightful truths I read!
There I behold the Saviour bleed:
His name salutes my listening ear,
Revives my heart, and checks my fear.

4 There Jesus bids my sorrows cease,
And gives my laboring conscience peace;
Raises my grateful passions high,
And points to mansions in the sky.

5 For love like this, O let my song
Through endless years thy praise prolong;
Let distant climes thy name adore,
Till time and nature are no more.

3 Eternity, with all its years,
Stands present in thy view:
To thee there 's nothing old appears;
Great God, there 's nothing new.

4 Our lives through various scenes are drawn,
And vexed with trifling cares,
While thine eternal thought moves on
Thine undisturbed affairs.

5 Great God, how infinite art thou!
What worthless worms are we!
Let all the race of creatures bow,
And pay their praise to thee.

14 C. M. WATTS.

RISE, rise, my soul, and leave the ground;
Stretch all thy thoughts abroad,
And rouse up every tuneful sound,
To praise the eternal God.

2 Long ere the lofty skies were spread,
Jehovah filled his throne;
Or Adam formed, or angels made,
The Maker lived alone.

3 His boundless years can ne'er decrease,
But still maintain their prime;
Eternity 's his dwelling-place,
And *ever* is his time.

4 While like a tide our minutes flow,
The present and the past,
He fills his own immortal NOW,
And sees our ages waste.

5 The sea and sky must perish too,
And vast destruction come:
The creatures—look! how old they grow,
And wait the fiery doom.

6 Well, let the sea shrink all away,
And flames melt down the skies;
My God shall live an endless day,
When th' old creation dies.

15 C. M. EPIS. COL.

God the Creator.

GREAT first of beings! mighty Lord
Of all this wondrous frame!
Produced by thy creating word,
The world from nothing came.

2 Thy voice sent forth the high command,
'T was instantly obeyed;
And through thy goodness all things stand
Which by thy power were made.

3 Lord, for thy glory shine the whole;
They all reflect thy light:
For this in course the planets roll,
And day succeeds the night.

4 For this the earth its produce yields,
For this the waters flow;
And blooming plants adorn the fields,
And trees aspiring grow.

5 Inspired with praise, our minds pursue
This wise and noble end,
That all we think and all we do
Shall to thy glory tend.

16 C. M. MONTGOMERY.

THE God of nature and of grace
In all his works appears;
His goodness through the earth we trace,
His grandeur in the spheres.

2 How excellent, O Lord, thy name,
In all creation's lines!
Spread through eternity, thy fame
With rising lustre shines

3 Millions before thy presence stand,
Who feel, while they adore,
Fulness of joy at thy right hand,
And pleasures evermore.

17 L. M. WATTS.

NATURE, with all her powers, shall sing
Her great Creator and her King:
Nor air, nor earth, nor skies, nor seas
Deny the tribute of their praise.

2 Ye seraphs, who sit near his throne,
Begin to make his glories known;
Tune high your harps, and spread the sound
Throughout creation's utmost bound.

3 O may our ardent zeal employ
Our loftiest thoughts and loudest songs;
Let there be sung, with warmest joy,
Hosanna from ten thousand tongues.

4 Yet, mighty God, our feeble frame
Attempts in vain to reach thy name:
The highest notes that angels raise
Fall far below thy glorious praise.

18 S. M. WATTS

ALMIGHTY Maker, God,
How wondrous is thy name!
Thy glories, how diffused abroad
Through all creation's frame!

2 Nature in every dress
Her humble homage pays,

And finds a thousand ways t' express
Her undissembled praise.

3 My soul would rise and sing
Her great Creator too:
I would adore th' eternal King,
And pay the homage due.

4 Let joy and worship spend
The remnant of my days,
And to my God my soul ascend
In sweet perfumes of praise.

19 L. M. METH. COL.

God self-existent and immutable.

ALL-POWERFUL, self-existent God,
Who all creation dost sustain,
Thou wast, and art, and art to come,
And everlasting is thy reign.

2 Fixed and eternal as thy days,
Each glorious attribute divine,
Through ages infinite, shall still
With undiminished lustre shine.

3 Fountain of being! Source of good!
Immutable dost thou remain;
Nor can the shadow of a change
Obscure the glories of thy reign.

4 Earth may with all her powers dissolve,
If such the great Creator's will;
But thou for ever art the same;
"I AM" is thy memorial still.

20 C. M. SCOTT.

God almighty and omnipresent.

GREAT God, thy penetrating eye
Pervades my inmost powers:

With awe profound my wondering soul
Falls prostrate, and adores.

2 To be encompassed round with God,
The holy and the just,
Armed with omnipotence to save,
Or crumble me to dust—

3 O, how tremendous is the thought!
Deep may it be impressed!
And may thy Spirit firmly grave
This truth within my breast!

4 Begirt with thee, my fearless soul
The gloomy vale shall tread;
And thou wilt bind th' immortal crown
Of glory on my head.

21 C. M. TURNER.

WHERE'ER, through all his works, we send
Our roving eyes abroad,
The various objects all conspire
To lead our souls to God—

2 That God whose word all nature formed,
Whose eye all nature sees;
Whose hand all nature rules, sustains,
Or crushes, as he please;

3 Before whose high and dazzling throne
Myriads of angels bow;
Whose smile is everlasting bliss,
Whose frown is endless woe.

4 Low at his feet, then, O my soul,
In prostrate homage fall;
Make him thy fear, thy love, thy trust,
Thy joy, thy God, thy all.

22 C. M. WATTS.

God searching the Heart.

GOD is a spirit, just and wise;
He sees our inmost mind;
In vain to heaven we raise our cries,
And leave our hearts behind.

2 Nothing but truth before his throne
With honor can appear:
The painted hypocrites are known
Through the disguise they wear.

3 Their lifted eyes salute the skies;
Their bending knees the ground;
But God abhors the sacrifice
Where not the heart is found.

4 Lord, search my thoughts, and try my ways,
And make my soul sincere;
Then shall I stand before thy face,
And find acceptance there.

23 L. M. NEEDHAM.

Wisdom and Knowledge of God.

AWAKE, my tongue! thy tribute bring
To him who gave thee power to sing;
Praise him who is all praise above,
The source of wisdom and of love.

2 How vast his knowledge! how profound!
A depth where all our thoughts are drowned!
The stars he numbers, and their names
He gives to all those heavenly flames.

3 Through each bright world above, behold
Ten thousand thousand charms unfold:
Earth, air, and mighty seas combine
To speak his wisdom all divine.

4 But in redemption, O what grace!
Its wonders, O what thought can trace!
Here wisdom shines for ever bright:
Praise him, my soul, with sweet delight.

24 C. M. LUTH. COL.

Goodness of God seen in his Works.

HAIL, great Creator, wise and good!
To thee our songs we raise:
Nature, through all her various scenes,
Invites us to thy praise.

2 At morning, noon, and evening mild,
Fresh wonders strike our view;
And while we gaze, our hearts exult
With transports ever new.

3 Thy glory beams in every star
Which gilds the gloom of night,
And decks the smiling face of morn
With rays of cheerful light.

4 The lofty hill, the humble lawn,
With countless beauties shine;
The silent grove, the awful shade,
Proclaim thy power divine.

5 Great nature's God! still may these scenes
Our serious hours engage!
Still may our grateful hearts consult
Thy works' instructive page!

6 And while, in all thy wondrous ways,
Thy varied love we see,
O may our hearts, great God, be led
Through all thy works to thee!

25 C. M.

GOD, in the high and holy place,
Looks down upon the spheres;
Yet, in his providence and grace,
To every eye appears.

2 He bows the heavens; the mountains
A highway for our God: [stand
He walks amid the desert land;
'Tis Eden where he trod.

3 In every stream his bounty flows,
Diffusing joy and wealth;
In every breeze his Spirit blows,
The breath of life and health.

4 His blessings fall in plenteous showers
Upon the lap of earth,
That teems with foliage, fruits and flowers,
And rings with infant mirth.

5 If God hath made this world so fair,
Where sin and death abound,
How beautiful, beyond compare,
Will paradise be found!

26 S. M. MRS. STEELE.

God our Creator and Benefactor.

MY Maker and my King,
To thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow.

2 Thou ever good and kind!
A thousand reasons move,
A thousand obligations bind
My heart to grateful love.

3 The creature of thy hand,
On thee alone I live:
My God, thy benefits demand
More praise than I can give.

4 Lord, what can I impart,
When all is thine before?
Thy love demands a thankful heart;
The gift, alas! how poor!

5 Shall I withhold thy due?
And shall my passions rove?
Lord, form this wretched heart anew,
And fill it with thy love.

6 O let thy grace inspire
My soul with strength divine;
Let all my powers to thee aspire,
And all my days be thine.

27 L. M. SCOTT.

THIS frame, O God, these noble powers,
To thy creating hand I owe;
Thy providence preserves me safe,
And crowns my every wish below.

2 Oft in the visions of the night
My thoughts o'er all thy mercies rove;
And every midnight wakeful hour
I trace the wonders of thy love.

3 The pleasing, unexhausted theme
Each rising morn my soul pursues,
In fervent prayer ascends to thee,
And still her grateful song renews.

4 Thy mercies, Lord, through endless years,
Shall all my raptured powers employ;
Yet endless years will only swell
My wonder, gratitude, and joy.

28 C. M. STEELE.

YE humble souls, approach your God
With songs of sacred praise;
For he is good, immensely good,
And kind are all his ways.

2 All nature owns his guardian care;
In him we live and move;
But nobler benefits declare
The wonders of his love.

3 He gave his well-beloved Son,
To save our souls from sin;
'Tis here he makes his goodness known,
And proves it all divine.

4 To this sure refuge, Lord, we come,
And here our hope relies;
A safe defence, a peaceful home,
When storms of trouble rise.

5 Thine eye beholds with kind regard
The souls who trust in thee;
Their humble hope thou wilt reward
With bliss divinely free.

6 Great God, to thy almighty love
What honors shall we raise!
Not all the raptured songs above
Can render equal praise.

29 C. M. GIBBONS.

THY goodness, Lord, our souls confess;
Thy goodness we adore;
A spring whose blessings never fail,
A sea without a shore!

2 Sun, moon, and stars thy love declare
In every golden ray;
Love draws the curtains of the night,
And love brings back the day.

3 Thy bounty every season crowns
With all the bliss it yields;
With joyful clusters loads the vines,
With strengthening grain the fields.

4 But chiefly thy compassion, Lord,
Is in the gospel seen;
There, like a sun, thy mercy shines,
Without a cloud between.

5 There pardon, peace, and holy joy
Through Jesus' name are given;
He on the cross was lifted high,
That we might reign in heaven.

30 C. M. ADDISON.

WHEN all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

2 Unnumbered comforts to my soul
Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived
From whom those comforts flowed.

3 When in the slippery paths of youth
With heedless steps I ran,
Thine arm, unseen, conveyed me safe,
And led me up to man.

4 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
That tastes those gifts with joy.

5 Through every period of my life,
Thy goodness I'll pursue;
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

6 Through all eternity, to thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
But O! eternity's too short
To utter all thy praise!

31 C. M. STEELE.

ETERNAL Power, almighty God!
Who can approach thy throne?
Accessless light is thine abode,
To angel eyes unknown.

2 Before the radiance of thine eye,
The heavens no longer shine;
And all the glories of the sky
Are but the shade of thine.

3 Great God, and wilt thou condescend
To cast a look below?
To this vile world thy notice bend,
These seats of sin and woe?

4 How strange! how wondrous is thy love!
With trembling we adore:
Not all th' exalted minds above
Its wonders can explore.

5 While golden harps and angel tongues
Resound immortal lays,
Great God, permit our humble songs
To rise and speak thy praise.

32 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

God is Love.

AMID the splendors of thy state,
O God, thy love appears,

Soft as the radiance of the moon
Among a thousand stars.

2 In all thy doctrines and commands,
Thy counsels and designs,
In every work thy hands have framed,
Thy love supremely shines.

3 Sinai, in clouds, and smoke, and fire,
Thunders thine awful name;
But Zion sings, in melting notes,
The honors of the Lamb.

4 Angels and men, the news proclaim
Through earth and heaven above,
And all with holy transport sing
That God the Lord is love.

33 C. M. BURDER.

COME, ye that know and fear the Lord,
And lift your souls above;
Let every heart and voice accord,
To sing that God is love.

2 This precious truth his word declares,
And all his mercies prove;
While Christ, th' atoning Lamb, appears
To show that God is love.

3 Behold, his loving-kindness waits
For those who from him rove,
And calls of mercy reach their hearts,
To teach them God is love.

4 And O that you whose hardened hearts
No fears of hell can move,
May hear the gospel's milder voice,
That tells you God is love.

5 O may we all, while here below,
This best of blessings prove,
Till warmer hearts, in brighter worlds,
Shall shout that God is love.

34 L. M.

LORD, what is man, that he should prove
The object of thy boundless love?
Say, why should he so largely share
Thy favor and thy tender care?

2 While these my lips draw vital breath,
Or till I close my eyes in death,
I'll ne'er forget thy wondrous love,
Nor thoughtless of thy kindness prove.

3 Beneath thy shadowing wings' defence
I'll place my only confidence:
In every danger and distress,
To thee will I my prayer address.

4 Should all my hopes on earth be lost,
In thee I'll make my constant boast:
I'll spread the glories of thy name,
And thy unbounded love proclaim.

35 H. M. DODDRIDGE.

Faithfulness of God.

THE promises I sing,
Which sovereign love hath spoke;
Nor will th' eternal King
His words of grace revoke:
They stand secure
And steadfast still;
Not Zion's hill
Abides so sure.

2 The mountains melt away
When once the Judge appears;
And sun and moon decay,
That measure mortal years;

But still the same,
In radiant lines,
The promise shines
Through all the flame.

3 Their harmony shall sound
Through my attentive ears,
When thunders cleave the ground,
And dissipate the spheres;
'Midst all the shock
Of that dread scene,
I stand serene,
Thy word my rock.

36 C. M. MONT. COL.

FAITHFUL, O Lord, thy mercies are;
A rock that cannot move:
A thousand promises declare
Thy constancy of love.

2 Throughout the universe it reigns,
It stands for ever sure;
And while thy truth, O God, remains,
Thy goodness shall endure.

37 C. M. NEEDHAM.

Holiness of God.

HOLY and reverend is the name
Of our eternal King;
"Thrice holy Lord," the angels cry—
"Thrice holy," let us sing.

2 The deepest reverence of the mind,
Pay, O my soul, to God;
Lift, with thy hands, a holy heart
To his sublime abode.

3 With sacred awe pronounce his name,
Whom words nor thoughts can reach:
A contrite heart shall please him more
Than noblest forms of speech.

4 Thou holy God! preserve my soul
From all pollution free:
The pure in heart are thy delight,
And they thy face shall see.

Providence and Government of God.

38 C. M. COWPER.

Purposes of God developed by his Providence.

GOD moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.

3 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
With blessings on your head.

4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

5 His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

39 C. M. FAWCETT.

The Mysteries of Providence.

THY way, O Lord, is in the sea;
Thy paths I cannot trace,
Nor comprehend the mystery
Of thine unbounded grace.

2 'Tis but in part I know thy will;
I bless thee for the sight:
When will thy love the rest reveal
In glory's clearer light?

3 With rapture shall I then survey
Thy providence and grace,
And spend an everlasting day
In wonder, love, and praise.

40 C. M. H. K. WHITE.

Almighty Power and Majesty of God.

THE Lord our God is clothed with might,
The winds obey his will;
He speaks, and in his heavenly height
The rolling sun stands still.

2 Rebel, ye waves, and o'er the land
With threatening aspect roar;
The Lord uplifts his awful hand,
And chains you to the shore.

3 Howl, winds of night; your force combine:
  Without his high behest,
Ye shall not, in the mountain pine,
  Disturb the sparrow's nest.

4 His voice sublime is heard afar,
  In distant peals it dies;
He yokes the whirlwinds to his car,
  And sweeps the howling skies.

5 Ye nations, bend—in reverence bend;
  Ye monarchs, wait his nod,
And bid the choral song ascend
  To celebrate our God.

41 L. M. WATTS.

Angels the Ministers of God.

HIGH on a hill of dazzling light
  The King of glory spreads his seat,
And hosts of angels, stretched for flight,
  Stand waiting round his awful feet.

2 Are they not all thy servants, Lord?
  At thy command they go and come;
With cheerful haste obey thy word,
  And guard thy children to their home.

42 C. M.

Praise for Creation and Providence.

I SING the almighty power of God,
  That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
  And built the lofty skies.

2 I sing the wisdom that ordained
  The sun to rule by day;
The moon, that shines at his command,
  While all the stars obey.

3 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures by his word,
And then pronounced them good.

4 There's not a plant or flower below
But makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By orders from thy throne.

5 Creatures that borrow life from thee
Are subject to thy care;
There's not a place where we can flee
But God is present there.

6 His hand is my perpetual guard,
He keeps me with his eye;
Why should I, then, forget the Lord,
Who is for ever nigh?

43 L. M. BLACKLOCK.

Majesty and Dominion of God.

COME, O my soul, in sacred lays,
Attempt thy great Creator's praise;
But O, what tongue can speak his fame?
What mortal verse can reach the theme?

2 Enthroned amid the radiant spheres,
He glory like a garment wears;
To form a robe of light divine,
Ten thousand suns around him shine.

3 In all our Maker's grand designs,
Omnipotence with wisdom shines:
His works, through all this wondrous frame,
Declare the glory of his name.

4 Raised on devotion's lofty wing,
Do thou, my soul, his glories sing;
And let his praise employ thy tongue,
Till listening worlds shall join the song.

44 L. M. STEELE.

THE Lord, the God of glory, reigns,
In robes of majesty arrayed;
His rule Omnipotence sustains,
And guides the worlds his hands have made.

2 Ere rolling worlds began to move,
Or ere the heavens were spread abroad,
Thy awful throne was fixed above;
From everlasting thou art God.

3 The swelling floods tumultuous rise,
Aloud the angry tempests roar,
Lift their proud billows to the skies,
And foam, and lash the trembling shore.

4 The Lord, the mighty God, on high,
Controls the fiercely raging seas;
He speaks, and noise and tempest fly;
The waves sink down in gentle peace.

5 Thy sovereign laws are ever sure,
Eternal holiness is thine;
And, Lord, thy people shall be pure,
And in thy blest resemblance shine.

45 L. M. WATTS.

Perfections of God combined in his Government.

JEHOVAH reigns; his throne is high,
His robes are light and majesty;
His glory shines with beams so bright,
No mortal can sustain the sight.

2 His terrors keep the world in awe;
His justice guards his holy law;
His love reveals a smiling face,
His truth and promise seal the grace.

3 Through all his works his wisdom shines,
And baffles Satan's deep designs:
His power is sovereign to fulfil
The noblest counsels of his will.

4 And will this glorious Lord descend
To be my Father and my Friend?
Then let my songs with angels' join:
Heaven is secure, if God be mine.

46 L. M. WHITEFIELD.

Mysteries of Providence.

LORD, how mysterious are thy ways!
How blind are we, how weak our praise!
Thy steps no mortal eyes explore:
'Tis ours to wonder and adore.

2 Great God, I would not ask to see
What future lot belongs to me:
If light and bliss my days attend,
I'll praise thy mercy to the end.

3 If darkness and distress I share,
Still let me trust thy guardian care;
Enough for me if love divine
At length through every cloud shall shine.

4 One thing my soul desires to know,
And 'tis my choicest wish below—
"That Christ is mine:" grant this request,
My gracious God, and I am blest.

47 S. M. WATTS.

God all in all.

MY God, my life, my love,
To thee, to thee I call:
I cannot live if thou remove,
For thou art all in all.

2 Thy shining grace can cheer
  This dungeon where I dwell:
'Tis paradise when thou art here;
  If thou depart, 'tis hell.

3 To thee, and thee alone,
  The angels owe their bliss;
They sit around thy gracious throne,
  And dwell where Jesus is.

4 Not all the harps above
  Can make a heavenly place,
If God his residence remove,
  Or but conceal his face.

5 Nor earth, nor all the sky,
  Can one delight afford,
No, not a drop of real joy,
  Without thy presence, Lord.

6 Thou art the sea of love
  Where all my pleasures roll,
The circle where my passions move,
  And centre of my soul.

7 To thee my spirits fly
  With infinite desire;
And yet how far from thee I lie!
  Dear Jesus, raise me higher.

48 C. M. WATTS.

MY God, my portion, and my love,
  My everlasting all,
I've none but thee in heaven above,
  Or on this earthly ball.

2 What though the bright, the burning sun
  Pours forth his floods of light:
'Tis thy sweet beams create my noon;
  If thou withdraw, 'tis night.

3 To thee we owe our wealth and friends,
Our health and safe abode:
Thanks to thy name for meaner things;
But they are not my God.

4 How vain a toy is glittering wealth,
If once compared with thee!
Or what 's my safety, or my health,
Or all my friends to me?

5 Were I possessor of the earth,
And called the stars my own,
Without thy graces and thyself,
I were a wretch undone.

6 Let others stretch their arms like seas,
And grasp in all the shore;
Grant me the visits of thy grace,
And I desire no more.

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The Trinity.

COME, thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Jesus, our Lord, arise,
Scatter our enemies,
Now make them fall!
Let thine almighty aid
Our sure defence be made,
Our souls on thee be stayed—
Lord, hear our call!

3 Come, thou incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend:
Come, and thy people bless;
Come, give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend!

4 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

5 To thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore!

50 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Praise to the Trinity.

FATHER of glory, to thy name
Immortal praise we give,
Who dost an act of grace proclaim,
And bid us rebels live.

2 Immortal honor to the Son,
Who makes thine anger cease;
Our lives he ransomed with his own,
And died to make our peace.

3 To thy almighty Spirit be
Immortal glory given,
Whose influence brings us near to thee,
And trains us up for heaven.

4 Let men, with their united voice,
Adore th' eternal God,
And spread his honors and their joys
Through nations far abroad.

5 Let faith, and love, and duty join
One general song to raise;
Let saints, in earth and heaven, combine
In harmony and praise.

51 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Address to the Trinity.

FATHER of all, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before thy throne we sinners bend;
To us thy pardoning love extend.

2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before thy throne we sinners bend;
To us thy saving grace extend.

3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before thy throne we sinners bend;
To us thy quickening power extend.

4 Jehovah, Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before thy throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

52 L. M. SPRATT.

The Trinity incomprehensible.

WHAT finite power, with ceaseless toil,
Can fathom the Eternal mind?
Or who th' almighty Three in One,
By searching to perfection find?

2 Angels and men in vain may raise
  Harmonious their adoring songs;
Their laboring thoughts sink down oppressed,
  And praises die upon their tongues.

3 Yet would I lift my trembling voice,
  A portion of his ways to sing;
And mingling with his meanest works,
  My humble, grateful tribute bring.

53 C. M. WATTS.

HOW wondrous great, how glorious bright
  Must our Creator be,
Who dwells amidst the dazzling light
  Of an eternal day!

2 Our soaring spirits upward rise
  Toward his celestial throne;
Fain would we see the blessed Three
  And the almighty One.

3 Our reason stretches all its wings,
  And mounts above the skies;
But still how far beneath thy feet
  Our grovelling reason lies!

4 Lord, here we bend our humble souls,
  And awfully adore;
Thy power we feel, thy glory see,
  Thy mercy we implore.

5 With humble notes we raise the song
  To heaven's almighty King,
While angels tune their nobler powers,
  And sweep th' immortal string.

54 C. M. WATTS.

Address to the Trinity.

LET them neglect thy glory, Lord,
  Who never knew thy grace;

But our loud song shall still record
The wonders of thy praise.

2 We raise our shouts, O God, to thee,
And send them to thy throne:
All glory to th' united Three,
The undivided One!

3 'T was he—and we 'll adore his name—
Who formed us by a word;
'T was he restored our ruined frame;
Salvation to the Lord!

4 Hosanna! let the earth and skies
Repeat the joyful sound;
Rocks, hills, and vales reflect the voice
In one eternal round.

Fall and Helpless Condition of Man.

55 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Man helpless.

GOD'S holy law, transgressed,
Speaks nothing but despair;
Burdened with guilt, with grief oppressed,
We find no comfort there.

2 Not all our groans and tears,
Nor works which we have done,
Nor vows, nor promises, nor prayers,
Can e'er for sin atone.

3 Relief alone is found
In Jesus' precious blood:

'T is this that heals the mortal wound,
And reconciles to God.

4 High lifted on the cross,
The spotless victim dies:
This is salvation's only source—
Hence all our hopes arise.

56 S. M. EPIS. COL.

Man guilty.

AH, how shall fallen man
Be just before his God?
If he contend in righteousness,
We fall beneath his rod.

2 If he our ways should mark
With strict inquiring eyes,
Could we for one of thousand faults
A just excuse devise?

3 All-seeing, powerful God,
Who can with thee contend?
Or who that tries th' unequal strife
Shall prosper in the end?

4 The mountains, in thy wrath,
Their ancient seats forsake;
The trembling earth deserts her place,
Her rooted pillars shake.

5 Ah, how shall guilty man
Contend with such a God?
None, none can meet him, and escape,
But through the Saviour's blood.

57 S. M. WATTS.

HOW heavy is the night
That hangs upon our eyes,

Till Christ, with his reviving light,
Over our souls arise!

2 Our guilty spirits dread
To meet the wrath of Heaven;
But, in his righteousness arrayed,
We see our sins forgiven.

3 Unholy and impure
Are all our thoughts and ways;
His hands infected nature cure
With sanctifying grace.

4 The powers of hell agree
To hold our souls in vain;
He sets the sons of bondage free,
And breaks th' accursed chain.

5 Lord, we adore thy ways
To bring us near to God;
Thy sovereign power, thy healing grace,
And thy atoning blood.

58 C. M. WATTS.

Man depraved.

GREAT King of glory and of grace,
We own, with humble shame,
How vile is our degenerate race,
And our first father's name.

2 We live estranged, afar from God,
And love the distance well;
With haste we run the dangerous road
That leads to death and hell.

3 And can such rebels be restored,
Such natures made divine?
Let sinners see thy glory, Lord,
And feel this power of thine.

4 We raise our Father's name on high,
Who his own Spirit sends,
To bring rebellious strangers nigh,
And turn his foes to friends.

59 C. M. WATTS.

Total Depravity.

SIN, like a venomous disease,
Infects our vital blood:
The only balm is sovereign grace,
And the physician God.

2 Our beauty and our strength are fled,
And we draw near to death;
But Christ, the Lord, recalls the dead
With his almighty breath.

3 Madness by nature reigns within,
The passions burn and rage,
Till God's own Son, with skill divine,
The inward fire assuage.

60 C. M. STEELE.

Death in Trespasses and Sins.

HOW helpless guilty nature lies,
Unconscious of her load!
The heart unchanged can never rise
To happiness and God.

2 Can aught beneath a power divine
The stubborn will subdue?
'Tis thine, eternal Spirit, thine
To form the heart anew.

3 'Tis thine the passions to recall,
And upward bid them rise;
To make the scales of error fall
From reason's darkened eyes;

4 To chase the shades of death away,
And bid the sinner live;
A beam of heaven, a vital ray,
'Tis thine alone to give.

5 O change these wretched hearts of ours,
And give them life divine;
Then shall our passions and our powers,
Almighty Lord, be thine.

61 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

Grief for the Sins and Miseries of Men.

ARISE, my tender thoughts, arise;
Let torrents drown my weeping eyes;
And thou, my heart, with anguish feel
Those evils which thou canst not heal.

2 See human beings sunk in shame;
See scandals poured on Jesus' name;
See God insulted through his Son,
The world abused, the soul undone.

3 My heart with reverence hears thy word,
And trembles at thy threatenings, Lord:
I know the wretched, dreadful end
To which their careless steps descend.

4 But feeble my compassion proves;
It can but weep, where most it loves:
Great God, thy saving grace employ,
And turn these drops of grief to joy.

The Gospel.

62 C. M. WATTS.

Our Deliverance.

PLUNGED in a gulf of dark despair,
We wretched sinners lay,
Without one cheering beam of hope,
Or spark of glimmering day.

2 With pitying eyes the Prince of grace
Beheld our helpless grief:
He saw, and—O, amazing love!—
He ran to our relief.

3 Down from the shining seats above
With joyful haste he fled,
Entered the grave in mortal flesh,
And dwelt among the dead.

4 O! for this love let rocks and hills
Their lasting silence break,
And all harmonious human tongues
The Saviour's praises speak.

5 Angels, assist our mighty joys;
Strike all your harps of gold;
But when you raise your highest notes,
His love can ne'er be told.

63 C. M. WATTS.

HOW sad our state by nature is!
Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan holds our captive minds
Fast in his slavish chains.

2 But hark! a voice of sovereign grace
Sounds from the sacred word—
"Ho! ye despairing sinners, come,
And trust upon the Lord."

3 My soul obeys the gracious call,
And runs to this relief;
I would believe thy promise, Lord;
O help my unbelief.

4 A guilty, weak, and helpless worm,
On thy kind arms I fall:
Be thou my strength and righteousness,
My Saviour, and my all.

64 L. M. EPIS. COL.

ALL-glorious God, what hymns of praise
Shall our transported voices raise!
What ardent love and zeal are due,
While heaven stands open to our view!

2 Once we were fallen—O how low!
Just on the brink of endless woe;
When Jesus, from the realms above,
Borne on the wings of boundless love,

3 Scattered the shades of death and night,
And spread around his heavenly light.
By him what wondrous grace is shown
To souls impoverished and undone!

4 He shows, beyond these mortal shores,
A bright inheritance as ours;
Where saints in light our coming wait,
To share their holy, happy state.

65 L. M. WATTS.

BURIED in shadows of the night,
We lie till Christ restores the light;
Wisdom descends to heal the blind,
And chase the darkness of the mind.

2 Our guilty souls are drowned in tears,
Till his atoning blood appears;
Then we awake from deep distress,
And sing "the Lord our righteousness."

66 L. M. WATTS.

DEEP in the dust before thy throne,
Our guilt and our disgrace we own:
Great God, we own th' unhappy name
Whence sprang our nature and our shame.

2 But while our spirits, filled with awe,
Behold the terror of thy law,
We sing the honors of that love
That sent salvation from above.

3 We sing thine everlasting Son,
Who joined our nature to his own;
Adam the second from the dust
Raises the ruins of the first.

4 Where sin did reign and death abound,
There have the sons of Adam found
Immortal life and matchless grace,
Through the Redeemer of our race.

67 C. M. WATTS.

BACKWARD we look with grief and shame
On our original;
On all the race what ruin came
Through our first father's fall!

2 What dreadful darkness veils the mind!
How obstinate the will!
To all that's good averse and blind,
And prone to all that's ill.

3 What mortal power from things unclean
Can pure productions bring?
Who can command a vital stream
From an infected spring?

4 Yet, mighty God, thy wondrous love
Can make us pure within:
Christ and his grace prevail above
The tempter, death, and sin.

5 The second Adam shall restore
Salvation to our race;
He saves by new-creating power,
Through free and sovereign grace.

68 S. M. WATTS.

God's Purpose of Mercy.

THE Lord on high proclaims
His Godhead from his throne;
Mercy and justice are the names
By which he will be known.

2 Ye dying souls that sit
In darkness and distress,
Look from the borders of the pit
To his recovering grace.

3 Sinners shall hear the sound;
Their thankful tongues shall own
Their righteousness and strength are found
In thee, O Lord, alone.

4 In thee shall Israel trust,
And see their guilt forgiven;
Thou wilt pronounce the sinners just,
And take the saints to heaven.

69 L. M. WATTS.

NOT to condemn the sons of men
Did Christ, the Son of God, appear;
No weapons in his hands are seen,
No flaming sword nor thunder there.

2 Such was the pity of our God,
He loved the race of man so well,
He sent his Son to bear our load
Of sins, and save our souls from hell.

3 Sinners, believe the Saviour's word;
Trust in his mighty name, and live;
A thousand joys his lips afford,
His hands a thousand blessings give.

70 C. M. WATTS.

COME, happy souls, approach your God
With new, melodious songs;
Come, render to almighty grace
The tribute of your tongues.

2 So strange, so boundless was the love
That pitied dying men,
The Father sent his equal Son
To give them life again.

3 Thy hands, dear Jesus, were not armed
With a revenging rod;
No hard commission to perform—
The vengeance of a God.

4 But all was mercy, all was mild,
And wrath forsook the throne,
When Christ on the kind errand came,
And brought salvation down.

5 Here, sinners, come and heal your wounds;
Come, wipe your sorrows dry;
Come, trust the mighty Saviour's name,
And you shall never die.

6 See, dearest Lord, our willing souls
Accept thine offered grace;
We bless the great Redeemer's love,
And give the Father praise.

71 S. M. WATTS.

RAISE your triumphant songs
To an immortal tune;
Let all the earth resound the deeds
Celestial grace has done.

2 Sing how Eternal Love
Its chief Beloved chose,
And bade him raise our ruined race
From their abyss of woes.

3 His hand no thunder bears,
No terror clothes his brow,
No bolts to drive our guilty souls
To fiercer flames below.

4 'Twas mercy filled the throne,
And wrath stood silent by,
When Christ was sent with pardons down
To rebels doomed to die.

5 Now, sinners, dry your tears;
Let hopeless sorrow cease;
Bow to the sceptre of his love,
And take the offered peace.

6 Lord, we obey thy call;
We lay an humble claim
To the salvation thou hast brought,
And love and praise thy name.

72 C. M. WATTS.

The Gospel hailed.

SALVATION!—O the joyful sound!
'Tis pleasure to our ears;
A sovereign balm for every wound,
A cordial for our fears.

2 Buried in sorrow and in sin,
At hell's dark door we lay;
But we arise by grace divine
To see a heavenly day.

3 Salvation!—let the echo fly
The spacious earth around,
While all the armies of the sky
Conspire to raise the sound.

73 L. M. WATTS.

The Object of the Gospel.

THIS is the word of truth and love,
Sent to the nations from above:
Jehovah here resolves to show
What his almighty grace can do.

2 This remedy did wisdom find,
To heal diseases of the mind;
This sovereign balm, whose virtues can
Restore the ruined creature, man.

3 The gospel bids the dead revive;
Sinners obey the voice, and live:
Dry bones are raised, and clothed afresh,
And hearts of stone are turned to flesh.

4 May but this grace my soul renew,
Let sinners gaze, and hate me too;
The word that saves me does engage
A sure defence from all their rage.

74 L. M. BEDDOME.

The Gospel originating in Sovereign Mercy.

GOD, in the gospel of his Son,
Makes his eternal counsels known:
Here love in all its glory shines,
And truth is drawn in fairest lines.

2 Here sinners of an humble frame
May taste his grace and learn his name;
May read, in characters of blood,
The wisdom, power, and grace of God.

3 Here faith reveals to mortal eyes
A brighter world beyond the skies;
Here shines the light which guides our way
From earth to realms of endless day.

4 O grant us grace, almighty Lord,
To read and mark thy holy word;
Its truths with meekness to receive,
And by its holy precepts live.

75 C. M. WATTS.

Salvation by Grace.

LORD, we confess our numerous faults,
How great our guilt has been;
Foolish and vain were all our thoughts,
And all our lives were sin.

2 But, O my soul, for ever praise,
For ever love his name
Who turns thy feet from dangerous ways
Of folly, sin, and shame.

3 'Tis not by works of righteousness
Which our own hands have done,
But we are saved by sovereign grace,
Abounding through his Son.

4 'Tis from the mercy of our God
That all our hopes begin:
'Tis by the water and the blood
Our souls are washed from sin.

5 'Tis through the purchase of his death
Who hung upon the tree,
The Spirit is sent down to breathe
On such dry bones as we.

6 Raised from the dead, we live anew;
And, justified by grace,
We shall appear in glory too,
And see our Father's face.

76 S. M. DODDRIDGE.

GRACE!—'tis a charming sound,
Harmonious to the ear:
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear.

2 Grace first contrived a way
To save rebellious man;
And all its steps that grace display
Which drew the wondrous plan.

3 Grace taught my roving feet
To tread the heavenly road;
And new supplies each hour I meet,
While pressing on to God.

4 Grace all the work shall crown,
Through everlasting days;
It lays in heaven the topmost stone,
And well deserves the praise.

77 C. M. NEWTON.

Triumphant Grace.

AMAZING grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found—
Was blind, but now I see.

2 'T was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'T is grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be for ever mine.

78 L. M.

The Gospel's joyful Sound.

COME, dearest Lord, who reign'st above,
And draw me with the cords of love;
And while the gospel does abound,
O may I know the joyful sound!

2 Sweet are the tidings, free the grace,
It brings to our apostate race;
It spreads a heavenly light around:
"O may I know the joyful sound!"

3 The gospel bids the sin-sick soul
Look up to Jesus and be whole;
In him are peace and pardon found:
"O may I know the joyful sound!"

4 It stems the tide of swelling grief,
Affords the needy sure relief;

Releases those by Satan bound:
"O may I know the joyful sound!"

79 S. M. WATTS.

The Law and the Gospel.

THE law by Moses came,
But peace and truth and love
Were brought by Christ, a nobler name,
Descending from above.

2 Amid the house of God
Their different works were done;
Moses a faithful servant stood—
Christ, a beloved Son.

3 Then to his new commands
Be strict obedience paid;
O'er all his Father's house he stands
The Sovereign and the Head.

4 The man that durst despise
The law that Moses brought,
Behold how terribly he dies
For his presumptuous fault!

5 But sorer vengeance falls
On that rebellious race
Who hear not when the Saviour calls,
And dare resist his grace.

80 L. M. WATTS.

The Law and Gospel contrasted.

THE law commands and makes us know
What duties to our God we owe;
But 't is the gospel must reveal
Where lies our strength to do his will.

2 The law discovers guilt and sin,
And shows how vile our hearts have been:
Only the gospel can express
Forgiving love and cleansing grace.

3 What curses does the law denounce
Against the man that fails but once!
But in the gospel Christ appears,
Pardoning the guilt of numerous years.

4 My soul, no more attempt to draw
Thy life and comfort from the law:
Fly to the hope the gospel gives:
The man that trusts the promise lives.

81 S. M. WATTS.

The Law and Gospel joined in Scripture.

THE Lord declares his will,
And keeps the world in awe;
Amidst the smoke of Sinai's hill
Breaks out his fiery law.

2 The Lord reveals his face,
And smiling from above
Sends down the gospel of his grace,
The epistles of his love.

3 These sacred words impart
Our Maker's just commands;
The pity of his melting heart,
And vengeance of his hands.

4 We read the heavenly word,
We take the offered grace,
Obey the statutes of the Lord,
And trust his promises.

82 H. M. DODDRIDGE.

Effects of the Gospel.

MARK the soft falling snow
And the descending rain:
To heaven, from whence it fell,
It turns not back again,
But waters earth through every pore,
And calls forth all her secret store.

2 Arrayed in beauties green,
The hills and valleys shine,
And man and beast are fed
By providence divine:
The harvest bows its golden ears,
The copious seed of future years.

3 So, saith the God of grace,
My gospel shall descend,
Almighty to effect
The purpose I intend:
Millions of souls shall feel its power,
And bear it down to millions more.

Christ.

83 L. M. DOBELL'S COL.

Nativity of the Saviour.

WAKE, O my soul, and hail the morn,
For unto us a Saviour's born:
See how the angels wing their way
To usher in the glorious day!

2 Hark! what sweet music! what a song
Sounds from the bright, celestial throng!
Sweet song, whose melting sounds impart
Joy to each raptured, listening heart.

3 Come, join the angels in the sky;
Glory to God, who reigns on high;
Let peace and love on earth abound
While time revolves and years roll round.

84 7s. C. WESLEY.

HARK! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"

2 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

3 Mild, he lays his glory by;
Born, that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.

4 Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see,
Hail th' incarnate Deity;
Pleased as man with men t' appear,
See the great Immanuel here.

5 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.

85 8s. & 7s. CAWOOD.

HARK! what mean those holy voices,
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! th' angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

2 Hear them tell the wondrous story;
Hear them chant in hymns of joy,
"Glory in the highest—glory!
Glory be to God most high!

3 Peace on earth, good-will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found."
"Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven"—
Loud our golden harps shall sound.

4 Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth his praises sing:
O receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King.

5 Haste, ye mortals, to adore him;
Learn his name and taste his joy,
Till in heaven ye sing before him,
Glory be to God most high!

86 S. M. WATTS.

BEHOLD, the grace appears,
The blessing promised long:
Angels announce the Saviour near
In this triumphant song:

2 "Glory to God on high,
And heavenly peace on earth;
Good-will to men, to angels joy,
At the Redeemer's birth!"

3 In worship so divine
Let men employ their tongues;

With the celestial host we join,
And loud repeat their songs—

4 "Glory to God on high,
And heavenly peace on earth;
Good-will to men, to angels joy,
At our Redeemer's birth!"

87 C. M. Goss's Col.

HIGH let us swell our tuneful notes,
And join th' angelic throng;
For angels no such love have known,
To wake the cheerful song.

2 Good-will to sinful men is shown,
And peace on earth is given;
For lo! th' incarnate Saviour comes
With messages from heaven.

3 Justice and grace, with sweet accord,
His rising beams adorn:
Let heaven and earth in concert join—
To us a Saviour's born.

4 Glory to God, in highest strains,
In highest words be paid;
His glory by our lips proclaimed,
And by our lives displayed.

88 S. M.

WE come with joyful song
To hail this happy morn:
Glad tidings from an angel's tongue,
"This day is Jesus born!"

2 What transports doth his name
To sinful men afford!
His glorious titles we proclaim—
A Saviour, Christ the Lord!

3 Glory to God on high!
All hail the happy morn!
We join the anthems of the sky,
And sing, "The Saviour 's born!"

89 C. M. MEDLEY.

MORTALS, awake! with angels join,
And chant the solemn lay:
Joy, love, and gratitude combine
To hail th' auspicious day.

2 In heaven the rapturous song began,
And sweet seraphic fire
Through all the shining legions ran,
And strung and tuned the lyre.

3 Swift through the vast expanse it flew,
And loud the echo rolled;
The theme, the song, the joy was new;
'Twas more than heaven could hold.

4 Down through the portals of the sky
The heavenly tidings ran,
And angels flew with eager joy
To bear the news to man.

5 With joy the chorus we 'll repeat—
"Glory to God on high!
Good-will and peace to man complete—
Jesus is born to die."

6 Hail, Prince of Life, for ever hail!
Redeemer, Brother, Friend!
Though earth, and time, and life should fail,
Thy praise shall never end.

90 L. M.

AWAKE, arise, and hail the morn,
For unto us a Saviour 's born:

See how the angels wing their way
To usher in the glorious day.

2 Hark! what sweet music, what a song
Sounds from the bright celestial throng!
Sweet song, whose melting sounds impart
Joy to each raptured listening heart.

3 Come, join the angels in the sky,
"Glory to God, who reigns on high!"
Let peace and love on earth abound
While time revolves and years roll round.

91 8s. & 7s.

SHEPHERDS, hail the wondrous stranger;
Now to Bethlehem speed your way;
Lo! in yonder humble manger
Christ the Lord is born to-day.

2 Christ, by prophets long predicted,
Joy of Israel's chosen race;
Light to Gentiles long afflicted,
Lost in error's darkest maze.

3 Bright the Star of your salvation,
Pointing to his rude abode:
Rapturous news for every nation—
Mortals, now behold your God!

4 Glad, we trace th' amazing story;
Angels leave their bliss to tell;
Theme sublime, replete with glory,
Sinners saved from death and hell.

5 Love eternal moved the Saviour
Thus to lay his radiance by:
Blessings on the Lamb for ever;
Glory be to God on high!

92 8, 7, & 4. PRATT'S COL.

Call to worship the new-born Saviour.

ANGELS, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the heavenly light:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

4 Sinners, wrung with true repentance,
Doomed for guilt to endless pains,
Justice now revokes the sentence,
Mercy calls you—break your chains!
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

93 8s. & 7s. EPIS. COL.

Christ welcomed as a Saviour.

HAIL, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free!
From our sins and fears release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the saints thou art;

Long desired of every nation,
Joy of every waiting heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver;
Born a child, yet God our King;
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

94 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

Design of Christ's Advent.

HARK! the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

2 He comes the prisoner to release,
In Satan's bondage held:
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray,
And on the eyes oppressed with night
To pour celestial day.

4 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
T' enrich the humble poor.

5 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

95 C. M. MONT. COL.

Names of Christ.

TO us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given:
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of heaven.

2 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
For evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.

3 His power, increasing, still shall spread;
His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
And peace abound below.

4 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given—
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The mighty Lord of heaven.

96 L. M. WATTS.

Deity and Humanity of Christ.

BEFORE the heavens were spread abroad,
From everlasting was the Word:
With God he was—the Word was God,
And must divinely be adored.

2 By his own power were all things made;
By him supported, all things stand;
He is the whole creation's head,
And angels fly at his command.

3 Ere sin was born, or Satan fell,
He led the host of morning stars:
His generation who can tell,
Or count the number of his years?

4 But lo, he leaves those heavenly forms:
  The Word descends and dwells in clay,
That he may converse hold with worms,
  Dressed in such feeble flesh as they.

5 Mortals with joy beheld his face,
  Th' eternal Father's only Son:
How full of truth, how full of grace,
  When in his eyes the Godhead shone!

6 Archangels leave their high abode
  To learn new mysteries here, and tell
The love of our descending God,
  The glories of Immanuel.

97 L. M. WATTS.

Deity, Humiliation, and Exaltation of Christ.

NOW for a tune of lofty praise
  To great Jehovah's equal Son!
Awake, my voice, in heavenly lays,
  Tell loud the wonders he hath done.

2 Sing how he left the worlds of light,
  And those bright robes he wore above;
How swift and joyful was his flight,
  On wings of everlasting love!

3 Deep in the shades of gloomy death,
  Th' almighty captive prisoner lay;
Th' almighty captive left the earth,
  And rose to everlasting day.

4 Among a thousand harps and songs,
  Jesus, the God, exalted reigns:
His sacred name fills all their tongues,
  And echoes through the heavenly plains!

98 L. M. WATTS.

Divine Glory displayed in the Person of Christ.

NOW to the Lord a noble song!
Awake, my soul! awake, my tongue!
Hosanna to th' Eternal Name,
And all his boundless love proclaim.

2 See where it shines in Jesus' face,
The brightest image of his grace:
God, in the person of his Son,
Has all his mightiest works outdone.

3 Grace! 'tis a sweet, a charming theme—
My thoughts rejoice at Jesus' name!
Ye angels, dwell upon the sound;
Ye heavens, reflect it to the ground!

4 O may I reach that happy place
Where he unveils his lovely face;
Where all his beauties you behold,
And sing his name to harps of gold!

99 L. M. WATTS.

God the Son equal with the Father.

BRIGHT King of glory, dreadful God,
Our spirits bow before thy seat;
To thee we lift an humble thought,
And worship at thine awful feet.

2 A thousand seraphs, strong and bright,
Stand round the glorious Deity;
But who among the sons of light
Pretends comparison with thee?

3 Yet there is one of human frame—
Jesus, arrayed in flesh and blood,
Thinks it no robbery to claim
A full equality with God.

4 Now let the name of Christ, our King,
With equal honors be adored;
His praise let every angel sing,
And all the nations own him Lord.

100 C. M. CURTIS'S COL.

Miracles of Christ.

JESUS, and didst thou condescend,
When veiled in human clay,
To heal the sick, the lame, the blind,
And drive disease away?

2 Didst thou regard the beggar's cry,
And give the blind to see?
Jesus, thou Son of David, hear—
Have mercy, too, on me!

3 And didst thou pity mortal woe,
And sight and health restore?
O pity, Lord, and save my soul,
Which needs thy mercy more!

4 Didst thou thy trembling servant raise
When sinking in the wave?
I perish, Lord!—O save my soul!
For thou alone canst save.

101 L. M. WATTS.

Divinity of Christ proved by his Miracles.

BEHOLD, the blind their sight receive;
Behold, the dead awake and live;
The dumb speak wonders, and the lame
Leap like the hart, and bless his name.

2 Thus doth th' eternal Spirit own
And seal the mission of the Son;
The Father vindicates his cause
While he hangs bleeding on the cross.

3 He dies!—the heavens in mourning stood;
He rises, and appears a God:
Behold the Lord ascending high,
No more to bleed, no more to die.

4 Hence and for ever from my heart
I bid my doubts and fears depart;
And to those hands my soul resign
Which bear credentials so divine.

102 L. M. STEELE.

Peace and Hope through Christ's Intercession.

HE lives—the great Redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives!
And now, before his Father God,
He pleads the merits of his blood.

2 Repeated crimes awake our fears,
And justice armed with frowns appears;
But in the Saviour's lovely face
Sweet mercy smiles, and all is peace!

3 Hence, then, ye black, despairing thoughts!
Above our fears, above our faults,
His powerful intercessions rise,
And guilt recedes, and terror dies.

4 In every dark, distressful hour,
When sin and Satan join their power,
Let this dear hope repel the dart,
That Jesus bears us on his heart.

5 Great Advocate, almighty Friend,
On thee our humble hopes depend;
Our cause can never, never fail,
For thou dost plead, and must prevail.

103 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Christ's Exaltation and Intercession.

JESUS, the Conqueror, reigns,
In glorious strength arrayed;
His kingdom over all maintains,
And bids the earth be glad.

2 Ye sons of men, rejoice
In Jesus' mighty love:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice
To him who rules above.

3 Extol his kingly power;
Adore th' exalted Son,
Who died, but lives, to die no more,
High on his Father's throne.

4 Our advocate with God,
He undertakes our cause,
And spreads through all the earth abroad
The victory of his cross.

104 P. M. C. WESLEY.

Christ's Intercession.

ARISE, my soul, arise;
Shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands—
My name is written on his hands.

2 He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for all our race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly speak for me:
Forgive him! O forgive! they cry,
Nor let that ransomed sinner die!

4 The Father hears him pray,
His dear anointed One:
He cannot turn away
The presence of his Son;
His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

5 My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear:
He owns me for his child—
I can no longer fear:
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And Father! Abba, Father! cry.

105 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Christ our Intercessor.

JESUS, by his own precious blood,
Ascends above the skies,
And in the presence of our God
Shows his own sacrifice.

2 Jesus is King!—behold him reign
On Zion's heavenly hill:
He seems the Lamb that had been slain,
And wears his priesthood still.

3 He ever lives to intercede
By virtue of his blood,
And ceases not for all to plead
Who come by him to God.

106 C. M. WATTS.

Christ a merciful High-Priest.

WITH joy we meditate the grace
Of our High-Priest above;
His heart is made of tenderness,
His bowels melt with love.

2 Touched with a sympathy within,
He knows our feeble frame;
He knows what sore temptations mean,
For he has felt the same.

3 He, in the days of feeble flesh,
Poured out his cries and tears,
And in his measure feels afresh
What every member bears.

4 Then let our humble faith address
His mercy and his power:
We shall obtain delivering grace
In each distressing hour.

107 H. M. WATTS.

Christ a Prophet, Priest, and King.

JOIN all the glorious names
Of wisdom, love, and power,
That ever mortals knew,
Or angels ever bore:
All are too mean to speak his worth,
Too mean to set the Saviour forth.

2 Great Prophet of our God,
Our tongue 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.

3 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.

4 O thou almighty Lord,
Our Conqueror and our King,
Thy sceptre and thy sword,
Thy reigning grace we sing:
Thine is the power—O make us sit
In willing bonds beneath thy feet.

108 L. M. WATTS.

Christ a Pattern for his Followers.

MY dear Redeemer and my Lord,
I read my duty in thy word;
But in thy life the law appears
Drawn out in living characters.

2 Such was thy truth, and such thy zeal,
Such deference to thy Father's will,
Such love, and meekness so divine,
I would transcribe, and make them mine.

3 Cold mountains and the midnight air
Witnessed the fervor of thy prayer:
The desert thy temptations knew,
Thy conflict, and thy victory too.

4 Be thou my pattern; make me bear
More of thy gracious image here;
Then God the Judge shall own my name
Among the followers of the Lamb.

109 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

BEHOLD where, in a mortal form,
Appears each grace divine!
The virtues, all in Jesus met,
With mildest radiance shine.

2 To spread the rays of heavenly light,
To give the mourner joy,
To preach glad tidings to the poor,
Was his divine employ.

3 Midst keen reproach and cruel scorn,
He meek and patient stood;
His foes, ungrateful, sought his life,
Who labored for their good.

4 When in the hour of deep distress,
Before his Father's throne,
With soul resigned, he bowed, and said,
"Thy will, not mine, be done!"

5 Be Christ our pattern and our guide,
His image may we bear!
O may we tread his holy steps,
His joy and glory share!

110 C. M. BEDDOME.

IN duties and in sufferings too,
Thy path, my Lord, I'd trace;
As thou hast done, so would I do,
Depending on thy grace.

2 Inflamed with zeal, 'twas thy delight
To do thy Father's will:
O may that zeal my soul excite,
Thy precepts to fulfil.

3 Meekness, humility, and love,
Through all thy conduct shine:
O may my whole deportment prove
A copy, Lord, of thine!

111 L. M.

"FATHER divine," the Saviour cried,
While horrors pressed on every side,
And prostrate on the ground he lay,
"Remove this bitter cup away.

2 "But if these pangs must still be borne,
And stripes, and wounds, and cruel scorn,
I bow my soul before thy throne,
And say, Thy will, not mine, be done."

3 Thus our submissive souls would bow,
And, taught by Jesus, lie as low:
Our hearts, and not our lips alone,
Would say, "Thy will, not ours, be done."

4 Then, though like him in dust we lie,
We'll view the blissful moment nigh,
Which, from our portion in his pains,
Calls to the joy in which he reigns.

112 L. M. STEELE.

AND is the gospel peace and love?
So let our conversation be;
The serpent blended with the dove,
Wisdom and meek simplicity.

2 Whene'er the angry passions rise,
And tempt our thoughts or tongues to strife,
On Jesus let us fix our eyes,
Bright pattern of the Christian life.

3 O how benevolent and kind!
How mild, how ready to forgive!

Be his the temper of our mind,
And his the rule by which we live.

4 To do his heavenly Father's will
Was his employment and delight;
Humility and holy zeal
Shone through his life divinely bright.

5 Dispensing good where'er he came,
The labors of his life were love:
If then we love the Saviour's name,
Let his divine example move.

6 But ah! how blind, how weak we are!
How frail, how apt to turn aside!
Lord, we depend upon thy care,
And ask thy Spirit for our guide.

113 L. M. GIBBONS.

WHEN Jesus dwelt in mortal clay,
What were his works from day to day
But miracles of power and grace,
That spread salvation through our race?

2 Teach us, O Lord, to keep in view
Thy pattern, and thy steps pursue;
Let alms bestowed, let kindness done,
Be witnessed by each rolling sun.

3 The man who marks, from day to day,
In generous acts his radiant way,
Treads the same path his Saviour trod,
The path to glory and to God.

114 L. M. STEELE.

Redemption by Christ alone.

ENSLAVED by sin, fast bound in chains,
Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,

And doomed to everlasting pains,
We wretched, guilty captives lay.

2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace;
Not the whole world's collected store
Suffice to purchase our release:
A thousand worlds were all too poor.

3 Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,
An all-sufficient ransom paid:
Invalued price! his precious blood
For vile, rebellious traitors shed.

4 Jesus the sacrifice became,
To rescue guilty souls from hell;
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb
Beneath avenging justice fell!

5 Amazing goodness! love divine!
O may our grateful hearts adore
The matchless grace, nor yield to sin,
Nor wear its cruel fetters more!

6 Dear Saviour, let thy love pursue
The glorious work it has begun;
Each secret lurking foe subdue,
And let our hearts be thine alone.

115 L. M. MEDLEY.

Praise for Loving-kindness.

AWAKE, my soul, in joyful lays,
And sing thy great Redeemer's praise;
He justly claims a song from thee;
His loving-kindness, O how free!

2 He saw me ruined in the fall,
Yet loved me, notwithstanding all;
He saved me from my lost estate;
His loving-kindness, O how great!

3 Though numerous hosts of mighty foes,
Though earth and hell my way oppose,
He safely leads my soul along;
His loving-kindness, O how strong!

4 When trouble, like a gloomy cloud,
Has gathered thick and thundered loud,
He near my soul has always stood;
His loving-kindness, O how good!

5 Often I feel my sinful heart
Prone from my Saviour to depart;
But though I oft have him forgot,
His loving-kindness changes not.

6 Soon shall I pass the gloomy vale,
Soon all my mortal powers must fail;
O may my last expiring breath
His loving-kindness sing in death!

7 Then let me mount and soar away
To the bright world of endless day,
And sing, with rapture and surprise,
His loving-kindness in the skies.

SUFFERINGS AND DEATH OF CHRIST.

116 S. M. WATTS.

Christ suffering for our Sins.

LIKE sheep we went astray,
And broke the fold of God;
Each wandering in a different way,
But all the downward road.

2 How dreadful was the hour
When God our wanderings laid,

And did at once his vengeance pour
Upon the Shepherd's head!

3 How glorious was the grace
When Christ sustained the stroke!
His life and blood the Shepherd pays
A ransom for the flock.

4 But God shall raise his head
O'er all the sons of men,
And make him see a numerous seed,
To recompense his pain.

5 "I'll give him," saith the Lord,
"A portion with the strong:
He shall possess a large reward,
And hold his honors long."

117 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

Humiliation of Christ.

AND did the holy and the just,
The Sovereign of the skies,
Stoop down to wretchedness and dust,
That guilty man might rise!

2 Yes, the Redeemer left his throne,
His radiant throne on high—
Surprising mercy! love unknown!—
To suffer, bleed, and die.

3 To dwell with misery here below,
The Saviour left the skies,
And sunk to wretchedness and woe,
That worthless man might rise.

4 He took the dying traitor's place,
And suffered in his stead;
For sinful man—O wondrous grace!—
For sinful man he bled!

5 O Lord! what heavenly wonders dwell
In thine atoning blood!
By this are sinners saved from hell,
And rebels brought to God.

118 C. M. Mrs. Steele.

JESUS, and didst thou leave the sky
For miseries and for woes?
And didst thou bleed, and groan, and die,
For vile, rebellious foes?

2 Victorious love! what tongue can tell
The wonders of thy power,
Which conquered all the force of hell
In that tremendous hour!

3 Is there a heart that will not bend
To thy divine control?
Descend, O sovereign love, descend,
And melt that stubborn soul.

4 Come, dearest Lord, extend thy reign
Till rebels rise no more;
Thy praise all nature then shall join,
And heaven and earth adore.

119 7s. Montgomery.

Sufferings of Christ in the Garden.

GO to dark Gethsemane,
Ye who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with him one bitter hour:
Turn not from his griefs away,
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment-hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned:

O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn of him to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb:
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who hath taken him away?
Christ has risen; he meets our eyes:
Saviour, teach us so to rise.

120 8, 6 & 8. CH. PSALMODY.

BEYOND where Cedron's waters flow,
Behold the suffering Saviour go
To sad Gethsemane:
His countenance is all divine,
Yet grief appears in every line.

2 He bows beneath the sins of men;
He cries to God, and cries again,
In sad Gethsemane:
He lifts his mournful eyes above—
"My Father can this cup remove!"

3 With gentle resignation still
He yielded to his Father's will
In sad Gethsemane:
"Behold me here, thy only Son,
And, Father, let thy will be done."

4 The Father heard, and angels there
Sustained the Son of God in prayer,
In sad Gethsemane:
He drank the dreadful cup of pain,
Then rose to life and joy again.

5 When storms of sorrow round us sweep,
And scenes of anguish make us weep,
To sad Gethsemane
We'll look, and see the Saviour there,
And humbly bow, like him, in prayer.

121 L. M.

'TIS midnight; and on Olive's brow
The star is dimmed that lately shone:
'Tis midnight: in the garden now
The suffering Saviour prays alone.

2 'Tis midnight; and from all removed,
Immanuel wrestles lone with fears:
E'en the disciple that he loved
Heeds not his Master's griefs and tears.

3 'Tis midnight; and for others' guilt
The Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet he that hath in anguish knelt
Is not forsaken by his God.

4 'Tis midnight; and from ether plains
Is borne the song that angels know:
Unheard by mortals are the strains
That sweetly soothe the Saviour's woe.

122 C. M. HAWEIS.

DARK was the night, and cold the ground
On which the Lord was laid;
His sweat as drops of blood ran down,
In agony he prayed:

2 "Father, remove this bitter cup,
If such thy sacred will;
If not, content to drink it up,
Thy pleasure I fulfil."

3 Go to the garden, sinner; see
Those precious drops that flow:
The heavy load he bore for thee;
For thee he lies so low.

4 Then learn of him the cross to bear,
Thy Father's will obey;
And when temptations press thee near,
Awake to watch and pray.

123 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Death of Christ on the Cross.

BEHOLD the Saviour of mankind
Nailed to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that him inclined
To bleed and die for me!

2 "My God," he cries—all nature shakes,
And earth's strong pillars bend;
The temple's veil in sunder breaks,
The solid marbles rend!

3 "'Tis finished—now the ransom's paid—
Receive my soul," he cries:
Behold, he bows his sacred head—
He bows his head, and dies!

4 But soon he'll break death's envious chain,
And in full glory shine:
O Lamb of God, was ever pain,
Was ever love like thine?

124 L. M. STEELE.

STRETCHED on the cross, the Saviour dies:
Hark! his expiring groans arise:
See, from his hands, his feet, his side,
Descends the sacred crimson tide!

2 And didst thou bleed—for sinners bleed?
And could the sun behold the deed?
No; he withdrew his cheering ray,
And darkness veiled the mourning day.

3 Can I survey this scene of woe,
Where mingling grief and mercy flow,
And yet my heart so hard remain
As not to move with love or pain?

4 Come, dearest Lord, thy grace impart,
To warm this cold, this stupid heart,
Till all its powers and passions move
In melting grief and ardent love.

125 8, 7 & 4. CURTIS'S COL.

HARK! the voice of love and mercy
Sounds aloud from Calvary!
See, it rends the rocks asunder,
Shakes the earth, and veils the sky!
"It is finished!"
Hear the dying Saviour cry!

2 "It is finished!"—O what pleasure
Do these charming words afford!
Heavenly blessings, without measure,
Flow to us through Christ the Lord.
"It is finished!"
Saints, the dying words record!

3 Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs;
Join to sing the pleasing theme:

All in earth and heaven uniting,
Join to praise Immanuel's name:
Hallelujah!
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

126 L. M. STENNETT.

"'TIS finished!" so the Saviour cried,
And meekly bowed his head and died;
'Tis finished!—yes, the race is run,
The battle fought, the victory won.

2 'Tis finished! This his dying groan
Shall sins of deepest hue atone:
Millions shall be redeemed from death
By Jesus' last expiring breath.

3 'Tis finished! Heaven is reconciled,
And all the powers of darkness spoiled;
Peace, love, and happiness again
Return, and dwell with sinful men.

4 'Tis finished! Let the thrilling sound
Be heard through all the nations round:
'Tis finished! Let the triumph rise,
And swell the chorus of the skies.

127 C. M.

"MY God, my God, why now forsake
Thy well-beloved Son!"
'Twas thus in agony he spake:
Creation felt the groan.

2 With a loud voice again he cried,
And yielded up his breath;
The earth, the rending rocks replied,
The saints awoke from death.

3 O wondrous grief! O grace divine;
Love that shall never end!
Our souls and bodies we resign
To thee, the sinner's Friend.

128 10, 7 & 9.

SAW ye my Saviour, saw ye my Saviour,
Saw ye my Saviour and God?
O, he died on Calvary
To atone for you and me,
And to purchase our pardon with blood.

2 He was extended, he was extended,
Painfully nailed to the cross:
Here he bowed his head and died—
Thus my Lord was crucified
To atone for a world that was lost.

3 Jesus hung bleeding, Jesus hung bleeding
Three dreadful hours in pain;
And the solid rocks were rent
Through creation's vast extent,
When the Jews crucified the God-man.

4 Darkness prevailed, darkness prevailed,
Darkness prevailed o'er the land,
And the sun refused to shine,
When his Majesty Divine
Was derided, insulted, and slain.

5 When it was finished, when it was finished,
And the atonement was made,
He was taken by the great,
And embalmed in spices sweet,
And was in a new sepulchre laid.

6 Hail, mighty Saviour! hail, mighty Saviour,
Prince and the author of peace!
O, he burst the bars of death,
And triumphant from beneath
He ascended to mansions of bliss.

7 There interceding, there interceding,
Pleading that sinners may live;
Crying, "Father, I have died:
O behold my hands and side!
O forgive them! I pray thee forgive!"

8 "I will forgive them, I will forgive them,
When they repent and believe:
Let them now return to thee,
And be reconciled to me,
And salvation they all shall receive."

129 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

The Atonement the only Ground of Pardon.

IN vain we seek for peace with God
By methods of our own:
Blest Saviour! nothing but thy blood
Can bring us near the throne.

2 The threatenings of thy broken law
Impress the soul with dread:
If God his sword of vengeance draw,
It strikes the spirit dead.

3 But thy atoning sacrifice
Hath answered all demands;
And peace and pardon from the skies
Come to us by thy hands.

4 'Tis by thy death we live, O Lord;
'Tis on thy cross we rest;
For ever be thy love adored,
Thy name for ever blest.

130 S. M. WATTS

NOT all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.

2 But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

3 My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of thine,
While like a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see
The burdens thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree,
And hopes her guilt was there.

5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,
And sing his bleeding love.

131 L. M. WATTS.

Death and Resurrection of Christ.

HE dies! the Friend of sinners dies!
Lo! Salem's daughters weep around!
A solemn darkness veils the skies,
A sudden trembling shakes the ground!

2 Ye saints, approach: the anguish view
Of him who groans beneath your load:
He gives his precious life for you,
For you he sheds his precious blood.

3 Here's love and grief beyond degree—
The Lord of glory dies for men!
But, lo! what sudden joys we see!
Jesus, the dead, revives again!

4 The rising God forsakes the tomb;
Up to his Father's court he flies;
Cherubic legions guard him home,
And shout him welcome to the skies!

5 Break off your tears, ye saints, and tell
How high our great Deliverer reigns;

Sing how he spoiled the hosts of hell,
And led the tyrant Death in chains!

6 Say, "Live for ever, glorious King,
Born to redeem, and strong to save!"
Then ask, "O Death, where is thy sting?
And where thy victory, boasting Grave?"

RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF CHRIST.

132 H. M. DODDRIDGE.

Resurrection of Christ.

YES, the Redeemer rose,
The Saviour left the dead,
And o'er our hellish foes
High raised his conquering head;
In wild dismay,
The guards around
Fall to the ground,
And sink away.

2 Behold, th' angelic bands
In full assembly meet,
To wait his high commands,
And worship at his feet.
Joyful they come,
And wing their way
From realms of day
To Jesus' tomb.

3 Then back to heaven they fly,
The joyful news to bear:
Hark! as they soar on high,
What music fills the air!

Their anthems say,
"Jesus, who bled,
Hath left the dead:
He rose to-day."

4 Ye mortals, catch the sound—
Redeemed by him from hell—
And send the echo round
The globe on which you dwell;
Transported, cry,
"Jesus, who bled,
Hath left the dead,
No more to die."

133 7s. GIBBONS

ANGELS, roll the rock away!
Death, yield up thy mighty prey!
See! he rises from the tomb—
Rises with immortal bloom.

2 'T is the Saviour! seraphs, raise
Your triumphant shouts of praise:
Let the earth's remotest bound
Hear the joy-inspiring sound.

3 Lift, ye saints—lift up your eyes:
Now to glory see him rise!
Hosts of angels on the road
Hail and sing th' incarnate God.

4 Heaven unfolds its portals wide:
Gracious Conqueror, through them ride:
King of glory, mount thy throne:
Boundless empire is thine own.

5 Praise him, all ye heavenly choirs;
Praise, and sweep your golden lyres;
Praise him in the noblest songs,
Praise him from ten thousand tongues.

134 C. M. WATTS.

BLEST morning, whose first dawning rays
Beheld our rising God;
That saw him triumph o'er the dust,
And leave his dark abode.

2 In the cold prison of a tomb
The great Redeemer lay,
Till the revolving skies had brought
The third, th' appointed day.

3 Hell and the grave unite their force
To hold the Lord in vain;
Behold the mighty Conqueror rise,
And burst their feeble chain.

4 To thy great name, almighty Lord,
These sacred hours we pay,
And loud hosannas shall proclaim
The triumph of the day.

135 S. M. KELLY.

Redemption completed by the Resurrection.

"THE Lord is risen indeed;"
Then justice asks no more;
Mercy and truth are now agreed,
Who stood opposed before.

2 "The Lord is risen indeed;"
Then is his work performed;
The mighty captive now is freed,
And death, our foe, disarmed.

3 "The Lord is risen indeed;"
Then hell has lost his prey:
With him is risen the ransomed seed,
To reign in endless day.

4 "The Lord is risen indeed;"
Attending angels hear;
Up to the courts of heaven with speed
The joyful tidings bear.

5 Then wake your golden lyres,
And strike each cheerful chord;
Join, all ye bright, celestial choirs,
To sing our risen Lord.

136 7s. PRATT'S COL.

CHRIST, the Lord, is risen to-day,
Our triumphant, holy day:
He endured the cross and grave,
Sinners to redeem and save.

2 Lo! he rises—mighty King!
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Lo! he claims his native sky!
Grave! where is thy victory?

3 Sinners! see your ransom paid,
Peace with God for ever made:
With your risen Saviour rise;
Claim with him the purchased skies.

4 Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day,
Our triumphant, holy day:
Loud the song of victory raise;
Shout the great Redeemer's praise.

137 7s. PRATT'S COL.

CHRIST, the Lord, is risen to-day,
Sons of men and angels say:
Raise your songs of triumph high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply!

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;

Lo! our sun's eclipse is o'er:
Lo! he sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal—
Christ hath burst the gates of hell:
Death in vain forbids his rise,
Christ hath opened Paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King—
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save—
Where thy victory, boasting Grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ hath led,
Following our exalted Head:
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

138 7s. COLLYER.

Darkness of the Tomb scattered by Christ.

MORNING breaks upon the tomb,
Jesus scatters all its gloom:
Day of triumph! through the skies
See the glorious Saviour rise!

2 Ye who are of death afraid,
Triumph in the scattered shade;
Drive your anxious cares away;
See the place where Jesus lay.

3 Christians, dry your flowing tears;
Chase your unbelieving fears;
Look on his deserted grave;
Doubt no more his power to save.

139 7s.

Resurrection and Ascension.

HARK! the herald angels say,
Christ the Lord is risen to-day:

Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Let the glorious tidings fly.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo! the sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! he sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell:
Death in vain forbids him rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King;
"Where, O Death, is now thy sting?"
Once he died our soul to save;
"Where's thy victory, boasting Grave?"

5 What though once we perished all,
Partners of our parents' fall?
Second life we now receive,
And in Christ for ever live.

6 Hail! thou dear almighty Lord;
Hail! thou great incarnate Word;
Hail! thou suffering Son of God;
Take the trophies of thy blood.

140 C. L. M.

HOW calm and beautiful the morn
That gilds the sacred tomb,
Where once the Crucified was borne,
And veiled in midnight gloom!
O, weep no more the Saviour slain;
The Lord is risen—he lives again!

2 Ye mourning saints, dry every tear
For your departed Lord:
"Behold the place—he is not here;"
The tomb is all unbarred:

The gates of death were closed in vain:
The Lord is risen—he lives again!

3 Now cheerful to the house of prayer
Your early footsteps bend;
The Saviour will himself be there,
Your Advocate and Friend:
Once by the law your hopes were slain,
But now in Christ ye live again.

4 How tranquil now the rising day!
'Tis Jesus still appears,
A risen Lord to chase away
Your unbelieving fears:
O, weep no more your comforts slain;
The Lord is risen—he lives again!

5 And when the shades of evening fall,
When life's last hour draws nigh,
If Jesus shines upon the soul,
How blissful then to die!
Since he has risen who once was slain,
Ye die in Christ to live again.

141 L. M.

"COME, see the place where Jesus lay,"
For he hath left his silent bed:
What angel rolled the stone away?
What spirit brought him from the dead?

2 By his omnipotence he rose,
By his own Spirit lived again,
To crush for ever all his foes,
To raise for ever ruined men.

3 Those who his image here partake,
Though long in dust their flesh consume,
Shall sleep in Jesus, and awake
To life eternal from the tomb.

142 C. M. WATTS.

HOSANNA to the Prince of Light,
That clothed himself in clay,
Entered the iron gates of death,
And tore the bars away.

2 Death is no more the king of dread,
Since our Immanuel rose;
He took the tyrant's sting away,
And spoiled our hellish foes.

3 See how the Conqueror mounts aloft,
And to his Father flies,
With scars of honor in his flesh,
And triumph in his eyes.

4 There our exalted Saviour reigns,
And scatters blessings down;
Our Jesus fills the middle seat
Of the celestial throne.

5 Raise your devotion, mortal tongues,
To reach the blest abode;
Sweet be the accents of your songs
To our incarnate God.

6 Bright angels, strike your loudest strings,
Your sweetest voices raise;
Let heaven and all created things
Sound our Immanuel's praise.

143 P. M.

ALL hail the glorious morn
That saw our Saviour rise,
With victory bright adorned,
And triumph in his eyes!
Ye saints, extol your risen Lord,
And sing his praise with sweet accord.

2 Behold, the Lamb of God,
Th' atoning sacrifice,
Sustains the dreadful load
Of man's iniquities:
Death, sin, and hell, our cruel foes,
All vanquished fell, when Jesus rose.

3 Now to the throne above
Let every saint draw near;
There dwells incarnate love,
Grace sits triumphant there:
See mercy smile, e'en on that throne,
Where once did wrath and justice frown.

4 All praise be to the Lamb,
Who offered up his blood;
Hosannas to his name,
That for our ransom stood:
In notes sublime, with joy we sing
The love divine of Christ our King.

144 8s. & 7s. KELLY.

Christ, the Lamb, enthroned and worshipped.

HARK! ten thousand harps and voices
Sound the note of praise above:
Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices;
Jesus reigns the God of love:
See, he sits on yonder throne;
Jesus rules the world alone.

2 Jesus, hail! whose glory brightens
All above, and gives it worth;
Lord of life, thy smile enlightens,
Cheers, and charms thy saints on earth:
When we think of love like thine,
Lord, we own it love divine.

3 King of glory, reign for ever;
  Thine an everlasting crown:
Nothing from thy love shall sever
  Those whom thou hast made thine own;
Happy objects of thy grace,
Destined to behold thy face.

4 Saviour, hasten thine appearing;
  Bring, O bring the glorious day,
When, the awful summons hearing,
  Heaven and earth shall pass away:
Then with golden harps we 'll sing,
"Glory, glory to our King!"

145 C. M. WATTS.

BEHOLD the glories of the Lamb,
  Amid his Father's throne;
Prepare new honors for his name,
  And songs before unknown.

2 Let elders worship at his feet,
  The Church adore around,
With vials full of odors sweet,
  And harps of sweeter sound.

3 Those are the prayers of all the saints,
  And these the hymns they raise:
Jesus is kind to our complaints,
  He loves to hear our praise.

4 Thou hast redeemed our souls with blood,
  Hast set the prisoners free,
Hast made us kings and priests to God,
  And we shall reign with thee.

5 Now to the Lamb that once was slain
  Be endless blessings paid;
Salvation, glory, joy, remain
  For ever on his head.

146 C. M. NEWTON.

HE who on earth as man was known,
And bore our sins and pains,
Now, seated on th' eternal throne,
The God of glory reigns.

2 His hands the wheels of nature guide
With an unerring skill;
And countless worlds, extended wide,
Obey his sovereign will.

3 While harps unnumbered sound his praise
In yonder world above,
His saints on earth admire his ways,
And glory in his love.

4 When troubles, like a burning sun,
Beat heavy on their head,
To this almighty rock they run,
And find a pleasing shade.

5 How glorious he! how happy they,
In such a glorious friend,
Whose love secures them all the way,
And crowns them at the end.

147 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Christ the Lord of Angels.

GREAT God, to what a glorious height
Hast thou advanced the Lord, thy Son!
Angels, in all their robes of light,
Are made the servants of his throne.

2 Before his feet their armies wait,
And swift as flames of fire they move,
To manage his affairs of state,
In works of vengeance or of love.

3 Now they are sent to guide our feet
Up to the gates of thine abode,
Through all the dangers that we meet
In travelling o'er the heavenly road.

4 Lord, when we leave this mortal ground,
And thou shalt bid us rise and come,
Send thy beloved angels down,
Safe to conduct our spirits home.

148 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

Christ exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour.

EXALTED Prince of Life, we own
The royal honors of thy throne:
'Tis fixed by God's almighty hand,
And seraphs bow at thy command.

2 Exalted Saviour, we confess
The sovereign triumphs of thy grace:
Wide may thy cross thy virtues prove,
And conquer millions by thy love.

149 C. M. DUNCAN.

Christ crowned as Lord of all.

ALL hail the great Immanuel's name!
Let angels prostrate fall:
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.

2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him who shed for you his blood,
And crown him Lord of all.

3 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
A remnant weak and small,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.

4 Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall;
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all.

5 Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.

6 O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall,
And join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.

150 8, 7 & 4. KELLY.

LOOK, ye saints—the sight is glorious;
See the Man of Sorrows now,
From the fight returned victorious;
Every knee to him shall bow:
Crown him! crown him!
Crowns become the victor's brow.

2 Hark! those bursts of acclamation!
Hark! those loud, triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station:
O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him, crown him
King of kings and Lord of lords!

151 6s. & 4s. KINGSBURY.

Christ's final Triumph.

LET us awake our joys,
Strike up with cheerful voice,
Each creature sing:
Angels, begin the song;
Mortals, the strain prolong,
In accents sweet and strong,
"Jesus is King."

2 Proclaim abroad his name,
Tell of his matchless fame:
What wonders done!
Shout through hell's dark profound;
Let all the earth resound,
Till heaven's high arch rebound,
"Victory is won."

3 He vanquished sin and hell,
And our last foe will quell:
Mourners, rejoice!
His dying love adore;
Praise him, now raised in power;
Praise him for evermore
With joyful voice.

4 All hail the glorious day
When through the heavenly way,
Lo, he shall come!
While they who pierced him wail,
His promise shall not fail;
Saints, see your King prevail:
Great Saviour, come.

152 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Christ a living and almighty Saviour.

THE Saviour lives, no more to die:
He lives, the Lord enthroned on high:
He lives, triumphant o'er the grave:
He lives, eternally to save.

2 He lives, to still his servants' fears:
He lives, to wipe away their tears:
He lives, their mansions to prepare:
He lives, to bring them safely there.

3 Ye mourning souls, dry up your tears;
Dismiss your gloomy doubts and fears:

With cheerful hope your hearts revive,
For Christ, the Lord, is yet alive.

4 His saints he loves, and never leaves;
The contrite sinner he receives:
Abundant grace will he afford,
Till all are present with the Lord.

153 C. M. WATTS.

God reconciled in Christ.

DEAREST of all the names above,
My Saviour and my God,
Who can resist thy heavenly love,
Or trifle with thy blood?

2 'Tis by the merits of thy death
The Father smiles again;
'Tis by thine interceding breath
The Spirit dwells with men.

3 Till God in human form I see,
My thoughts no comfort find:
The holy, just, and sacred Three
Are terror to my mind.

4 But if Immanuel's face appear,
My hope, my joy begins:
His name forbids my slavish fear,
His grace removes my sins.

5 While Jews on their own law rely,
And Greeks of wisdom boast,
I love the incarnate mystery,
And there I fix my trust.

154 C. M. WATTS.

Access to God by a Mediator.

COME, let us lift our joyful eyes
Up to the courts above,

And smile to see our Father there
Upon a throne of love.

2 Come, let us bow before his feet,
And venture near the Lord:
No fiery cherub guards his seat,
No double flaming sword

3 The peaceful gates of heavenly bliss
Are opened by the Son:
High let us raise our notes of praise,
And reach th' almighty throne.

4 To thee ten thousand thanks we bring,
Great Advocate on high;
And glory to th' eternal King,
Who lays his anger by.

155 C. M. COWPER.

Sufficiency of the Atonement.

THERE is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

3 Thou dying Lamb, thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Are saved, to sin no more.

4 Since first, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

5 And when this feeble, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then, in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing thy power to save.

156 C. M. STEELE.

Pity and Condescension of Christ.

THE Saviour! O what endless charms
Dwell in that blissful sound!
Its influence every fear disarms,
And spreads delight around.

2 Here pardon, life, and joy divine
In rich effusion flow
For guilty rebels, lost in sin,
And doomed to endless woe.

3 Th' almighty Former of the skies
Stoops to our vile abode;
While angels view with wondering eyes,
And hail th' incarnate God.

4 How rich the depths of love divine!
Of bliss a boundless store!
Dear Saviour, let me call thee mine—
I cannot wish for more.

5 On thee alone my hope relies;
Beneath thy cross I fall;
My Lord, my life, my sacrifice,
My Saviour, and my all!

157 C. M. WATTS.

BEHOLD what pity touched the heart
Of God's eternal Son;
Descending from the heavenly court,
He left his Father's throne.

2 His living power and dying love
Redeemed unhappy man,
And raised the ruins of our race
To life and God again.

3 To thee, O Lord, our noblest powers
We joyfully resign:
Blest Jesus, take us for thine own,
For we are doubly thine.

158 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Redeeming Love.

NOW begin the heavenly theme;
Sing of mercy's healing stream:
Ye who Jesus' kindness prove,
Sing of his redeeming love.

2 Welcome, all by sin oppressed,
Welcome all to Jesus' rest:
Nothing brought him from above,
Nothing but redeeming love.

3 He subdued th' infernal powers,
His inveterate foes, and ours:
These he from their empire drove,
Mighty in redeeming love.

4 Hither, then, your tribute bring;
Strike aloud each joyful string:
Saints below, and saints above,
Join to praise redeeming love.

159 L. M. WATTS.

Christ's unchanging Love the Safety of his People.

WHO shall the Lord's elect condemn?
'T is God that justifies their souls;
And mercy, like a mighty stream,
O'er all their sins divinely rolls.

2 Who shall adjudge the saints to hell?
'Tis Christ who suffered in their stead;
And, their salvation to fulfil,
Behold him rising from the dead!

3 He lives!—he lives, and reigns above,
For ever interceding there:
Who shall divide us from his love,
Or what shall tempt us to despair?

4 Not all that men on earth can do,
Nor powers on high, nor powers below,
Shall cause his mercy to remove,
Or wean our hearts from Christ our love.

160 S. M. WATTS

TO God, the only wise,
Our Saviour and our King,
Let all the saints below the skies
Their humble praises bring.

2 'Tis his almighty love,
His counsel and his care,
Preserves us safe from sin and death,
And every hurtful snare.

3 He will present our souls,
Unblemished and complete,
Before the glory of his face,
With joys divinely great.

4 Then all the chosen seed
Shall meet around the throne,
Shall bless the conduct of his grace,
And make his wonders known.

5 To our Redeemer God,
Wisdom with power belongs,
Immortal crowns of majesty,
And everlasting songs.

161 C. M. —WATTS.

FIRM as the earth thy gospel stands,
My Lord, my hope, my trust:
If I am found in Jesus' hands,
My soul can ne'er be lost.

2 His honor is engaged to save
The meanest of his sheep:
All whom his heavenly Father gave,
His hands securely keep.

3 Nor death nor hell shall e'er remove
His favorites from his breast;
Safe on the bosom of his love
Shall they for ever rest.

162 C. M. NOEL.

Grateful Remembrance of Christ.

IF human kindness meets return,
And owns the grateful tie,
If tender thoughts within us burn,
To feel a friend is nigh,

2 O shall not warmer accents tell
The gratitude we owe
To him who died, our fears to quell,
And save from death and woe?

3 While yet in anguish he surveyed
Those pangs he would not flee,
What love his latest words displayed—
"Meet and remember me!"

4 Remember thee—thy death, thy shame,
Our sinful hearts to share!
O memory! leave no other name
But his recorded there!

163 C. M. WATTS.

Godly Sorrow from the Sufferings of Christ.

ALAS! and did my Saviour bleed,
And did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

[2 Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, thine,
And bathed in its own blood;
While all exposed to wrath divine
The glorious Sufferer stood.]

3 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

4 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When God the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin.

5 Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears.

6 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away—
'Tis all that I can do.

164 L. M.

THOU Prince of glory, slain for me,
Breathing forgiveness in thy prayer,
That loving, melting look I see,
That bursting sigh, that tender tear.

2 Let me but hear thy dying voice
Pronounce forgiveness in my breast,
My trembling spirit shall rejoice,
And feel the calm of heavenly rest.

3 Lord, thine atoning blood apply,
And life or death is sweet to me:
In life's last hour, thy presence nigh
From fear shall set my spirit free.

165 C. M. HIGINBOTHAM.

AND can mine eyes without a tear
A weeping Saviour see?
Shall I not weep his groans to hear
Who groaned and died for me?

2 Blest Jesus, let those tears of thine
Subdue each stubborn foe:
Come, fill my heart with love divine,
And bid my sorrows flow.

LOVE, GLORY, AND EXCELLENCE OF CHRIST CELEBRATED.

166 C. M. STEELE.

Love of Christ celebrated.

TO our Redeemer's glorious name
Awake the sacred song!
O may his love—immortal flame!—
Tune every heart and tongue.

2 His love, what mortal thought can reach,
What mortal tongue display?
Imagination's utmost stretch
In wonder dies away.

3 Dear Lord, while we adoring pay
Our humble thanks to thee,
May every heart with rapture say,
"The Saviour died for me!"

4 O may the sweet, the blissful theme
Fill every heart and tongue,
Till strangers love thy charming name,
And join the sacred song.

167 S. M. HAMMOND

AWAKE, and sing the song
Of Moses and the Lamb!
Wake, every heart and every tongue,
To praise the Saviour's name!

2 Sing of his dying love,
Sing of his rising power;
Sing how he intercedes above
For us, whose sins he bore.

3 Sing, till we feel our heart
Ascending with our tongue;
Sing, till the love of sin depart,
And grace inspire our song.

4 Sing on your heavenly way,
Ye ransomed sinners, sing;
Sing on, rejoicing every day
In Christ, th' eternal King.

5 Soon shall we hear him say,
"Ye blessed children, come!"
Soon will he call us hence away
To our eternal home.

6 There shall our raptured tongue
His endless praise proclaim,
And sweeter voices tune the song
Of Moses and the Lamb.

168 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

AWAKE, awake the sacred song
To our incarnate Lord!
Let every heart and every tongue
Adore th' eternal Word.

2 Then shone almighty power and love
In all their glorious forms,
When Jesus left his throne above
To dwell with sinful worms.

3 To dwell with misery here below
The Saviour left the skies,
And stooped to wretchedness and woe,
That worthless man might rise.

4 Adoring angels tuned their songs
To hail the joyful day;
With rapture, then, let mortal tongues
Their grateful worship pay.

169 8s. & 7s. PRATT'S COL.

BRIGHTNESS of the Father's glory,
Shall thy praise unuttered lie?
Break, each tongue, such guilty silence;
Praise the Lord, who came to die.

2 Hosts of angels sang thy coming,
Watchful shepherds learned their lays:
Shame would cover us, ungrateful,
Should our tongues refuse their praise.

3 From the highest throne in glory
To the cross of deepest woe,
All to ransom guilty captives!—
Flow, our praise—for ever flow!

4 Reäscend, immortal Saviour!
  Leave thy footstool, take thy throne;
Yet return, and reign for ever;
  Be the kingdom all thine own!

170 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

COME, Holy Ghost! inspire our songs
  With thine immortal flame;
Enlarge our hearts, unloose our tongues,
  To praise the Saviour's name.

2 How great the riches of his grace!
  He left his throne above,
And swift to save our ruined race
  He flew on wings of love.

3 Now pardon, life, and joys divine
  In rich abundance flow
For guilty rebels, dead in sin,
  And doomed to endless woe.

4 Th' almighty Former of the skies
  Stooped to our low abode,
While angels viewed with wondering eyes,
  And hailed th' incarnate God.

5 Renew our souls with heavenly strength,
  That we may fully prove
The height, and depth, and breadth, and length
  Of such transcendent love.

171 L. M. SHIRLEY.

Worthy the Lamb.

WORTHY the Lamb of boundless sway,
  In earth or heaven the Lord of all;
Let all the powers of earth obey,
  And low before his footstool fall.

2 Higher, still higher, swell the strain;
Creation's voice, the note prolong:
Jesus, the Lamb, shall ever reign—
Let hallelujahs crown the song.

GLORY to God on high!
Let heaven and earth reply,
"Praise ye his name!"
Angels, his love adore
Who all our sorrows bore;
Saints, sing for evermore,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

2 Ye who surround the throne,
Cheerfully join in one,
Praising his name:
Ye who have felt his blood
Sealing your peace with God,
Sound through the earth abroad,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

3 Join, all the ransomed race,
Our Lord and God to bless:
Praise ye his name.
In him we will rejoice,
Making a cheerful noise,
Shouting with heart and voice,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

4 Soon must we change our place,
Yet will we never cease
Praising his name:
Still will we tribute bring;
Hail him our gracious King,
And through all ages sing,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

173 6s. & 4s. PRATT'S COL.

COME, all ye saints of God,
Wide through the earth abroad
Spread Jesus' fame:
Tell what his love has done;
Trust in his name alone;
Shout to his lofty throne,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

2 Hence, gloomy doubts and fears!
Dry up your mournful tears;
Swell the glad theme:
Praise ye our gracious King,
Strike each melodious string,
Join heart and voice to sing,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

3 Hark, how the choirs above,
Filled with the Saviour's love,
Dwell on his name!
There, too, may we be found,
With light and glory crowned,
While all the heavens resound,
"Worthy the Lamb!"

174 C. M. WATTS.

COME, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"To be exalted thus:"
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,
"For he was slain for us."

3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and power divine;

And blessings, more than we can give,
Be, Lord, for ever thine.

4 Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas,
Conspire to lift thy glories high,
And speak thy endless praise.

5 The whole creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of him who sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

175 L. M. WATTS.

WHAT equal honors shall we bring
To thee, O Lord our God, the Lamb,
When all the notes that angels sing
Are far inferior to thy name!

2 Worthy is he that once was slain,
The Prince of Peace, who groaned and died,
Worthy to rise, and live, and reign
At his almighty Father's side.

3 Blessings for ever on the Lamb,
Who bore the curse for wretched men:
Let angels sound his sacred name,
And every creature say, Amen.

176 C. M. MONTGOMERY.

Excellency of Christ.

INFINITE excellence is thine,
Thou glorious Prince of grace!
Thy uncreated beauties shine
With never-fading rays.

2 Sinners from earth's remotest end
Come bending at thy feet;

To thee their prayers and songs ascend,
In thee their wishes meet.

3 Millions of happy spirits live
On thy exhaustless store;
From thee they all their bliss receive,
And still thou givest more.

4 Thou art their triumph and their joy;
They find their all in thee;
Thy glories will their tongues employ
Through all eternity.

177 C. P. M. MEDLEY.

O COULD I speak the matchless worth,
O, could I sound the glories forth
Which in my Saviour shine!
I'd soar, and touch the heavenly strings,
And vie with Gabriel, while he sings
In notes almost divine.

2 I'd sing the precious blood he spilt,
My ransom from the dreadful guilt
Of sin and wrath divine:
I'd sing his glorious righteousness,
In which all-perfect, heavenly dress
My soul shall ever shine.

3 I'd sing the characters he bears,
And all the forms of love he wears,
Exalted on his throne:
In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,
I would to everlasting days
Make all his glories known.

4 Well, the delightful day will come
When my dear Lord will bring me home,
And I shall see his face:
Then, with my Saviour, brother, friend,
A blest eternity I'll spend,
Triumphant in his grace.

178 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

WHEN at this distance, Lord, we trace
The various glories of thy face,
What transport pours o'er all our breast,
And charms our cares and woes to rest!

2 Away, ye dreams of mortal joy!
Raptures divine my thoughts employ:
I see the King of glory shine;
I feel his love, and call him mine.

3 Yet still, O Lord, my waiting eyes
To nobler visions long to rise:
That grand assembly would I join,
Where all thy saints around thee shine.

179 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

Supreme Love to Christ.

YE earthly vanities, depart;
For ever hence remove:
Jesus alone deserves my heart,
And every thought of love.

2 His heart, where love and pity dwelt
In all their softest forms,
Sustained the heavy load of guilt
For lost, rebellious worms.

3 Can I my bleeding Saviour view,
And yet ungrateful prove;
And pierce his wounded heart anew,
And grieve his injured love?

4 Dear Lord, forbid! O, bind this heart,
This roving heart of mine,
So firm that it may ne'er depart,
In chains of love divine.

180 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

DO not I love thee, O my Lord?
Behold my heart, and see;
And turn each cursed idol out
That dares to rival thee.

2 Do not I love thee from my soul?
Then let me nothing love:
Dead be my heart to every joy
When Jesus cannot move.

3 Is not thy name melodious still
To mine attentive ear?
Doth not each pulse with pleasure bound
My Saviour's voice to hear?

4 Hast thou a lamb in all thy flock
I would disdain to feed?
Hast thou a foe before whose face
I fear thy cause to plead?

5 Thou know'st I love thee, dearest Lord,
But O, I long to soar
Far from the sphere of mortal joys,
And learn to love thee more.

181 C. M. HIGINBOTHAM.

BLEST Jesus, when my soaring thoughts
O'er all thy graces rove,
How is my soul in transport lost,
In wonder, joy, and love!

2 Not softest strains can charm my ears
Like thy beloved name;
Nor aught beneath the skies inspire
My heart with equal flame.

3 Where'er I look, my wondering eyes
Unnumbered blessings see;

But what is life, with all its bliss,
If once compared with thee?

4 Hast thou a rival in my breast?
Search, Lord; for thou canst tell
If aught can raise my passions thus,
Or please my soul so well.

5 No, thou art precious to my heart,
My portion and my joy:
For ever let thy boundless grace
My sweetest thoughts employ.

182 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

Christ precious.

JESUS, I love thy charming name;
'Tis music to my ear;
Fain would I sound it out so loud
That earth and heaven might hear.

2 Whate'er my noblest powers can wish
In thee doth richly meet;
Not to mine eyes is light so dear,
Nor friendship half so sweet.

3 Thy grace still dwells upon my heart,
And sheds its fragrance there,
The noblest balm of all its wounds,
The cordial of its care.

4 I'll speak the honors of thy name
With my last laboring breath;
Then, speechless, clasp thee in mine arms,
And trust thy love in death.

183 C. M. STEELE.

THOU lovely source of true delight,
Whom I unseen adore,
Unveil thy beauties to my sight,
That I may love thee more.

2 Thy glory o'er creation shines;
  But in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines,
  My bleeding, dying Lord.

3 'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop,
  And sins and sorrows rise,
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
  My fainting heart supplies.

4 But, ah! too soon the pleasing scene
  Is clouded o'er with pain;
My gloomy fears rise dark between,
  And I again complain.

5 Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light,
  O come with blissful ray;
Break through the gloomy shades of night,
  And chase my fears away.

6 Then shall my soul with rapture trace
  The wonders of thy love;
Then shall I see thy glorious face
  In endless joy above.

184 C. M. CENNICK.

THOU blest Redeemer, dying Lamb,
  We love to hear of thee:
No music like thy charming name,
  Nor half so dear can be.

2 O may we ever hear thy voice!
  In mercy to us speak!
In thee, O Lord, let us rejoice,
  And thy salvation seek.

3 Jesus shall ever be our theme
  While in this world we stay:
We 'll sing of Jesus' lovely name
  When all things else decay.

4 When we appear in yonder cloud
With all his favored throng,
Then will we sing more sweet, more loud,
And Christ shall be our song.

185 L. M. CORDER.

JESUS, in whom but thee above
Can I repose my trust, my love?
And shall an earthly object be
Loved in comparison with thee?

2 How soon, O Lord, will life decay!
How soon this world will pass away!
Ah! what can mortal friends avail
When heart, and strength, and life shall fail?

3 O then be thou, my Saviour, nigh,
And I will triumph while I die:
My strength, my portion, is divine,
And Jesus is for ever mine!

186 C. M. HIGINBOTHAM.

Indebtedness to Christ.

TO thee, my Shepherd and my Lord,
A grateful song I'll raise;
O let the feeblest of thy flock
Attempt to speak thy praise.

2 But how shall mortal tongue express
A subject so divine,
Do justice to so vast a theme,
Or praise a love like thine?

3 My life, my joy, my hope I owe
To this amazing love;
Ten thousand thousand comforts here,
And nobler bliss above.

4 To thee my trembling spirit flies,
With sin and grief oppressed;
Thy gentle voice dispels my fears,
And lulls my cares to rest.

5 Lead on, dear Shepherd!—led by thee,
No evil shall I fear;
Soon shall I reach thy fold above,
And praise thee better there.

187 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

JESUS, to thy celestial light
My dawn of hope I owe;
Once wandering in the shades of night,
And lost in helpless woe.

2 Thy gracious hand redeemed the slave,
And set the prisoner free:
Be all I am, and all I have,
Devoted, Lord, to thee.

3 Here at thy feet I wait thy will,
And live upon thy word:
O give me warmer love and zeal
To serve my dearest Lord.

188 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

AND why do our admiring eyes
These gospel glories see?
And whence, doth every heart reply,
Salvation sent to me?

2 And dost thou, Lord, subdue my heart,
And show my sins forgiven,
And bear thy witness to my part
Among the heirs of heaven?

3 Redeemed by thee, most gracious Lord,
We'll sing our Saviour's name;
And while the long salvation lasts,
Its sovereign power proclaim.

189 L. M. GRIGG.

Not ashamed of Christ.

JESUS, and shall it ever be,
A mortal man ashamed of thee?
Ashamed of thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?

2 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.

3 Ashamed of Jesus!—yes, I may
When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
No fears to quell, no soul to save.

4 Till then—nor is my boasting vain—
Till then I boast a Saviour slain!
And O may this my glory be,
That Christ is not ashamed of me!

190 C. M. WATTS.

I'M not ashamed to own my Lord,
Or to defend his cause;
Maintain the honor of his word,
The glory of his cross.

2 Jesus, my God! I know his name—
His name is all my trust;
Nor will he put my soul to shame,
Nor let my hope be lost.

3 Firm as his throne his promise stands;
And he can well secure
What I've committed to his hands
Till the decisive hour.

4 Then will he own my worthless name
Before his Father's face,
And in the new Jerusalem
Appoint my soul a place.

191 C. M. DOBELL'S COL.

DEAR Lord, and will thy pardoning love
Embrace a wretch so vile?
Wilt thou my load of guilt remove,
And bless me with thy smile?

2 Hast thou the cross for me endured,
And suffered all my shame,
And shall I be ashamed, O Lord,
To own thy precious name?

3 No, Lord, I'm not ashamed of thee,
Nor of thy cause on earth:
O do not be ashamed of me
When I resign my breath.

4 Be thou my shield, be thou my sun;
O guide me all my days,
And let my feet with joy still run
In thy delightful ways.

192 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

The Ingratitude of rejecting Christ.

AND will the Lord thus condescend
To visit sinful worms?
Thus at the door shall mercy stand
In all her winning forms?

2 Surprising grace!—and shall my heart
Unmoved and cold remain?
Has it no soft, no tender part?
Must mercy plead in vain?

3 Shall Jesus for admission sue,
His charming voice unheard?
And shall my heart, his rightful due,
Remain for ever barred?

4 Dear Lord, exert thy conquering grace;
Thy mighty power display:
One beam of glory from thy face
Can melt my sin away.

193 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

O STUBBORN hearts, that could withstand
The efforts of a Saviour's hand!
O gracious Saviour, who wouldst bleed,
When words and tears could not succeed!

2 Dear Lord, in me thy power exert;
Subdue my proud, unfeeling heart;
Then through the earth in mercy reign,
And reap the fruit of all thy pain.

CHRIST IN VARIOUS RELATIONS.

194 7s. TOPLADY.

Christ the Rock of Ages.

ROCK of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee:
Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfil the law's demands:

Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress,
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Vile, I to the fountain fly:
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my heart-strings break in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

195 L. M. STEELE.

Christ the Physician of the Soul.

DEEP are the wounds which sin has made:
Where shall the sinner find a cure?
In vain, alas! is nature's aid;
The work exceeds her utmost power.

2 But can no sovereign balm be found?
And is no kind physician nigh,
To ease the pain and heal the wound
Ere life and hope for ever fly?

3 Yes, there's a great Physician near:
Look up, my fainting soul, and live!
See, in his heavenly smiles appear
Such help as nature cannot give!

4 See, in the Saviour's dying-blood,
Life, health, and bliss abundant flow:
'Tis only that dear sacred flood
Can ease thy pain and heal thy woe.

196 L. M. SCOTT.

WHY droops my soul, with grief oppressed?
Whence these wild tumults in my breast?
Is there no balm to heal my wound?
No kind physician to be found?

2 Raise to the cross thy tearful eyes:
Behold, the Prince of glory dies!
He dies extended on the tree,
And sheds a sovereign balm for thee.

3 Dear Saviour, at thy feet I lie,
Here to receive a cure, or die;
But grace forbids that painful fear—
Almighty grace, which triumphs here.

4 Thou wilt withdraw the poisoned dart,
Bind up and heal the wounded heart;
With blooming health my face adorn,
And change the gloomy night to morn.

5 Exult, my soul, with holy joy;
Hosannas be thy blest employ,
Salvation thine eternal theme,
And swell the song with Jesus' name.

197 S. M. J. WESLEY.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness.

WE lift our hearts to thee,
Thou Day-star from on high:
The sun itself is but thy shade,
Yet cheers both earth and sky.

2 O let thy rising beams
Dispel the shades of night;
And let the glories of thy love
Come like the morning light.

3 How beauteous nature now!
How dark and sad before!
With joy we view the pleasing change,
And nature's God adore.

4 May we this life improve,
To mourn for errors past,
And live this short revolving day
As if it were our last.

198 7s. C. WESLEY.

CHRIST, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn,
If thy light is hid from me;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit, then, this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiant Sun divine;
Scatter all my unbelief:
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

199 8s. & 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Christ the Light of the World.

LIGHT of those whose dreary dwelling
Borders on the shades of death,
Rise on us, thyself revealing,
Rise, and chase the clouds beneath.

2 Thou, of life and light Creator,
In our deepest darkness rise;
Scatter all the night of nature,
Pour the day upon our eyes.

3 Still we wait for thine appearing;
Life and joy thy beams impart;
Chasing all our fears, and cheering
Every meek and contrite heart.

4 Save us, in thy great compassion,
O thou Prince of peace and love!
Give the knowledge of salvation,
Fix our hearts on things above.

5 By thine all-sufficient merit,
Every burdened soul release;
Every weary, wandering spirit
Guide into thy perfect peace.

200 C. M. STENNETT.

Chief among ten thousand.

MAJESTIC sweetness sits enthroned
Upon the Saviour's brow;
His head with radiant glories crowned,
His lips with grace o'erflow.

2 No mortal can with him compare
Among the sons of men:
Fairer is he than all the fair
Who fill the heavenly train.

3 He saw me plunged in deep distress,
And flew to my relief;
For me he bore the shameful cross,
And carried all my grief.

4 Since from his bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine,
Had I a thousand hearts to give,
Lord, they should all be thine.

201 7s. C. WESLEY.

Jesus the Refuge.

JESUS, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the billows near me roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life be past:
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on thee:
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me:
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to pardon all my sin:
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
Freely let me take of thee:
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

202 C. M. C. WESLEY.

Rejoicing in Christ.

O FOR a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

3 JESUS, the name that calms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears;
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

4 He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean—
His blood availed for me.

5 Let us obey, we then shall know,
Shall feel our sins forgiven;
Anticipate our heaven below,
And own that love is heaven.

203 L. M.

Christ the living Bread.

JESUS, thou art the living bread
By which our needy souls are fed:
In thee alone thy children find
Enough to fill the empty mind.

2 Without this bread I starve and die;
No other can my need supply;
But this will suit my wretched case,
Abroad, at home, in every place.

3 'Tis this relieves the hungry poor
Who ask for bread at mercy's door:
This living food descends from heaven,
As manna to the Jews was given.

4 This precious food my heart revives:
What strength, what nourishment it gives!
O let me evermore be fed
With this divine, celestial bread!

204 S. M. HOSKINS.

BEHOLD the gift of God!
Sinners, adore his name
Who shed for us his precious blood,
Who bore our curse and shame.

2 Behold the living bread
Which Jesus came to give,
By dying in the sinner's stead,
That he might ever live.

3 The Lord delights to give;
He knows you've naught to buy:
To Jesus haste, this bread receive,
And you shall never die.

205 C. M. EPIS. COL.

Christ the Way, Truth, and Life.

THOU art the WAY: to thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek
Must seek him, Lord, by thee.

2 Thou art the TRUTH: thy word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind
And purify the heart.

3 Thou art the LIFE: the rending tomb
Proclaims thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in thee,
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 Thou art the way, the truth, the life:
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

206 S. M. C. WESLEY.

JESUS, my truth, my way,
My sure, unerring light,
On thee my feeble steps I stay,
Which thou wilt lead aright.

2 My wisdom and my guide,
My counsellor thou art:
O never let me leave thy side,
Nor from thy paths depart!

207 L. M. CENNICK.

Christ the Way.

JESUS, my all, to heaven is gone,
He whom I fix my hopes upon:
His track I see, and I'll pursue
The narrow way, till him I view.

2 The way the holy prophets went,
The road that leads from banishment,
The King's highway of holiness
I'll go, for all his paths are peace.

3 This is the way I long have sought,
And mourned because I found it not:
My grief and burden long have been,
Because I was not saved from sin.

4 The more I strove against its power,
I felt its weight and guilt the more,
Till late I heard my Saviour say,
"Come hither, soul, I am the way."

5 Lo! glad I come, and thou, blest Lamb,
Shalt take me to thee as I am:
Nothing but sin have I to give,
Nothing but love shall I receive.

6 Then will I tell to sinners round
What a dear Saviour I have found;
I'll point to thy redeeming blood,
And say, "Behold the way to God!"

208 L. M. WATTS.

Christ the Redeemer and Judge.

NOW to the Lord, who makes us know
The wonders of his dying-love,
Be humble honors paid below,
And strains of nobler praise above.

2 'Twas he who cleansed our foulest sins,
And washed us in his precious blood;
'Tis he who makes us priests and kings,
And brings us rebels near to God.

3 To Jesus, our atoning Priest,
To Jesus, our eternal King,
Be everlasting power confessed;
Let every tongue his glory sing.

4 Behold, on flying clouds he comes,
And every eye shall see him move:
Though with our sins we pierced him once,
Now he displays his pardoning love.

5 The unbelieving world shall wail,
While we rejoice to see the day:
Come, Lord, nor let thy promise fail,
Nor let thy chariot long delay.

209 L. M. WATTS.

The Church rejoicing in her King.

JESUS, thou everlasting King,
Accept the tribute which we bring;
Accept the well-deserved renown,
And wear our praises as thy crown.

2 Let every act of worship be
Like our espousals, Lord, to thee;
Like that blest hour when from above
We first received thy pledge of love.

3 The gladness of that happy day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay;
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, nor love grow cold.

4 Let every moment, as it flies,
Increase thy praise, improve our joys,
Till we are raised to sing thy name,
And taste the supper of the Lamb.

210 C. M. HOSKINS.

The Lamb of God.

SINNERS, behold the Lamb of God,
Who takes away our guilt:
Look to the precious, priceless blood
That Jews and Gentiles spilt.

2 From heaven he came to seek and save,
Leaving his blest abode;
To ransom us himself he gave:
"Behold the Lamb of God!"

3 He came to take the sinner's place,
And shed his precious blood:
Let Adam's guilty, ruined race
"Behold the Lamb of God!"

4 Sinners, to Jesus then draw near,
Invited by his word;
The chief of sinners need not fear:
"Behold the Lamb of God!"

5 Backsliders too the Saviour calls,
And washes in his blood:

Arise, return from grievous falls:
"Behold the Lamb of God!"

6 Spirit of grace, to us apply
Immanuel's precious blood;
That we may, with thy saints on high,
"Behold the Lamb of God."

211 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

WHAT are those soul-reviving strains
Which echo thus from Salem's plains?
What anthems loud, and louder still,
So sweetly sound from Zion's hill?

2 Lo! 't is an infant chorus sings
Hosanna to the King of kings:
The Saviour comes! and babes proclaim
Salvation, sent in Jesus' name.

3 Nor these alone their voice shall raise,
For we will join this song of praise:
Still Israel's children forward press
To hail the Lord their righteousness.

4 Messiah's name shall joy impart
Alike to Jew and Gentile heart:
He bled for us, he bled for you,
And we will sing hosanna too.

5 Proclaim hosannas loud and clear:
See David's Son and Lord appear:
All praise on earth to him be given,
And glory shout through highest heaven!

212 8s. & 7s. NEWTON.

Christ a Friend.

ONE there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend;

His is love beyond a brother's,
  Costly, free, and knows no end.
Which of all our friends, to save us,
  Could or would have shed his blood?
But this Saviour died to have us
  Reconciled in him to God.

2 When he lived on earth abased,
  Friend of sinners was his name;
Now, above all glory raised,
  He rejoices in the same.
O for grace our hearts to soften!
  Teach us, Lord, at length to love:
We, alas! forget too often
  What a Friend we have above.

The Cross.

213 8s. & 7s. ROBINSON.

Rejoicing before the Cross.

SWEET the moments, rich in blessing,
  Which before the cross I spend;
Life, and health, and peace possessing,
  From the sinner's dying Friend.

2 Truly blessed is this station,
  Low before his cross to lie;
While I see divine compassion
  Beaming in his gracious eye.

3 Love and grief my heart dividing,
  With my tears his feet I'll bathe;
Constant still, in faith abiding,
  Life deriving from his death.

4 May I still enjoy this feeling,
Still to my Redeemer go;
Prove his wounds each day more healing,
And himself more truly know.

214 C. M. WATTS.

Christ and his Cross our Theme.

CHRIST and his cross are all our theme:
The mysteries that we speak
Are scandal in the Jews' esteem,
And folly to the Greek.

2 But souls enlightened from above
With joy receive the word;
They see what wisdom, power, and love
Shine in their dying Lord.

3 The vital savor of his name
Restores their fainting breath;
But unbelief perverts the same
To guilt, despair, and death.

4 Till God diffuse his graces down,
Like showers of heavenly rain,
In vain Apollos sows the ground,
And Paul may plant in vain.

215 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

The World crucified to us by the Cross.

HOW great the wonders of that cross
Where our Redeemer bled and died!
Its noblest life our spirit draws
From his deep wounds and pierced side.

2 It cost him death to save our lives;
To buy our souls, it cost his own;

And all the heavenly joys he gives
Were bought with agonies unknown.

3 Let sin's delights be all forgot,
And earth grow less in our esteem:
The love of Christ fill every thought,
And faith and hope be fixed on him!

4 I would for ever speak his name
In sounds to mortal ears unknown;
With angels join to praise the Lamb,
And worship at his Father's throne.

216 L. M. WATTS.

WHEN I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 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.

3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

217 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Faith contemplating Christ's Sufferings.

NOW let our faith grow strong, and rise,
And view our Lord in all his love;

Look back to hear his dying cries,
Then mount, and see his throne above.

2 See where he languished on the cross!
Beneath our sins he groaned and died:
See where he sits to plead our cause,
By his almighty Father's side!

3 How shall we, pardoned rebels, show
How much we love our Saviour God?
Lord, here we 'd banish every foe—
We hate the sins which cost thy blood.

218 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

PREPARE us, Lord, to view thy cross,
Who all our griefs hast borne;
To look on thee, whom we have pierced—
To look on thee, and mourn.

2. While thus we mourn, we would rejoice;
And as thy cross we see,
Let each exclaim, in faith and hope,
"The Saviour died for me!"

The Holy Spirit.

219 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Descent of the Holy Spirit.

BLEST day, when our ascended Lord
Fulfilled his own prophetic word;
Sent down his Spirit, to inspire
His saints, baptized with holy fire.

2 While by his power these signs were wrought,
While divers tongues his wisdom taught,
His love one only subject gave—
That Jesus died the world to save!

3 Sure peace with God!—the joyful sound
Pours wide its sacred influence round;
Relenting foes his grace receive,
And humbled myriads hear and live.

220 L. M. WATTS.

The Spirit enlightening and renewing.

ETERNAL Spirit, we confess
And sing the wonders of thy grace:
Thy power conveys our blessings down
From God the Father and the Son.

2 Enlightened by thine heavenly ray,
Our shades and darkness turn to day;
Thine inward teachings make us know
Our danger and our refuge too.

3 Thy power and glory work within,
And break the chains of reigning sin:
Our wild, imperious lusts subdue,
And form our wretched hearts anew.

4 The troubled conscience knows thy voice;
Thy cheering words awake our joys;
Thy words allay the stormy wind,
And calm the surges of the mind.

221 S. M. MONT. COL.

The indwelling Influences of the Spirit.

'TIS God the Spirit leads
In paths before unknown;
The work to be performed is ours,
The strength is all his own.

2 Supported by his grace,
We still pursue our way;
And hope at last to reach the prize,
Secure in endless day.

3 'Tis he that works to will,
'Tis he that works to do;
His is the power by which we act,
His be the glory too.

222 L. M. BEDDOME.

Teachings of the Spirit.

COME, blessed Spirit, source of light,
Whose power and grace are unconfined,
Dispel the gloomy shades of night,
The thicker darkness of the mind.

2 To mine illumined eyes display
The glorious truth thy words reveal;
Cause me to run the heavenly way,
Make me delight to do thy will.

3 Thine inward teachings make me know,
The mysteries of redeeming love,
The vanity of things below,
And excellence of things above.

4 While through this dubious maze I stray,
Spread, like the sun, thy beams abroad;
O show the dangers of the way,
And guide my feeble steps to God.

223 L. M.

The Spirit the Source of Light and Life.

FATHER of mercies, God of love,
Send down thy Spirit from above;
Let me his sacred influence feel,
To quicken, purify, and heal.

2 May he these stubborn lusts subdue,
And form my nature all anew;
To thee my grovelling spirit raise,
Excite to humble prayer and praise.

3 He is the source of every grace,
Of light, and life, and holiness:
By him alone may I be taught,
And all my works in him be wrought.

4 O let thy Holy Spirit come,
And make my heart his constant home;
There his abundant grace display,
And lead me in a perfect way.

224 C. M. WATTS.

The Holy Spirit in Regeneration.

NOT the malicious nor profane,
The wanton nor the proud,
Nor thieves, nor slanderers, shall obtain
The kingdom of our God.

2 Surprising grace!—and such were we
By nature and by sin;
Heirs of immortal misery,
Unholy and unclean.

3 But we are washed in Jesus' blood;
We're pardoned through his name;
And the good Spirit of our God
Hath sanctified our frame.

4 O for a persevering power
To keep thy just commands!
We would defile our hearts no more,
No more pollute our hands.

225 C. M. HOSKINS.

SINNERS, this solemn truth regard:
Hear, all ye sons of men;
For Christ, the Saviour, hath declared,
"Ye must be born again."

2 Whate'er might be your birth or blood,
The sinner's boast is vain:
Thus saith the glorious Son of God,
"Ye must be born again."

3 Our nature's totally depraved,
The heart a sink of sin;
Without a change we can't be saved:
"Ye must be born again."

4 Spirit of life, thy grace impart,
And breathe on sinners slain;
Bear witness, Lord, in every heart,
That we are born again.

5 Dear Saviour, let us now begin
To trust and love thy word,
And, by forsaking every sin,
Prove we are born of God.

226 8, 8 & 6.

AWAKED by Sinai's awful sound,
My soul in bonds of guilt I found,
And knew not where to go:
O'erwhelmed with sin, with anguish slain,
"The sinner must be born again,"
Or sink to endless woe.

2 Amazed I stood, but could not tell
Which way to shun the gates of hell,
For death and hell drew near:
I strove indeed, but strove in vain;
"The sinner must be born again"
Still sounded in my ear.

3 When to the law I trembling fled,
It poured its curses on my head;
I no relief could find:
This fearful truth increased my pain;
"The sinner must be born again"
O'erwhelmed my tortured mind.

4 Again did Sinai's thunders roll,
But guilt lay heavy on my soul,
A vast, unwieldy load;
Alas! I read and saw it plain,
"The sinner must be born again,"
Or drink the wrath of God.

5 The saints I heard with rapture tell
How Jesus conquered death and hell,
And broke the fowler's snare;
Yet, when I found this truth remain,
"The sinner must be born again,"
I sunk in deep despair.

6 But while I thus in anguish lay,
Jesus of Nazareth passed that way,
And felt his pity move:
The sinner, by his justice slain,
"Now by his grace is born again,"
And sings redeeming love.

227 S. M. BEDDOME.

Influences of the Spirit implored.

COME, Holy Spirit, come,
With energy divine,
And on this poor benighted soul
With beams of mercy shine.

2 O melt this frozen heart;
This stubborn will subdue;
Each evil passion overcome,
And form me all anew.

3 Mine will the profit be,
But thine shall be the praise;
And unto thee will I devote
The remnant of my days.

228 S. M. HART.

COME, Holy Spirit, come;
Let thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,
The darkness from our eyes.

2 Convince us all of sin,
Then lead to Jesus' blood;
And to our wondering view reveal
The mercies of our God.

3 Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove;
And kindle in our breasts the flame
Of never-dying love.

4 'T is thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in every part,
And new-create the whole.

5 Dwell, Spirit, in our hearts;
Our minds from bondage free;
Then shall we know, and praise, and love,
The Father, Son, and Thee.

229 7s. REED.

HOLY GHOST, with light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

2 Let me see my Saviour's face,
Let me all his beauties trace:

Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known by thee.

3 Holy Ghost, with power divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine:
Long has sin, without control,
Held dominion o'er my soul.

4 Holy Ghost, with joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Bid my many woes depart,
Heal my wounded, bleeding heart.

5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down every idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

230 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

COME, sacred Spirit, from above,
And fill the coldest heart with love:
O turn to flesh the flinty stone,
And let thy sovereign power be known.

2 Speak thou, and from the haughtiest eyes
Shall floods of contrite sorrow rise;
While all their glowing souls are borne
To seek that grace which now they scorn.

3 O let a holy flock await
In crowds around thy temple-gate;
Each pressing on with zeal to be
A living sacrifice to thee.

231 C. M. WATTS.

COME, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

2 Look how we grovel here below,
Fond of these trifling toys;
Our souls can neither fly nor go
To reach eternal joys.

3 In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.

4 Dear Lord, and shall we ever lie
In this poor dying state,
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,
And thine to us so great?

5 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

232 L. M. BROWN.

COME, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above:
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.

2 To us the light of truth display,
And make us know and choose thy way:
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may ne'er depart.

3 Lead us to holiness, the road
Which we must take to dwell with God;
Lead us to Christ, the living way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray.

4 Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with him for ever blest;
Lead us to heaven, its bliss to share,
Fulness of joy for ever there.

233 C. M. EPIS. COL.

FATHER, to thee our souls we lift,
On thee our hope depends,
Convinced that every perfect gift
From thee alone descends.

2 Mercy and grace are thine alone,
And power and wisdom too;
Without the Spirit of thy Son
We nothing good can do.

3 Thou all our works in us hast wrought;
Our good is all divine;
The praise of every holy thought
And righteous word is thine.

4 From thee, through Jesus, we receive
The power on thee to call;
In thee, O Lord, we move and live;
Our God is all in all.

234 L. M. BURDER'S COL.

COME, Holy Spirit, calm each mind,
And fit us to approach our God;
Remove each vain, each worldly thought,
And lead us to thy blest abode.

2 Hast thou imparted to our souls
A living spark of holy fire?
O kindle now the sacred flame;
Make us to burn with pure desire.

3 Still brighter faith and hope impart,
And let us now our Saviour see:
O soothe and cheer each burdened heart,
And bid our spirits rest in thee.

235 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

GREAT Father of each perfect gift,
Behold thy servants wait;
With longing eyes and lifted hands
We flock around thy gate.

2 O shed abroad that royal gift,
Thy Spirit from above,
To bless our eyes with sacred light,
And fire our hearts with love.

3 Blest earnest of eternal joy,
Declare our sins forgiven;
And bear, with energy divine,
Our raptured thoughts to heaven.

236 C. M. WESLEY'S COL.

FATHER of all, in whom alone
We live, and move, and breathe,
One bright celestial ray send down,
And cheer thy sons beneath.

2 While in thy word we search for thee,
O fill our souls with awe:
Thy light impart, that we may see
The wonders of thy law.

3 Now let our darkness comprehend
The light that shines so clear;
Now thy revealing Spirit send,
And give us ears to hear.

4 Before us make thy goodness pass,
Which here by faith we know;
Let us in Jesus see thy face,
And die to all below.

237 H. M. PRATT'S COL.

O THOU that hearest prayer,
Attend our humble cry;

And let thy servants share
Thy blessing from on high:
We plead the promise of thy word,
Grant us thy Holy Spirit, Lord.

2 If earthly parents hear
Their children when they cry;
If they, with love sincere,
Their children's wants supply;
Much more wilt thou thy love display,
And answer when thy children pray.

3 Our heavenly Father thou,
We children of thy grace;
O let thy Spirit now
Descend and fill the place;
So shall we feel the heavenly flame,
And all unite to praise thy name.

238 8s. & 7s. BURDER'S COL.

HOLY GHOST, dispel our sadness,
Pierce the clouds of nature's night:
Come, thou source of joy and gladness,
Breathe thy life and spread thy light.

2 Author of our new creation,
Bid us all thine influence prove;
Make our souls thy habitation;
Shed abroad the Saviour's love.

239 7s. BURDER'S COL.

COME, divine and peaceful Guest,
Enter each devoted breast:
Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
Kindle there the gospel fire.

2 Bid our sin and sorrow cease;
Fill us with thy heavenly peace;
Joy divine we then shall prove,
Light of truth and fire of love.

240 7s. STOCKER.

GRACIOUS Spirit, Love divine,
Let thy light within me shine;
All my guilty fears remove;
Fill me with thy heavenly love.

2 Speak thy pardoning grace to me;
Set the burdened sinner free;
Lead me to the Lamb of God,
Wash me in his precious blood.

3 Life and peace to me impart;
Seal salvation on my heart;
Breathe thyself into my breast,
Earnest of immortal rest.

4 Let me never from thee stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Fill my soul with joy divine;
Keep me, Lord, for ever thine.

241 L. M. MRS. STEELE.

GREAT God, and shall thy Spirit rest
In such a wretched heart as mine?
Unworthy dwelling! glorious Guest!
How great the favor! how divine!

2 When sin prevails and gloomy fear,
And hope almost expires in night,
Lord, can thy Spirit then be here,
Great spring of comfort, life, and light?

3 Sure the blest Comforter is nigh:
'Tis he sustains my fainting heart;
Else would my hope for ever die,
And every cheering ray depart.

4 And when my cheerful hope can say,
"I love my God, and taste his grace,"

Lord, is it not thy blissful ray
Which brings this dawn of sacred peace?

5 Let thy good Spirit in my heart
For ever dwell, O God of love;
And light and heavenly peace impart,
Sweet earnest of the joys above.

242 L. M. STEELE.

THE Holy Spirit sure is nigh:
'Tis he sustains my fainting heart;
Else would my hope for ever die,
And every cheering ray depart.

2 When some kind promise glads my soul,
Do I not find his healing voice
The tempest of my fears control,
And bid my drooping powers rejoice?

3 Whene'er to call the Saviour mine,
With ardent wish my heart aspires,
Can it be less than power divine
Which animates these strong desires?

4 What less than thy almighty word
Can raise my heart from earth and dust,
And bid me cleave to thee, my Lord,
My life, my treasure, and my trust?

243 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

BLEST Comforter divine,
Let rays of heavenly love
Amid our gloom and darkness shine,
And guide our souls above.

2 Draw, with thy still small voice,
Us from each sinful way;
And bid the mourning saint rejoice,
Though earthly joys decay.

3 By thine inspiring breath
Make every cloud of care,
And e'en the gloomy vale of death,
A smile of glory wear.

4 O fill thou every heart
With love to all our race:
Great Comforter, to us impart
These blessings of thy grace.

244 L. M. PRATT'S COL

BREATHE, Holy Spirit, from above,
Until our hearts with fervor glow:
O kindle there a Saviour's love,
True sympathy with human woe.

2 Bid our conflicting passions cease,
And terror from each conscience flee;
O speak to every bosom peace,
Unknown to all who know not thee.

3 Give us to taste thy heavenly joy;
Our hopes to brightest glory raise;
Guide us to bliss without alloy,
And tune our hearts to endless praise.

245 C. M. WATTS.

WHY should the children of a King
Go mourning all their days?
Great Comforter, descend, and bring
Some tokens of thy grace.

2 Dost thou not dwell in all thy saints,
And seal them heirs of heaven?
When wilt thou banish my complaints,
And show my sins forgiven?

3 Assure my conscience of her part
In my Redeemer's blood;

And bear thy witness with my heart,
That I am born of God.

4 Thou art the earnest of his love,
The pledge of joys to come;
And thy soft wings, celestial Dove,
Will safe convey me home.

246 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

ETERNAL Spirit, God of truth,
Our contrite hearts inspire:
Kindle the flame of heavenly love,
And feed the pure desire.

2 'Tis thine to soothe the sorrowing mind,
With guilt and fear oppressed:
'Tis thine to bid the dying live,
And give the weary rest.

3 Subdue the power of every sin,
Whate'er that sin may be;
That we with humble, holy heart,
May worship only thee.

4 Then with our spirits witness bear
That we are sons of God;
Redeemed from sin, and death, and hell,
Through Christ's atoning blood.

247 L. M. WATTS.

THE Spirit, like a peaceful dove,
Flies from the realms of noise and strife:
Why should we vex and grieve his love
Who seals our souls to heavenly life?

2 Tender and kind be all our thoughts;
Through all our lives let mercy run;
So God forgives our numerous faults,
Through grace abounding in the Son.

248 L. M. HIGINBOTHAM.

SPIRIT of peace, immortal Dove,
Here let thy gentle influence reign:
Come, fill my soul with heavenly love,
And all the graces of thy train.

2 Not all the sweets beneath the sky,
Nor corn, nor oil, nor richest wine,
Could raise my tuneful song so high,
Or yield me pleasures so divine.

3 Blest with thy presence, I could meet
Death, though in all his terrors dressed;
Nor, while I taste a joy so sweet,
One fear disturb my peaceful breast.

249 L. M.

COME, Holy Spirit, heavenly Guest,
And make thy mansion in my breast;
Dispel my doubts, my fears control,
And heal the anguish of my soul.

2 Come, make thy constant dwelling here;
Fill me with hope, dispel my fear;
Still let thy presence cheer my heart,
Nor sin compel thee to depart.

3 Thou God of love and peace divine,
O make thy light within me shine;
Forgive my sins, my guilt remove,
And send the tokens of thy love.

250 L. M. C. WESLEY.

Grieved Spirit besought.

STAY, thou insulted Spirit, stay,
Though I have done thee such despite;
Cast not the sinner quite away,
Nor take thine everlasting flight.

2 Though I have most unfaithful been
Of all who e'er thy grace received,
Ten thousand times thy goodness seen,
Ten thousand times thy goodness grieved;

3 Yet, O, the chief of sinners spare,
In honor of my great High-Priest;
Nor in thy righteous anger swear
T' exclude me from thy people's rest.

4 If yet thou canst my sins forgive,
E'en now, O Lord, relieve my woes;
Into thy rest of love receive,
And bless me with a calm repose.

5 E'en now my weary soul release,
And raise me by thy gracious hand;
Guide me into thy perfect peace,
And bring me to the promised land.

251 L. M. SCOTT.

Prayer for the Return of the Spirit.

O LORD, and shall our fainting souls
Thy just displeasure ever mourn?
Thy Spirit, grieved, and long withdrawn,
Will he no more to us return?

2 Great Source of light and peace, return,
Nor let us mourn and sigh in vain;
Come, repossess these longing hearts
With all the graces of thy train.

3 This temple, hallowed by thine hand,
Once more be with thy presence blest:
Here be thy grace anew displayed,
Be this thine everlasting rest.

252 L. M. MRS. STEELE.

LORD, in the temples of thy grace
Thy saints behold thy smiling face;
Here have we seen thy glory shine.
With power and majesty divine.

2 Return, O Lord, our spirits cry;
Our graces droop, our comforts die:
Return, and let thy glories rise
Again to our admiring eyes;

3 Till, filled with light, and joy, and love,
Thy courts below, like those above,
Triumphant hallelujahs raise,
Till heaven and earth resound thy praise.

Warnings and Invitations of the Gospel.

253 L. M. WATTS.

The broad and narrow Ways.

BROAD is the road that leads to death,
And thousands walk together there;
But wisdom shows a narrow path,
With here and there a traveller.

2 "Deny thyself, and take thy cross,"
Is the Redeemer's great command:
Nature must count her gold but dross,
If she would gain this heavenly land.

3 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.

4 Lord, let not all my hopes be vain;
Create my heart entirely new;
Which hypocrites could ne'er attain;
Which false apostates never knew.

254 C. M. WATTS.

The strait Gate.

STRAIT is the way, the door is strait,
That leads to joys on high;
'Tis but a few that find the gate,
While crowds mistake and die.

2 Beloved self must be denied,
The mind and will renewed,
Passion suppressed, and patience tried,
And vain desires subdued.

3 [Flesh is a dangerous foe to grace,
Where it prevails and rules:
Flesh must be humbled, pride abased,
Lest they destroy our souls.]

4 [The love of gold be banished hence,
That vile idolatry;
And every member, every sense,
In sweet subjection lie.]

5 [The tongue, that most unruly power,
Requires a strong restraint:
We must be watchful every hour,
And pray, but never faint.]

6 Lord, can a feeble, helpless worm
Fulfil a task so hard?
Thy grace must all the work perform,
And give the free reward.

255 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

The Way of Sin not the Way to Heaven.

CAN sinners hope for heaven,
Who love this world so well,
Or dream of future happiness
While on the road to hell?

2 Can sin's deceitful way
Conduct to Zion's hill,
Or those expect with God to reign
Who disregard his will?

3 Shall they hosannas sing
With an unhallowed tongue?
Shall palms adorn the guilty hand
Which does its neighbor wrong?

4 Thy grace, O God, alone
Good hopes can e'er afford:
The pardoned and renewed shall see
The glory of the Lord.

256 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Danger of rejecting Christ.

HARK! from the cross a voice of peace
Bids Sinai's awful thunder cease:
Sinner, that voice of love obey,
From Christ, the true, the living way.

2 How else his presence wilt thou bear,
When he in judgment shall appear,
When slighted love to wrath shall turn,
And all the earth like Sinai burn?

3 Now from the cross a voice of peace
Bids Sinai's awful thunder cease:
O sinner, while 'tis called to-day,
That voice of saving love obey.

257 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

One Thing needful.

WHY will ye waste on trifling cares
That life which God's compassion spares,
While, in the various range of thought,
The one thing needful is forgot?

2 Shall God invite you from above,
Shall Jesus urge his dying-love,
Shall troubled conscience give you pain,
And all these pleas be urged in vain?

3 Not so your eyes will always view
Those objects which you now pursue:
Not so will heaven and hell appear
When death's decisive hour is near.

4 Almighty God, thy grace impart;
Fix deep conviction on each heart:
Nor let us waste on trifling cares
That life which thy compassion spares.

258 8, 7 & 4. REED.

The Sinner invited and threatened.

HEAR, O sinner! mercy hails you;
Now with sweetest voice she calls;
Bids you haste to seek the Saviour
Ere the hand of justice falls:
Hear, O sinner!
'Tis the voice of mercy calls.

2 See the storm of vengeance gathering
O'er the path you dare to tread;
Hark! the awful thunders rolling
Loud and louder o'er your head:
Turn, O sinner,
Lest the lightnings strike you dead.

3 Haste, O sinner, to the Saviour;
Seek his mercy while you may:
Soon the day of grace is over;
Soon your life will pass away:
Haste, O sinner!
You must perish if you stay.

259 8, 7 & 4. LITTLETON.

SINNERS, will you scorn the message
Sent in mercy from above?
Every sentence, O how tender!
Every line is full of love:
Listen to it—
Every line is full of love.

2 Hear the heralds of the gospel
News from Zion's King proclaim,
"Pardon to each rebel sinner—
Free forgiveness in his name."
How important!
"Free forgiveness in his name!"

3 Tempted souls, they bring you succor;
Fearful hearts, they quell your fears;
And with news of consolation
Chase away the falling tears:
Tender heralds!
Chase away the falling tears.

4 False professors, grovelling worldlings,
Callous hearers of the word,
While the messengers address you,
Take the warnings they afford:
We entreat you,
Take the warnings they afford.

5 Who hath our report believèd?
Who received the joyful word?

Who embraced the news of pardon
Offered to you by the Lord?
Can you slight it?—
Offered to you by the Lord!

6 O, ye angels, hovering round us,
Waiting spirits, speed your way;
Haste ye to the court of heaven,
Tidings bear without delay:
Rebel sinners
Glad the message will obey.

260 S. M. VILLAGE HYMNS.

MY son, know thou the Lord,
Thy fathers' God obey;
Seek his protecting care by night,
His guardian hand by day.

2 Call while he may be found;
O seek him while he 's near;
Serve him with all thy heart and mind,
And worship him with fear.

3 If thou wilt seek his face,
His ear will hear thy cry;
Then shalt thou find his mercy sure,
His grace for ever nigh.

4 But if thou leave thy God,
Nor choose the path to heaven,
Then shalt thou perish in thy sins,
And never be forgiven.

261 7s. EPIS. COL.

SINNER, rouse thee from thy sleep;
Wake, and o'er thy folly weep;
Raise thy spirit, dark and dead;
Jesus waits his light to shed.

2 Wake from sleep, arise from death;
See the bright and living path:
Watchful tread that path: be wise;
Leave thy folly, seek the skies.

3 Leave thy folly, cease from crime;
From this hour redeem thy time;
Life secure, without delay:
Evil is thy mortal day.

4 O, then, rouse thee from thy sleep;
Wake, and o'er thy folly weep:
Jesus calls from death and night,
Jesus waits to shed his light.

262 7s. T. Scott.

"Escape for thy Life."

HASTEN, sinner, to be wise;
Stay not for the morrow's sun;
Wisdom, if thou still despise,
Harder is she to be won.

2 Hasten mercy to implore;
Stay not for the morrow's sun;
Lest thy season should be o'er
Ere this evening's stage be run.

3 Hasten, sinner, to return;
Stay not for the morrow's sun;
Lest thy lamp should cease to burn
Ere salvation's work is done.

4 Hasten, sinner, to be blest;
Stay not for the morrow's sun;
Lest the curse should thee arrest
Ere the morrow is begun.

263 C. M. Watts.

The Gospel Trumpet.

LET every mortal ear attend,
And every heart rejoice;

The trumpet of the gospel sounds
With an inviting voice.

2 Ho! all ye hungry, starving souls,
That feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
To fill th' immortal mind;

3 Eternal wisdom has prepared
A soul-reviving feast,
And bids your longing appetites
The rich provision taste.

4 Ho! ye that pant for living streams,
And pine away and die;
Here you may quench your raging thirst
With springs that never dry.

5 Rivers of love and mercy here
In a rich ocean join;
Salvation in abundance flows,
Like floods of milk and wine.

6 The happy gates of gospel grace
Stand open night and day:
Lord, we are come to seek supplies,
And drive our wants away.

264 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

YE trembling captives, hear!
The gospel trumpet sounds:
No music more can charm the ear,
Or heal your heartfelt wounds.

2 'Tis not the trump of war,
Nor Sinai's awful roar:
Salvation's news it spreads afar,
And vengeance is no more.

3 Forgiveness, love, and peace,
Glad heaven aloud proclaims;

And earth the Jubilee's release
With eager rapture claims.

4 Far, far to distant lands
The saving news shall spread,
And Jesus all his willing bands
In glorious triumph lead.

265 8s. & 4s. REED'S COL.

HARK, hark! the gospel trumpet sounds;
Through earth and heaven the echo bounds;
Pardon and peace by Jesus' blood!
Sinners are reconciled to God
By grace divine!

2 Come, sinners, hear the joyful news,
Nor longer dare the grace refuse:
Mercy and justice here combine;
Goodness and truth harmonious join
T' invite you near.

3 Ye saints in glory, strike the lyre;
Ye mortals, catch the sacred fire;
Let both the Saviour's love proclaim:
For ever worthy is the Lamb
Of endless praise.

266 L. M. WATTS.

Christ's Invitation to Sinners.

"COME hither, all ye weary souls;
Ye heavy-laden sinners, come;
I'll give you rest from all your toils,
And raise you to my heavenly home.

2 "They shall find rest who learn of me:
I'm of a meek and lowly mind;
But passion rages like the sea,
And pride is restless as the wind.

3 "Blest is the man whose shoulders take
My yoke, and bear it with delight:
My yoke is easy to the neck,
My grace shall make the burden light."

4 Jesus, we come at thy command;
With faith, and hope, and humble zeal,
Resign our spirits to thy hand,
To mould and guide us at thy will.

267 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

THE Saviour calls—let every ear
Attend the heavenly sound:
Ye doubting souls, dismiss your fear;
Hope smiles reviving round.

2 For every thirsty, longing heart,
Here streams of bounty flow,
And life, and health, and bliss impart,
To banish mortal woe.

3 Ye sinners, come; 'tis mercy's voice;
That gracious voice obey:
'Tis Jesus calls to heavenly joys;
And can you yet delay?

4 Dear Saviour, draw reluctant hearts;
To thee let sinners fly,
And take the bliss thy love imparts,
And drink, and never die.

268 7s. PRATT'S COL.

COME, said Jesus' sacred voice,
Come, and make my paths your choice:
I will guide you to your home—
Weary pilgrims, hither come.

2 Hither come; for here is found
Balm for every bleeding wound;
Peace, which ever shall endure;
Rest eternal, sacred, sure.

269 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Invitation to the Heavy-laden.

ALL ye who feel distressed for sin,
And fear eternal woe,
You Christ invites to enter in—
This hour to Jesus go.

2 He, by his own almighty word,
Will all your fears remove;
For every wound his precious blood
A sovereign balm shall prove.

3 His conquering grace shall set you free
From sin's oppressive chains,
From Satan's hateful tyranny,
And everlasting pains.

4 Come then, ye heavy-laden, come;
His instant help implore:
Millions have found a peaceful home—
There's room for millions more.

270 L. M. MRS. STEELE.

COME, weary souls, with sin oppressed,
O come, accept the promised rest:
The Saviour's gracious call obey,
And cast your gloomy fears away.

2 Oppressed with guilt—a painful load—
O come, and bow before your God:
Divine compassion, mighty love,
Will all the painful load remove.

3 Here mercy's boundless ocean flows,
To cleanse your guilt and heal your woes;
Here's pardon, life, and endless peace:
How rich the gift! how free the grace!

271 C. M. FAWCETT.

SINNERS, the voice of God regard;
His mercy speaks to-day;
He calls you by his sovereign word
From sin's destructive way.

2 Like the rough sea, that cannot rest,
You live devoid of peace;
A thousand stings within your breast
Deprive your souls of ease.

3 Why will you in the crooked ways
Of sin and folly go?
In pain you travail all your days,
To reap immortal woe!

4 But he who turns to God shall live
Through his abounding grace:
His mercy will the guilt forgive
Of those who seek his face.

5 Bow to the sceptre of his word,
Renouncing every sin;
Submit to him, your sovereign Lord,
And learn his will divine.

6 His love exceeds your highest thoughts:
He pardons like a God:
He will forgive your numerous faults
Through our Redeemer's blood.

272 S. M. EPIS. COL.

O CEASE, my wandering soul,
On restless wing to roam:

All this wide world, to either pole,
Has not for thee a home.

2 Behold the ark of God;
Behold the open door:
O haste to gain that dear abode,
And rove, my soul, no more.

3 There safe thou shalt abide;
There sweet shall be thy rest;
And every longing satisfied,
With full salvation blest.

273 8, 7 & 4. HART.

Come and welcome.

COME, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power:
He is able,
He is willing: doubt no more.

2 Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream:
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him;
This he gives you:
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

3 Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call.

4 Agonizing in the garden,
Lo! your Maker prostrate lies:

On the bloody tree behold him;
Hear him cry, before he dies,
"It is finished!"
Sinner, will not this suffice?

5 Lo! the incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merits of his blood:
Venture on him, venture wholly;
Let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

6 Saints and angels, joined in concert,
Sing the praises of the Lamb,
While the blissful seats of heaven
Sweetly echo with his name:
Hallelujah!
Sinners here may sing the same.

274 C. M. E. JONES.

Come to Jesus.

COME, humble sinner, in whose breast
A thousand thoughts revolve—
Come, with your guilt and fear oppressed,
And make this last resolve:

2 I'll go to Jesus, though my sin
Hath like a mountain rose:
I know his courts; I'll enter in,
Whatever may oppose.

3 Prostrate I'll lie before his throne,
And there my guilt confess;
I'll tell him I'm a wretch undone
Without his sovereign grace.

4 I'll to the gracious King approach
Whose sceptre pardon gives;

Perhaps he may command my touch,
And then the suppliant lives.

5 Perhaps he may admit my plea,
Perhaps will hear my prayer;
But if I perish, I will pray,
And perish only there.

6 I can but perish if I go;
I am resolved to try;
For if I stay away, I know
I must for ever die.

275 12s. THORNBY.

Free Grace.

THE voice of free grace cries, "Escape to the mountain:"
For Adam's lost race Christ hath opened a fountain:
For sin and uncleanness, and every transgression,
His blood flows so freely in streams of salvation.

Chorus.

Hallelujah to the Lamb, who has bought us a pardon:
We'll praise him again when we pass over Jordan.

2 Ye souls that are wounded, to the Saviour repair:
Now he calls you in mercy; and can you forbear?
Though your sins are increasèd as high as a mountain,
His blood can remove them—it flows from the fountain.

3 Now Jesus, our King, reigns triumphantly
glorious;
O'er sin, death, and hell, he is more than victorious:
With shouting proclaim it—O trust in his passion:
He saves us most freely—O precious salvation!

4 Our Jesus his name now proclaims all victorious;
He reigns over all, and his kingdom is glorious:
To Jesus we'll join with the great congregation,
And triumph, ascribing to him our salvation.

5 With joy shall we stand, when escaped to the shore;
With harps in our hands, we'll praise him the more:
We'll range the sweet plains on the bank of the river,
And sing of salvation for ever and ever!

276 S. M. EPIS. COL.

THE Spirit in our hearts
Is whispering, Sinner, come:
The bride, the Church of Christ, proclaims
To all his children, Come!

2 Let him that heareth say
To all about him, Come!
Let him that thirsts for righteousness,
To Christ, the fountain, come.

3 Yes, whosoever will,
O let him freely come,

And freely drink the stream of life:
'T is Jesus bids him come.

4 Lo! Jesus, who invites,
Declares, I quickly come:
Lord, even so! we wait thy hour:
O blest Redeemer, come.

277 C. M. LUTH. COL.

O WHAT amazing words of grace
Are in the gospel found!
Suited to every sinner's case
Who knows the joyful sound.

2 Poor, sinful, thirsty, fainting souls
Are freely welcome here:
Salvation like a river rolls,
Abundant, free, and clear.

3 Come, then, with all your wants and wounds;
Your every burden bring:
Here love, unchanging love abounds,
A deep, celestial spring.

4 Whoever will—O gracious word!—
Shall of this stream partake:
Come, thirsty souls, and bless the Lord,
And drink for Jesus' sake.

5 Millions of sinners, vile as you,
Have here found life and peace;
Come, then, and prove its virtues too,
And drink, adore, and bless.

278 C. M. STEELE.

The Gospel Feast.

YE wretched, hungry, starving poor,
Behold a royal feast,

Where mercy spreads her bounteous store
For every humble guest.

2 There Jesus stands with open arms;
He calls—he bids you come:
Though guilt restrains and fear alarms,
Behold, there yet is room.

3 O come, and with his children taste
The blessings of his love;
While hope expects the sweet repast
Of nobler joys above.

4 There, with united heart and voice,
Before th' eternal throne,
Ten thousand thousand souls rejoice
In songs on earth unknown.

5 And yet ten thousand thousand more
Are welcome still to come:
Ye longing souls, the grace adore,
And enter while there 's room.

279 L. M. 6 L.

The Gospel adapted to give Peace and Rest.

PEACE, troubled soul, whose plaintive moan
Hath taught these rocks the notes of woe;
Cease thy complaint, suppress thy groan,
And let thy tears forget to flow:
Behold, the precious balm is found,
To lull thy pain, to heal thy wound.

2 Come, freely come, by sin oppressed,
Unburthen here thy weighty load;
Here find thy refuge and thy rest,
And trust the mercy of thy God:
Thy God 's thy Saviour—glorious word!
For ever love and praise the Lord.

280 L. M. J. WESLEY.

Sinners invited to living Waters.

HO! every one that thirsts, draw nigh;
'T is God invites the fallen race:
Mercy and free salvation buy;
Buy wine, and milk, and gospel grace.

2 Come to the living waters, come:
Sinners, obey your Maker's call:
Return, ye weary wanderers, home,
And find his grace is free to all.

281 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

The River of Life.

GREAT Source of being and of love,
Thou waterest all the worlds above;
And all the joys which mortals know,
From thine exhaustless fountain flow.

2 A sacred spring, at thy command,
From Sion's mount, in Canaan's land,
Beside thy temple cleaves the ground,
And pours its limpid stream around.

3 This gentle stream, with sudden force,
Swells to a river in its course;
Through desert realms its windings play,
And scatter blessings all the way.

4 Close by its banks, in order fair,
The blooming trees of life appear;
Their blossoms fragrant odors give,
And on their fruit the nations live.

5 Flow, wondrous stream, with glory crowned,
Flow on to earth's remotest bound;
And bear us, on thy gentle wave,
To him who all thy virtues gave.

282 S. M. DOBELL.

Now the accepted Time.

NOW is th' accepted time,
Now is the day of grace;
Now, sinners, come without delay,
And seek the Saviour's face.

2 Now is th' accepted time,
The Saviour calls to-day:
To-morrow it may be too late;
Then why should you delay?

3 Now is th' accepted time,
The gospel bids you come;
And every promise in his word
Declares there yet is room.

4 Lord, draw reluctant souls,
And feast them with thy love;
Then will the angels swiftly fly
To bear the news above.

283 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

ALL yesterday is gone!
To-morrow's not our own:
O sinner, come without delay
To bow before the throne.

2 O hear his voice to-day,
And harden not your heart:
To-morrow, with a frown, he may
Pronounce the word Depart!

284 C. M. WATTS.

Pardon and Sanctification offered.

IN vain we lavish out our lives
To gather empty wind;

The choicest blessings earth can yield
Will starve a hungry mind.

2 Our God will every want supply,
And fill our hearts with peace:
He gives by covenant and by oath
The riches of his grace.

3 Come, and he'll cleanse our spotted souls,
And wash away our stains
In that dear fountain which his Son
Poured from his dying veins.

4 There shall his sacred Spirit dwell,
And deep engrave his law,
And every motion of our souls
To swift obedience draw.

5 Thus will he pour salvation down,
And we shall render praise;
We the dear people of his love,
And he our God of grace.

285 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

God's gracious Call to Sinners.

LET us adore the grace that seeks
To draw our hearts above;
For, lo! the great Jehovah speaks,
And every word is love.

2 Lord, help us now to seek thy face
By Christ, the living way;
And praise thee for this hour of grace
Through an eternal day.

286 C. M. COLLYER.

Invitation to Sinners.

RETURN, O wanderer, to thy home;
Thy Father calls for thee:

No longer now an exile roam
In guilt and misery.

2 Return, O wanderer, to thy home;
'Tis Jesus calls for thee:
The Spirit and the Bride say, Come:
O now for refuge flee.

3 Return, O wanderer, to thy home;
'Tis madness to delay:
There are no pardons in the tomb,
And brief is mercy's day.

287 L. M. COLLYER.

Invitation to Wanderers.

RETURN, O wanderer, return,
And seek an injured Father's face:
Those warm desires that in thee burn
Were kindled by reclaiming grace.

2 Return, O wanderer, return,
And seek a Father's melting heart:
His pitying eyes thy grief discern,
His hand shall heal thine inward smart.

3 Return, O wanderer, return;
Thy Saviour bids thy spirit live:
Go to his bleeding feet, and learn
How freely Jesus can forgive.

4 Return, O wanderer, return,
And wipe away the falling tear:
'Tis God who says, "No longer mourn;"
'Tis mercy's voice invites thee near.

288 L. M. GRIGG.

Christ knocking at the Door.

BEHOLD a stranger at the door:
He gently knocks, has knocked before;

Has waited long, is waiting still:
You treat no other friend so ill.

2 O lovely attitude! he stands
With melting heart and bleeding hands:
O matchless kindness! and he shows
This matchless kindness to his foes!

3 But will he prove a friend indeed?
He will: the very friend you need—
The friend of sinners: yes, 'tis he,
With garments dyed on Calvary.

4 Rise, touched with gratitude divine,
Turn out his enemy and thine,
That soul-destroying monster, sin,
And let the heavenly stranger in.

5 Admit him ere his anger burn:
His feet, departed, ne'er return:
Admit him, or the hour's at hand
You'll at his door rejected stand.

289 L. M. WATTS.

Inducements to seek Christ.

THUS saith the wisdom of the Lord,
Blest is the man that hears my word,
Keeps daily watch before my gates,
And at my feet for mercy waits.

2 The soul that seeks me shall obtain
Immortal wealth and heavenly gain:
Immortal life is his reward—
Life, and the favor of the Lord.

290 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Sinners urged to accept the Invitation.

YE who in his courts are found,
Listening to the joyful sound,
Lost and helpless as ye are,
Sons of sorrow, sin, and care,
Glorify the King of kings,
Take the peace the gospel brings.

2 Turn to Christ your longing eyes;
View this bleeding sacrifice;
See in him your sins forgiven,
Pardon, holiness, and heaven:
Glorify the King of kings,
Take the peace the gospel brings.

291 S. M. HYDE.

Grieving the Spirit.

AND canst thou, sinner, slight
The call of love divine?
Shall God with tenderness invite,
And gain no thought of thine?

2 Wilt thou not cease to grieve
The Spirit from thy breast,
Till he thy wretched soul shall leave
With all thy sins oppressed?

3 To-day, a pardoning God
Will hear the suppliant pray;
To-day, a Saviour's cleansing blood
Will wash thy guilt away.

4 But grace so dearly bought
If yet thou wilt despise,
Thy fearful doom, with vengeance fraught,
Will fill thee with surprise.

5 Then harden not thy heart
Against the Spirit's voice:
To Christ submit; from sin depart;
Make wisdom's ways thy choice.

292 7s. C. WESLEY.

Expostulation.

SINNERS, turn, why will ye die?
God your Maker asks you why:
God, who did your being give,
Made you with himself to live.

2 Sinners, turn, why will ye die?
God your Saviour asks you why:
He who did your souls retrieve,
He who died that ye might live.

3 Will you let him die in vain?
Crucify your Lord again?
Why, ye ransomed sinners, why
Will ye slight his grace, and die?

4 Sinners, turn, why will ye die?
God the Spirit asks you why:
He who all your lives hath strove,
Wooed you to embrace his love;

5 Will ye not his grace receive?
Will ye still refuse to live?
O ye dying sinners, why—
Why will ye for ever die?

293 L. M. WATTS.

SINNER, O why so thoughtless grown?
Why in such dreadful haste to die?
Daring to leap to worlds unknown!
Heedless against thy God to fly!

2 Wilt thou despise eternal fate,
Urged on by sin's delusive dreams?
Madly attempt th' infernal gate,
And force thy passage to the flames?

3 Stay, sinner, on the gospel plains,
And hear the Lord of life unfold
The glories of his dying pains—
For ever telling, yet untold!

294 L. M. HYDE.

Warnings by the Holy Spirit.

SAY, sinner, hath a voice within
Oft whispered to thy heedless soul,
Urged thee to leave the ways of sin,
And yield thy heart to God's control?

2 Sinner, it was a heavenly voice;
It was the Spirit's gracious call:
It bade thee make the happy choice,
And take the Saviour for thy all.

3 Spurn not the call to life and light;
Regard in time the warning kind;
The gospel call no longer slight;
Obey, and free salvation find.

4 God's Spirit will not always strive
With hardened, self-destroying men:
They who presume his love to grieve
May never hear his voice again.

5 Sinner, perhaps this very day
Thy last accepted time may be:
O! shouldst thou grieve him thus away,
He never would return to thee.

295 7s.

Sinners admonished.

SINNER, art thou still secure?
Wilt thou still refuse to pray?
Can thy heart or hand endure
In the Lord's avenging day?

2 See, his mighty arm is bared;
Awful terrors clothe his brow:
For his judgments stand prepared;
Thou must either break or bow.

3 At his presence nature shakes;
Earth, affrighted, hastes to flee;
Solid mountains melt like wax:
What will then become of thee?

4 Who his coming may abide?
You that glory in your shame,
Will you find a place to hide
When the world is wrapped in flame?

5 Lord, prepare us by thy grace:
Soon we must resign our breath,
And our souls be called to pass
Through the iron gate of death.

296 C. M. HART.

Sinners warned and invited.

VAIN man, thy fond pursuits forbear:
Repent—thy end is nigh:
Death, at the farthest, can't be far:
O think before thou die.

2 Reflect; thou hast a soul to save:
Thy sins, how high they mount!
What are thy hopes beyond the grave?
How stands that dark account?

3 Death enters, and there 's no defence:
His time there 's none can tell:
He 'll in a moment call thee hence,
To heaven or to hell.

4 Thy flesh, perhaps thy chiefest care,
Shall crawling worms consume;
But, ah! destruction stops not there:
Sin kills beyond the tomb.

5 To-day the gospel calls—to-day:
Sinners, it speaks to you:
Let every one forsake his way,
And mercy will ensue;

6 Rich mercy, dearly bought with blood,
How vile soe'er ye be;
Abundant pardon, peace with God,
All given entirely free.

297 C. M.

Perdition.

FAR from the utmost verge of day,
Those gloomy regions lie
Where flames amid the darkness play,
The worm shall never die.

2 The breath of God, his angry breath,
Supplies and fans the fire;
Then sinners taste the second death,
And would, but can't, expire.

3 Conscience, the never-dying worm,
With torture gnaws the heart;
And woe and wrath in every form
Is now the sinner's part.

4 Sad world indeed: ah! who can bear
For ever there to dwell,
For ever sinking in despair,
In all the pains of hell?

298 8s. & 7s.

Hell.

SINNER, hell is deep and yawning:
Quenchless fires are raging there;
Not a beam of hope is dawning
On those regions of despair.

2 Like some vast volcanic crater,
Burning waves of lava swell,
Rage, and toss, and mourn, and labor!
Such, O sinner, such is hell.

3 Conscience is the worm undying;
Guilt the everlasting pain;
Love rejected, slighted, plying
Fuel to the deathless flame.

4 Chains of darkness, shrieks, and groan-
Blasphemies and madness dwell [ings,
'Mid these everlasting burnings!
This, O sinner, this is hell!

Conviction and Confession.

299 C. M. WATTS.

Conviction of Sin by the Law.

LORD, how secure my conscience was,
And felt no inward dread:
I was alive without the law,
And thought my sins were dead.

2 My hopes of heaven were firm and bright;
But since the precept came

With a convincing power and light,
I find how vile I am.

3 My guilt appeared but small before,
Till terribly I saw
How perfect, holy, just, and pure,
Was thine eternal law.

4 Then felt my soul the heavy load;
My sins revived again:
I had provoked a dreadful God,
And all my hopes were slain.

5 I'm like a helpless captive, sold
Under the power of sin:
I cannot do the good I would,
Nor keep my conscience clean.

6 My God, I cry with every breath
For some kind power to save,
To break the yoke of sin and death,
And thus redeem the slave.

300 S. M. LUTH. COL.

MY former hopes are fled,
My terror now begins:
I feel, alas! that I am dead
In trespasses and sins.

2 Ah, whither shall I fly?
I hear the thunder roar:
The law proclaims destruction nigh,
And vengeance at the door.

3 When I review my ways,
I dread impending doom;
But sure a friendly whisper says,
"Flee from the wrath to come."

4 I see—or think I see—
A glimmering from afar;
A beam of day, that shines for me,
To save me from despair.

5 Forerunner of the sun,
It marks the pilgrim's way:
I'll gaze upon it while I run,
And watch the rising day.

301 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Impenitence deplored.

AMID displays of wrath and love,
What stubborn creatures, Lord, are we!
No relish for the joys of heaven,
No dread of endless misery.

2 With what a base contempt we treat
Thy threatenings and thy promises!
Duty neglect and mercy slight,
Nor fear to sin, nor seek to please.

3 Could angels weep, for us they'd mourn:
Break, then, these flinty hearts, O God!
Sure we must melt beneath thy grace,
Or feel the terrors of thy rod.

302 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Confession.

ALMIGHTY Father, God of grace,
We all, like sheep astray,
In folly from thy paths have turned,
Each to his sinful way.

2 Sins of omission and of act
Through all our lives abound:

Alas! in thought, and word, and deed,
No health in us is found.

3 O spare us, Lord! in mercy spare!
Our contrite souls restore,
Through him who suffered on the cross,
And man's transgressions bore.

4 And grant, O Father, for his sake,
That we, through all our days,
A just and godly life may lead,
To thine eternal praise.

303 7s. RAFFLES.

Confession of Sin.

SOVEREIGN Ruler, Lord of all,
Prostrate at thy feet I fall;
Hear, O hear my ardent cry;
Frown not, lest I faint and die.

2 Vilest of the sons of men,
Chief of sinners I have been;
Oft abused thee to thy face,
Trampled on thy richest grace.

3 Justly might thy vengeful dart
Pierce this broken, bleeding heart;
Justly might thy angry breath
Blast me in eternal death.

4 But with thee may still be found
Balm to heal my every wound:
Soothe, O soothe this troubled breast;
Give the weary wanderer rest.

304 L. C. M.

Confession, and pleading for Pardon.

I LOOK to thee, O Lord, alone,
And low beneath thy gracious throne
Pour out my ardent prayer:

Pardon my sin, my soul reprieve:
No hand but thine can now relieve,
Or save me from despair.

2 My trembling spirit, filled with awe,
Beholds the terrors of thy law,
And bows itself in dust:
Thou, Lord, art righteous, just, and good:
My only refuge is thy blood:
Thou art my only trust.

3 Guilty, before thy bar I plead;
Guilty in thought, in word, and deed;
Wholly defiled by sin:
O heal the leprosy of soul!
One pardoning word can make me whole,
And bid my heart be clean.

305 C. M.

Sins acknowledged.

GREAT God, before thy mercy-seat,
Abased, in dust I fall;
My crimes of complicated guilt
Aloud for judgment call.

2 I own my ways to be corrupt,
My duties stained with sin:
Make thou my broken spirit whole,
My burdened conscience clean.

3 Lord, send thy Spirit from above,
Implant a holy fear;
And through thine all-abounding grace
Bring thy salvation near.

4 On my distressed, benighted soul,
O cause thy face to shine;
Make me to hear thy pardoning voice,
And tell me I am thine.

306 L. M. HART.

The stony Heart.

O FOR a glance of heavenly day
To take this stubborn stone away,
And thaw, with beams of love divine,
This heart, this frozen heart of mine.

2 The rocks can rend, the earth can quake,
The seas can roar, the mountains shake;
Of feeling all things show some sign
But this unfeeling heart of mine.

3 To hear the sorrows thou hast felt,
Dear Lord, an adamant would melt;
But I can read each moving line,
And nothing move this heart of mine.

4 Thy judgments, too, unmoved I hear,
(Amazing thought!) which devils fear;
Goodness and wrath in vain combine
To stir this stupid heart of mine.

5 But something yet can do the deed,
And that dear something much I need:
Thy Spirit can from dross refine,
And move and melt this heart of mine.

307 C. M. STENNETT.

The Penitent.

PROSTRATE, dear Jesus, at thy feet,
A guilty rebel lies,
And upward to thy mercy-seat
Presumes to lift his eyes.

2 If tears of sorrow would suffice
To pay the debt I owe,
Tears should from both my weeping eyes
In ceaseless torrents flow.

3 But no such sacrifice I plead
To expiate my guilt;
No tears but those which thou hast shed,
No blood but thou hast spilt.

4 Think of thy sorrows, dearest Lord,
And all my sins forgive:
Justice will well approve the word
That bids the sinner live.

308 C. M. STENNETT.

The converted Thief.

AS on the cross the Saviour hung,
And wept, and bled, and died,
He poured salvation on a wretch
That languished at his side.

2 His crimes, with inward grief and shame,
The penitent confessed;
Then turned his dying eyes to Christ,
And thus his prayer addressed:

3 "Jesus, thou Son and heir of heaven,
Thou spotless Lamb of God,
I see thee bathed in sweat and tears,
And weltering in thy blood;

4 "Yet quickly from these scenes of woe
In triumph shalt thou rise,
Burst through the gloomy shades of death,
And shine above the skies.

5 "Amid the glories of that world,
Dear Saviour, think on me,
And in the victories of thy death
Let me a sharer be."

6 His prayer the dying Jesus hears,
And instantly replies:
"To-day thy parting soul shall be
With me in paradise."

309 7s.

Deep Contrition.

JESUS, save my dying soul,
Make the broken spirit whole:
Humbled in the dust I lie;
Saviour, leave me not to die.

2 Jesus, full of every grace,
Now reveal thy smiling face;
Grant the joy of sin forgiven,
Foretaste of the bliss of heaven.

3 All my guilt to thee is known;
Thou art righteous, thou alone:
All my help is from thy cross;
All besides I count but loss.

4 Lord, in thee I now believe;
Wilt thou—wilt thou not forgive?
Helpless at thy feet I lie;
Saviour, leave me not to die.

310 C. M.

View of Christ—its Effects.

IN evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame or fear,
Till a new object struck my sight,
And stopped my wild career.

2 I saw one hanging on a tree
In agonies and blood,
Who fixed his languid eyes on me
As near his cross I stood.

3 Sure never, to my latest breath,
Can I forget that look;
It seemed to charge me with his death,
Though not a word he spoke.

4 My conscience felt and owned the guilt,
And plunged me in despair;
I saw my sins his blood had spilt,
And helped to nail him there.

5 Alas! I know not what I did,
But now my tears are vain;
Where shall my trembling soul be hid?
For I the Lord have slain.

6 A second look he gave, which said,
"I freely all forgive:
This blood is for thy ransom paid;
I die, that thou may'st live."

7 With pleasing grief and mournful joy
My spirit now is filled,
That I should such a life destroy,
Yet live by him I killed!

311 S. M. C. WESLEY.

Seeking Christ.

AH! whither should I go,
Burdened, and sick, and faint?
To whom should I my troubles show,
And pour out my complaint?

2 My Saviour bids me come;
Ah! why do I delay?
He calls the weary sinner home,
And yet from him I stay!

3 What is it keeps me back
From which I will not part,
Which will not let the Saviour take
Possession of my heart?

4 Some cursed thing unknown
Must surely lurk within;
Some idol which I will not own,
Some secret bosom-sin.

5 Jesus, the hindrance show
Which I have feared to see;
And let me now consent to know
What keeps me back from thee.

6 Searcher of hearts, in mine
Thy trying power display;
Into its darkest corners shine,
And take the veil away.

312 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

PERPETUAL Source of light and grace,
We hail thy sacred name:
Through every year's revolving round,
Thy goodness is the same.

2 On us, all worthless as we are,
Its wondrous mercy pours,
As sure as heaven's established course,
And plenteous as the showers.

3 Inconstant service we repay,
And treacherous vows renew;
As false as morning's scattering cloud,
And transient as the dew.

4 In flowing tears our guilt we mourn,
And loud implore thy grace
To bear our feeble footsteps on
In all thy righteous ways.

5 Armed with this energy divine,
Our souls shall steadfast move,
And with increasing transport press
To thy bright courts above.

313 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

DEAR Jesus, when, when shall it be
That I no more shall break with thee?
When will this war of passion cease,
And I enjoy a lasting peace?

2 Here I repent, and sin again;
Sometimes revive, sometimes am slain;
Slain with the same malignant dart
Which, O! too often wounds thy heart.

3 When, gracious Lord, when shall it be
That I shall find my all in thee,
The fulness of thy promise prove,
And feast on thine eternal love?

314 L. M.

Despair in Self—trust in the Lord.

WEARY of struggling with my pain,
Hopeless to burst this sinful chain,
At length I give the contest o'er,
And seek to free myself no more.

2 From my own works at last I cease:
God that creates must seal my peace:
Fruitless my toil and vain my care,
Unless thy sovereign grace I share.

3 Lord, I despair myself to heal:
I see my sin, but do not feel;
Nor shall I till thy Spirit blow,
And bid th' obedient waters flow.

4 'Tis thine a heart of flesh to give;
Thy gifts I only can receive;
Here, then, to thee I all resign—
To draw, redeem, and seal is thine.

315 C. M. GALLAHER.

Anxious Inquiry.

MY conscious guilt is now so great,
If I attempt to pray,
The tempter tells me yet to wait,
Or frights my soul away.

2 In painful doubt what course to try,
I fear this long delay;
And must I linger here and die,
Ashamed to ask the way?

3 Ye Christian pilgrims, can ye tell
A stranger to the road,
The way that leads to Zion's hill,
To find a pardoning God?

316 C. M.

Sense of Sin.

THE deep defilement of the heart,
O how can I endure?
The inner man, in every part,
Unholy and impure.

2 How can I look to thy abode,
Or how for mercy pray?
O lead me to the Lamb of God,
And take my guilt away.

3 If thou hast shed one beam of heaven
On this dark soul of mine,
'Tis by the Holy Spirit given—
The glory shall be thine.

317 C. M. NEWTON.

Pleading in Prayer.

APPROACH, my soul, the mercy-seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before his feet,
For none can perish there.

2 Thy promise is my only plea;
With this I venture nigh:
Thou call'st the burdened soul to thee,
And such, O Lord, am I.

3 Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within,
I come to thee for rest.

4 Be thou my shield and hiding-place,
That, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him thou hast died.

5 O wondrous love! to bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I,
Might plead his gracious name!

6 "Poor tempest-tossèd soul, be still;
My promised grace receive:"
'Tis Jesus speaks—I must, I will,
I can, I do believe.

318 C. M. LUTH. COL.

Prayer for Repentance.

O FOR that tenderness of heart
Which bows before the Lord;
That owns how just and good thou art,
And trembles at thy word!

2 O for those humble, contrite tears
Which from repentance flow;
That sense of guilt which trembling fears
The long-suspended blow.

3 Saviour, to me in pity give
For sin the deep distress,
The pledge thou wilt at last receive,
And bid me die in peace.

4 O fill my soul with faith and love,
And strength to do thy will;
Raise my desires and hopes above;
Thyself to me reveal.

319 C. M. WATTS.

Repentance in view of Divine Patience.

AND are we wretches yet alive!
And do we yet rebel!
'T is boundless, 't is amazing love
That bears us up from hell!

2 The burden of our weighty guilt
Would sink us down to flames;
And threatening vengeance rolls above,
To crush our feeble frames.

3 Almighty goodness cries, "Forbear!"
  And straight the thunder stays;
And dare we now provoke his wrath,
  And weary out his grace?

4 Lord, we have long abused thy love,
  Too long indulged our sin;
Our aching hearts now bleed to see
  What rebels we have been.

5 No more, ye lusts, shall ye command;
  No more will we obey:
Stretch out, O God, thy conquering hand,
  And drive thy foes away.

320 C. M.

Repentance at the Cross.

'TWAS for my sins my dearest Lord
  Hung on the cursed tree,
And groaned away a dying life
  For thee, my soul, for thee.

2 O how I hate those lusts of mine
  That crucified my God;
Those sins that pierced and nailed his flesh
  Fast to the fatal wood!

3 Yes, my Redeemer, they shall die;
  My heart has so decreed;
Nor will I spare the guilty things
  That made my Saviour bleed.

4 Whilst with a melting, broken heart,
  My murdered Lord I view,
I'll raise revenge against my sins,
  And slay the murderers too.

321 S. M. WATTS.

Ingratitude deplored.

IS this the kind return,
Are these the thanks we owe,
Thus to abuse eternal love,
Whence all our blessings flow!

2 To what a stubborn frame
Has sin reduced our mind!
What strange, rebellious wretches we!
And God as strangely kind!

3 Turn, turn us, mighty God,
And mould our souls afresh:
Break, sovereign grace, these hearts of stone,
And give us hearts of flesh.

4 Let past ingratitude
Provoke our weeping eyes;
And hourly, as new mercies fall,
Let hourly thanks arise.

322 C. M. STENNETT.

Indwelling Sin lamented.

WITH tears of anguish I lament
Before thy feet, my God,
My passion, pride, and discontent,
And vile ingratitude.

2 Sure there was ne'er a heart so base,
So false as mine has been;
So faithless to its promises,
So prone to every sin.

3 How long, dear Saviour, shall I feel
These struggles in my breast?
When wilt thou bow my stubborn will,
And give my conscience rest?

4 Break, sovereign grace, O break the charm,
And set the captive free:
Reveal, great God, thy mighty arm,
And haste to rescue me.

323 7s. LUTH. COL.

GOD of mercy, God of grace,
Hear our sad, repentant songs;
O restore thy suppliant race,
Thou to whom our praise belongs.

2 Deep regret for follies past,
Talents wasted, time misspent;
Hearts debased by worldly cares,
Thankless for the blessings lent;

3 Foolish fears and fond desires,
Vain regrets for things as vain;
Lips too seldom taught to praise,
Oft to murmur and complain;

4 These, and every secret fault,
Filled with grief and shame, we own:
Humbled at thy feet we lie,
Seeking pardon from thy throne.

5 God of mercy, God of grace,
Hear our sad, repentant songs;
O restore thy suppliant race,
Thou to whom our praise belongs.

324 S. M. BEDDOME.

Sympathy with Christ in his Sorrow for Sinners.

DID Christ o'er sinners weep,
And shall our cheeks be dry?
Let floods of penitential grief
Burst forth from every eye.

2 The Son of God in tears
Angels with wonder see:
Be thou astonished, O my soul,
He shed those tears for thee.

3 He wept, that we might weep;
Each sin demands a tear:
In heaven alone no sin is found,
And there 's no weeping there.

325 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

Ashamed of our Sinfulness.

DEAR Saviour, when my thoughts recall
The wonders of thy grace,
Low at thy feet, ashamed, I fall,
And hide this wretched face.

2 Shall love like thine be thus repaid?
Ah! vile, ungrateful heart!
By earth's low cares detained—betrayed
From Jesus to depart—

3 From Jesus, who alone can give
True pleasure, peace, and rest:
When absent from my Lord, I live
Unsatisfied, unblest.

4 But he, for his own mercy's sake,
My wandering soul restores:
He bids the mourning heart partake
The pardon it implores.

5 O! while I breathe to thee, my Lord,
The humble, contrite sigh,
Confirm the kind, forgiving word,
With pity in thine eye.

6 Then shall the mourner at thy feet
Rejoice to seek thy face,

And, grateful, own how kind, how sweet
Is thy forgiving grace.

326 7s. LUTH. COL.

Repentance in view of Christ's Compassion.

DEPTH of mercy! can there be
Mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God his wrath forbear?
Me, the chief of sinners, spare?

2 I have long withstood his grace;
Long provoked him to his face;
Would not hear his gracious calls;
Grieved him by a thousand falls.

3 Yet how great his mercies are!
Me he still delights to spare;
Cries, "How shall I give thee up?"
Lets the lifted thunder drop.

4 Jesus, answer from above:
Is not all thy nature love?
Wilt thou not the wrong forget?
Lo, I fall before thy feet.

5 Now incline me to repent;
Let me now my fall lament;
Deeply my revolt deplore;
Weep, believe, and sin no more.

327 C. M. WATTS.

Self-righteous Hopes renounced.

VAIN are the hopes the sons of men
On their own works have built;
Their hearts by nature all unclean,
And all their actions guilt.

2 Let Jew and Gentile stop their mouth
Without a murmuring word;
Let all the race of man confess
Their guilt before the Lord.

3 In vain we ask God's righteous law
To justify us now,
Since to convince and to condemn
Is all the law can do.

4 Jesus, how glorious is thy grace!
When in thy name we trust,
Our faith receives a righteousness
That makes the sinner just.

328 L. M. WATTS.

NO more, my God, I boast no more
Of all the duties I have done;
I quit the hopes I held before,
To trust the merits of thy Son.

2 Now, for the love I bear his name,
What was my gain, I count my loss;
My former pride I call my shame,
And nail my glory to his cross.

3 Yes, and I must and will esteem
All things but loss for Jesus' sake;
O may my soul be found in him,
And of his righteousness partake.

4 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.

329 L. M. 6 L. COLLYER.

FATHER of mercies, God of love,
O hear an humble suppliant's cry;

Bend from thy lofty seat above,
  Thy throne of glorious majesty:
O deign to hear my mournful voice,
And bid my drooping heart rejoice.

2 I urge no merits of my own,
  No worth, to claim thy gracious smile:
No, when I bow before thy throne,
  Dare to converse with God a while,
Thy name, blest Jesus, is my plea—
Dearest and sweetest name to me!

3 Father of mercies, God of love,
  Then hear thy humble suppliant's cry;
Bend from thy lofty seat above,
  Thy throne of glorious majesty:
One pardoning word can make me whole,
And soothe the anguish of my soul.

330 L. M. MORE.

AWAKED from sin's delusive sleep,
  My heavy guilt I feel, and weep:
Beneath a weight of woes oppressed,
I come to thee, my Lord, for rest.

2 Now, from thy throne of bliss above,
Shed down a look of heavenly love;
That balm shall sweeten all my pain,
And bid my soul rejoice again.

3 By thy divine, transforming power,
My ruined nature now restore;
And let my life and temper shine,
In blest resemblance, Lord, to thine.

331 S. M. BEDDOME.

Contrition.

THOU Lord of all above
  And all below the sky,

Prostrate before thy feet I fall,
And for thy mercy cry.

2 Forgive my follies past,
The crimes which I have done:
O bid a contrite sinner live
Through thine incarnate Son.

3 Guilt, like a heavy load,
Upon my conscience lies:
To thee I make my sorrows known,
And lift my weeping eyes.

4 The burden which I feel,
Thou only canst remove:
Do thou display thy pardoning grace
And thine unbounded love.

5 One gracious look of thine
Will ease my troubled breast:
O let me know my sins forgiven,
And I shall then be blest.

332 C. M. Mrs. Steele.

Absence from God deprecated.

O THOU whose tender mercy hears
Contrition's humble sigh;
Whose hand indulgent wipes the tears
From sorrow's weeping eye;

2 See, Lord, before thy throne of grace,
A wretched wanderer mourn:
Hast thou not bid me seek thy face?
Hast thou not said, Return?

3 And shall my guilty fears prevail
To drive me from thy feet?
O let not this dear refuge fail,
This only safe retreat.

4 Absent from thee, my Guide, my Light,
Without one cheering ray,
Through dangers, fears, and gloomy night,
How desolate my way!

5 O shine on this benighted heart,
With beams of mercy shine;
And let thy healing voice impart
A taste of joy divine.

333 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Returning to Christ.

YE sons of earth, arise!
Ye creatures of a day,
Redeem the time; be bold, be wise,
And cast your bonds away.

2 The year of gospel-grace,
With us rejoice to see;
And thankfully in Christ embrace
Your proffered liberty.

3 Blest Saviour, Lord of all,
Thee help us to receive;
Obedient to thy gracious call,
O bid us turn and live!

4 Our former years misspent,
Now let us deeply mourn;
And, softened by thy grace, repent,
And to thine arms return.

334 C. M.

HOW oft, alas! this wretched heart
Has wandered from the Lord!
How oft my roving thoughts depart,
Forgetful of his word!

2 Yet sovereign mercy calls, Return!
Dear Lord, and may I come?
My vile ingratitude I mourn:
O take the wanderer home.

3 And canst thou, wilt thou yet forgive,
And bid my crimes remove?
And shall a pardoned rebel live
To speak thy wondrous love?

4 Almighty grace, thy healing power,
How glorious, how divine,
That can to life and bliss restore
A heart so vile as mine!

5 Thy pardoning love, so free, so sweet,
Dear Saviour, I adore:
O keep me at thy sacred feet,
And let me rove no more.

335 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

RETURN, my roving heart, return,
And life's vain shadows chase no more;
Seek out some solitude to mourn,
And thy forsaken God implore.

2 O thou great God, whose piercing eye
Distinctly marks each deep retreat,
In these sequestered hours draw nigh,
And let me here thy presence meet.

3 Through all the windings of my heart,
My search let heavenly wisdom guide;
And still its beams unerring dart,
Till all be known and purified.

4 Then let the visits of thy love
My inmost soul be made to share,
Till every grace combine to prove
That God has fixed his dwelling there.

336 L. M. MRS. STEELE.

AH! wretched, vile, ungrateful heart,
That can from Jesus thus depart;
Thus fond of trifles vainly rove,
Forgetful of a Saviour's love!

2 Dear Lord, to thee I would return,
And at thy feet repenting mourn:
There let me view thy pardoning love,
And never from thy sight remove.

3 O let thy love, with sweet control,
Bind every passion of my soul;
Bid every vain desire depart,
And dwell for ever in my heart.

337 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

MY Saviour, let me hear thy voice
Pronounce the word of peace,
And all my warmest powers shall join
To celebrate thy grace.

2 With gentle voice, call me thy child,
And speak my sins forgiven;
The accents mild shall charm mine ear
Like all the harps of heaven.

3 With joy, where'er thy hand shall lead,
The darkest path I'll tread;
With joy I'll quit these mortal shores,
And mingle with the dead.

4 When dreadful guilt is done away,
No other fears we know:
That hand which seals our pardon sure
Shall crowns of life bestow.

338 C. M. WATTS.

Faith, the Evidence of Things not seen.

FAITH is the brightest evidence
Of things beyond our sight;
It pierces through the veil of sense,
And dwells in heavenly light.

2 It sets time past in present view,
Brings distant prospects home,
Of things a thousand years ago,
Or thousand years to come.

3 By faith we know the world was made
By God's almighty word;
We know the heavens and earth shall fade
And be again restored.

4 Abraham obeyed the Lord's command,
From his own country driven;
By faith he sought a promised land,
But found his rest in heaven.

5 Thus through life's pilgrimage we stray,
The promise in our eye;
By faith we walk the narrow way
That leads to joy on high.

339 C. M. WATTS.

A living Faith.

MISTAKEN souls, that dream of heaven,
And make their empty boast
Of inward joys and sins forgiven,
While they are slaves to lust!

2 Vain are our fancy's airy flights,
If faith be cold and dead:
None but a living power unites
To Christ, the living head.

3 'Tis faith that purifies the heart;
'Tis faith that works by love;
That bids all sinful joys depart,
And lifts the thoughts above.

4 This faith shall every fear control
By its celestial power;
With holy triumph fill the soul
In death's approaching hour.

340 L. M.

Living Faith.

IN vain men talk of living faith,
When all their works exhibit death;
When they indulge some sinful view
In all they say, in all they do.

2 The true believer fears the Lord,
Obeys his precepts, keeps his word,
Commits his work to God alone,
And seeks his will before his own.

3 A barren tree that bears no fruit,
Brings no great glory to its root:
When on the boughs rich fruit we see,
'Tis then we cry, "A goodly tree!"

4 Never did men by faith divine
To selfishness or sloth incline:
The Christian works with all his power,
And grieves that he can work no more.

341 L. M. WATTS.

Walking by Faith.

'TIS by the faith of joys to come
We walk through deserts dark as night:
Till we arrive at heaven, our home,
Faith is our guide, and faith our light.

2 The want of sight she well supplies;
  She makes the pearly gates appear;
Far into distant worlds she pries,
  And brings eternal glories near.

3 Cheerful we tread the desert through,
  While faith inspires a heavenly ray,
Though lions roar, and tempests blow,
  And rocks and dangers fill the way.

342 C. M. TURNER.

FAITH adds new charms to earthly bliss,
  And saves us from its snares;
It yields support in all our toils,
  And softens all our cares.

2 The wounded conscience knows its power
  The healing balm to give;
That balm the saddest heart can cheer,
  And make the dying live.

3 Wide it unveils the heavenly world,
  Where endless pleasures reign;
It bids us seek our portion there,
  Nor bids us seek in vain.

4 Faith shows the promises, all sealed
  With our Redeemer's blood;
It helps our feeble hope to rest
  Upon a faithful God.

5 There, still unshaken, would we rest,
  Till this frail body dies;
And then, on faith's triumphant wing,
  To endless glory rise.

343 L. M. WATTS.

Trusting in the Cross for Salvation.

HERE at thy cross, my dying God,
  I lay my soul beneath thy love,

Beneath the droppings of thy blood,
Jesus! nor shall it e'er remove.

2 Not all that tyrants think or say,
With rage and lightning in their eyes,
Nor hell shall fright my soul away,
Should hell with all its legions rise.

3 Should worlds conspire to drive me hence,
Moveless and firm this heart should lie:
Resolved, (for that's my last defence,)
If I must perish, here to die.

4 But speak, my Lord, and calm my fear;
Am I not safe beneath thy shade?
Thy vengeance will not strike me here,
Nor Satan dare my soul invade.

5 Yes, I'm secure beneath thy blood,
And all my foes shall lose their aim;
Hosanna to my dying God,
And my best honors to his name!

344 L. M.

Faith taking hold of the Promises.

AH, why should doubts and fears arise,
And sorrows fill my weeping eyes?
Slowly, alas! the mind receives
The comforts which the gospel gives.

2 O for a strong and lasting faith,
To credit what th' Almighty saith;
T' embrace the message of his Son,
And call the joys of heaven my own.

3 Then might the earth's foundations shake,
And all the wheels of nature break:
My steadfast soul would move no more
Than solid rocks where billows roar.

345 C. M. WATTS.

Love to God.

HAPPY the heart where graces reign,
Where love inspires the breast:
Love is the brightest of the train,
And strengthens all the rest.

2 Knowledge may boast herself in vain,
Or fill the soul with fear;
Sin will prevail, and live and reign,
If love be absent there.

3 ['Tis love that makes our cheerful feet
In swift obedience move:
The devils know and tremble too,
But they can never love.]

4 Love is the grace that lives and sings
When faith and hope shall cease;
'Tis this shall strike our joyful strings
In the sweet realms of bliss.

5 Before we quite forsake our clay,
Or leave earth's dark abode,
The wings of love bear us away
To see our smiling God.

346 L. M. WATTS.

HAD I the tongues of Greeks and Jews,
And nobler speech than angels use,
If love be absent, I am found
Like tinkling brass, an empty sound.

2 Were I inspired to preach and tell
All that is done in heaven or hell,
Or could my faith the world remove,
Still I am nothing without love.

3 Should I distribute all my store
To feed the hungry, clothe the poor;
Or give my body to the flame,
To gain a martyr's glorious name;

4 If love to God and love to men
Be absent, all my hopes are vain:
Nor tongues, nor gifts, nor fiery zeal,
The work of love can e'er fulfil.

347 C. M. SWAIN.

Brotherly Love.

HOW sweet and heavenly is the sight,
When those that fear the Lord
In mutual love and peace unite,
And thus fulfil his word!

2 When each can feel his brother's sigh,
And with him bear a part;
When sorrow flows from eye to eye,
And joy from heart to heart;

3 When love in one delightful stream
Through every bosom flows,
And union sweet, with fond esteem,
In every action glows.

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

348 S. M. BEDDOME.

Christian Unity.

LET party names no more
The Christian world o'erspread;
Gentile and Jew, and bond and free,
Are one in Christ their head.

2 Let envy and ill-will
  Be banished far away,
And all in Christian bonds unite
  Who the same Lord obey.

3 Among the saints on earth
  Let mutual love be found;
Heirs of the same inheritance,
  With mutual blessings crowned.

4 Thus will the Church below
  Resemble that above,
Where streams of pleasure ever flow,
  And every heart is love.

349 C. M. WATTS.

Rejoicing in God.

MY God, the spring of all my joys,
  The life of my delights,
The glory of my brightest days,
  And comfort of my nights;

2 In darkest shades if thou appear,
  My dawning is begun;
Thou art my soul's bright morning-star,
  And thou my rising sun.

3 The opening heavens around me shine
  With beams of sacred bliss,
While Jesus shows his mercy mine,
  And whispers, I am his.

4 My soul would leave this heavy clay
  At that transporting word,
And run with joy the shining way
  To meet my dearest Lord.

350 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

ETERNAL Source of joys divine,
To thee my soul aspires;
O, could I say, "The Lord is mine!"
'Tis all my soul desires.

2 My hope, my trust, my life, my Lord,
Assure me of thy love;
O speak the kind, transporting word,
And bid my fears remove.

3 Then shall my thankful powers rejoice
And triumph in my God,
Till heavenly rapture tune my voice
To spread thy praise abroad.

351 C. M.

True Happiness to be found only in God.

IN vain I trace creation o'er,
In search of solid rest:
The whole creation is too poor
To make me truly blest.

2 Let earth and all her charms depart,
Unworthy of the mind;
In God alone this restless heart
Enduring bliss can find.

3 Thy favor, Lord, is all I want;
Here would my spirit rest;
O seal the rich, the boundless grant,
And make me fully blest.

352 L. M. MRS. STEELE.

THOU only Sovereign of my heart,
My refuge, my almighty Friend,
And can my soul from thee depart,
On whom alone my hopes depend?

2 Whither, ah! whither shall I go,
A wretched wanderer from my Lord?
Can this dark world of sin and woe
One glimpse of happiness afford?

3 Eternal life thy words impart;
On these my fainting spirit lives:
Here sweeter comforts cheer my heart
Than all the round of nature gives.

4 Let earth's alluring joys combine;
While thou art near, in vain they call:
One smile, one blissful smile of thine,
My dearest Lord, outweighs them all.

5 Thy name my inmost powers adore;
Thou art my life, my joy, my care:
Depart from thee?—'tis death—'tis more:
'Tis endless ruin, deep despair!

6 Low at thy feet my soul would lie;
Here safety dwells, and peace divine:
Still let me live beneath thine eye,
For life, eternal life is thine.

353 C. M. BURDER'S COL.

WHAT though no flowers the fig tree clothe;
Though vines their fruit deny;
The labor of the olive fail,
And fields no meat supply;

2 Though from the fold, with sad surprise,
My flock cut off I see;
Though famine reign in empty stalls,
Where herds were wont to be;

3 Yet in the Lord will I be glad,
And glory in his love;
In him I'll joy, who will the God
Of my salvation prove.

4 God is the treasure of my soul,
The source of lasting joy;
A joy which want shall not impair,
Nor death itself destroy.

354 S. M. WATTS.

Adoption.

BEHOLD what wondrous grace
The Father hath bestowed
On sinners of a mortal race,
To call them sons of God!

2 'T is no surprising thing
That we should be unknown:
The Jewish world knew not their King,
God's everlasting Son.

3 Nor doth it yet appear
How great we must be made;
But when we see our Saviour here,
We shall be like our Head.

4 A hope so much divine
May trials well endure;
May purge our souls from sense and sin,
As Christ the Lord is pure.

5 If in my Father's love
I share a filial part,
Send down thy Spirit like a dove,
To rest upon my heart.

6 We would no longer lie
Like slaves beneath the throne:
Our faith shall Abba, Father, cry,
And thou the kindred own.

355 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

SOVEREIGN of all the worlds on high,
Allow my humble claim;
Nor, when I raise my guilty head,
Disdain a Father's name.

2 My Father, God—how sweet the sound!
How tender and how dear!
Not all the harmony of heaven
Could so delight the ear.

3 Come, sacred Spirit, seal the name
On my expanding heart,
And show that in Jehovah's grace
I share a filial part.

4 Cheered by a signal so divine,
Unwavering I believe,
And Abba, Father, humbly cry;
Nor can the sign deceive.

356 C. M. STEELE.

Filial Submission.

AND can my heart aspire so high
To say, "My Father God?"
Lord, at thy feet I long to lie,
And learn to kiss the rod.

2 I would submit to all thy will,
For thou art good and wise:
Let every anxious thought be still,
Nor one faint murmur rise.

3 Thy love can cheer the darksome gloom,
And bid me wait serene
Till hopes and joys immortal bloom,
And brighten all the scene.

4 My Father, O permit my heart
To plead her humble claim,
And ask the bliss those words impart,
In my Redeemer's name.

357 C. M. Mrs. Steele.

MY God, my Father—blissful name!
O may I call thee mine?
May I, with sweet assurance, claim
A portion so divine?

2 This only can my fears control,
And bid my sorrows fly:
What harm can ever reach my soul
Beneath my Father's eye?

3 Whate'er thy holy will denies,
I cheerfully resign:
Lord, thou art good, and just, and wise:
O bend my will to thine.

4 Whate'er thy sacred will ordains,
O give me strength to bear;
And let me know my Father reigns,
And trust his tender care.

358 C. M. Watts.

Strength and Protection from God.

WHENCE do our mournful thoughts arise?
And where's our courage fled?
Has restless sin and raging hell
Struck all our comforts dead?

2 Have we forgot th' almighty Name
That formed the earth and sea?
And can an all-creating arm
Grow weary or decay?

3 Almighty strength and boundless grace
In our Jehovah dwell:
He gives the conquest to the weak,
And treads their foes to hell.

4 Mere mortal power shall fade and die,
And youthful vigor cease;
But we, that wait upon the Lord,
Shall feel our strength increase.

359 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

AND art thou with us, gracious Lord,
To dissipate our fear?
Dost thou proclaim thyself our God,
Our God for ever near?

2 Dost thou a Father's kindness feel
For all thy humble saints,
And in such friendly accents speak,
To soothe their sad complaints?

3 Why droop our hearts, why flow our tears
While such a voice we hear?
Why rise our sorrows and our fears
While such a Friend is near?

4 To all thine other favors add
A heart to trust thy word;
And death itself shall hear us sing,
While resting on the Lord.

360 C. M. SMART.

GREAT Source of boundless power and grace,
Attend my mournful cry:
In hours of dark and deep distress,
To thee alone I fly.

2 Thou art my strength, my life, my stay;
Assist my feeble trust:

O drive my gloomy fears away,
And raise me from the dust.

3 Fain would I call thy grace to mind,
And trust thy glorious name:
Jehovah, powerful, wise, and kind,
For ever is the same.

4 Thy presence, Lord, can cheer my heart
When earthly comforts die;
Thy voice can bid my pains depart,
And raise my pleasures high.

5 Here let me rest—on thee depend,
My God, my hope, my all:
Be thou my everlasting friend,
And I shall never fall.

361 C. M. LOGAN.

O GOD of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Thou through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led.

2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before thy throne of grace:
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.

3 Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

4 O spread thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

5 Such blessings from thy gracious hand
Our humble prayers implore;
And thou shalt be our chosen God,
Our portion evermore.

362 S. M. TOPLADY.

Trust in God.

YOUR harps, ye trembling saints,
Down from the willows take:
Loud to the praise of love divine
Bid every string awake.

2 Though in a foreign land,
We are not far from home;
And nearer to our house above
We every moment come.

3 His grace will, to the end,
Stronger and brighter shine;
Nor present things, nor things to come,
Shall quench this spark divine.

4 When we in darkness walk,
Nor feel the heavenly flame,
Then will we trust our gracious God,
And rest upon his name.

5 Soon shall our doubts and fears
Subside at his control;
His loving-kindness shall break through
The midnight of the soul.

6 Blest is the man, O God,
That stays himself on thee:
Who waits for thy salvation, Lord,
Shall thy salvation see.

363 7s.

Strength equal to the Day.

WAIT, my soul, upon the Lord;
To his gracious promise flee,
Laying hold upon his word,
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

2 If the sorrows of thy case
Seem peculiar still to thee,
God has promised needful grace:
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

3 Days of trial, days of grief,
In succession thou may'st see;
This is still thy sweet relief,
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

4 Rock of Ages, I'm secure
With thy promise full and free,
Faithful, positive, and sure—
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

364 L. M. WATTS.

Security of the Believer.

HOW oft have sin and Satan strove
To rend my soul from thee, my God!
But everlasting is thy love,
And Jesus seals it with his blood.

2 The oath and promise of the Lord
Join to confirm his wondrous grace:
Eternal power performs the word,
And fills all heaven with endless praise.

3 Amidst temptations sharp and long,
My soul to this dear refuge flies;
Hope is my anchor, firm and strong,
While tempests blow and billows rise.

4 The gospel bears my spirit up;
A faithful and unchanging God
Lays the foundation for my hope
In oaths, and promises, and blood.

365 L. M. WATTS.

The Gospel exemplified in the Conduct.

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

2 Thus shall we best proclaim abroad
The honors of our Saviour God,
When his salvation reigns within,
And grace subdues the power of sin.

3 Our flesh and sense must be denied,
Passion and envy, lust and pride;
While justice, temperance, truth, and love,
Our inward piety approve.

4 Religion bears our spirits up,
While we expect that blessed hope,
The bright appearance of the Lord;
And faith stands leaning on his word.

366 C. M. WATTS.

Filial Obedience.

GRACE, like an uncorrupted seed,
Abides and reigns within;
Immortal principles forbid
The sons of God to sin.

2 Not by the terrors of a slave
Do they perform his will,
But with the noblest powers they have,
His sweet commands fulfil.

3 They find access at every hour
To God within the veil;
Hence they derive a quickening power,
And joys that never fail.

4 O happy souls! O glorious state
Of overflowing grace,
To dwell so near their Father's seat,
And see his lovely face!

5 Lord, I address thy heavenly throne;
Call me a child of thine;
Send down the Spirit of thy Son
To form my heart divine.

6 There shed thy tender love abroad,
And make my comfort strong;
Then shall I say, "My Father, God,"
With an unwavering tongue.

367 S. M. T. & B.

The vigilant Servant.

YE servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait;
With joy obey his heavenly word,
And watch before his gate.

2 Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in his sight,
For awful is his name.

3 Watch!—'tis your Lord's command;
And while we speak, he's near:
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

4 O happy servant he,
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honor crowned.

368 C. M. WATTS.

Christian Resignation.

NAKED, as from the earth we came,
And rose to life at first,
We to the earth return again,
And mingle with the dust.

2 The dear delights we here enjoy,
And fondly call our own,
Are only favors borrowed now,
To be repaid anon.

3 'Tis God who lifts our comforts high,
Or sinks them in the grave;
He gives, and—blessed be his name—
He takes but what he gave.

4 Peace, all our angry passions, then;
Let each rebellious sigh
Be silent at his sovereign will,
And every murmur die.

5 If smiling mercy crown our lives,
Its praises shall be spread;
And we'll adore the justice too
That strikes our comforts dead.

369 C. M. EDMISTON.

O THOU whose mercy guides my way,
Though now it seem severe,
Forbid my unbelief to say
There is no mercy here!

2 O may I, Lord, desire the pain
That comes in kindness down,
Far more than sweetest earthly gain,
Succeeded by a frown.

3 Then, though thou bend my spirit low,
Love only shall I see:
The gracious hand that strikes the blow
Was wounded once for me.

370 C. M. BURDER'S COL.

IT is the Lord, enthroned in light,
Whose claims are all divine;
Who has an undisputed right
To govern me and mine.

2 It is the Lord who gives me all
My wealth, my friends, my ease,
And of his bounties may recall
Whatever part he please.

3 It is the Lord, my covenant God—
Thrice blessed be his name!—
Whose gracious promise, sealed with blood,
Must ever be the same.

4 And can my soul, with hopes like these,
Be sullen, or repine?
No, gracious God: take what thou please;
To thee I all resign.

371 C. M. HERVEY.

SINCE all the varying scenes of time
God's watchful eye surveys,
O, who so wise to choose our lot
Or to appoint our ways?

2 Good when he gives, supremely good,
Nor less when he denies;
E'en crosses from his sovereign hand
Are blessings in disguise.

3 Why should we doubt a Father's love,
So constant and so kind?
To his unerring gracious will
Be every wish resigned.

4 In thy fair book of life divine,
My God, inscribe my name;
There let it fill some humble place
Beneath my Lord the Lamb.

372 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

IN thy rebukes, all-gracious God,
What soft compassion reigns!
What gentle accents of thy voice
Allay thy children's pains!

2 "When I correct my chosen sons,
A Father's bowels move:
One transient moment bounds my wrath,
But endless is my love."

3 Our faith shall look through every tear,
And view thy smiling face;
And hope, amid our sighs, shall tune
An anthem to thy grace.

4 Receive, at length, my weary soul
To join thy saints above;
Then shall I learn a song of praise
Eternal as thy love.

373 C. M. COWPER.

Safe trusting in God.

O LORD, my best desires fulfil,
And help me to resign
Life, health, and comfort, to thy will,
And make thy pleasure mine.

2 Why should I shrink at thy command,
Whose love forbids my fears,
Or tremble at the gracious hand
That wipes away my tears?

3 No, rather let me freely yield
What most I prize to thee,
Who never hast a good withheld,
Or wilt withhold from me.

4 Wisdom and mercy guide my way;
Shall I resist them both—
A poor, blind creature of a day,
And crushed before the moth!

5 But, ah! my inward spirit cries,
Still bind me to thy sway;
Else the next cloud that veils my skies
Will drive these thoughts away.

374 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Faith prevailing in Trouble.

IF, through unruffled seas,
Toward heaven we calmly sail,
With grateful hearts, O God, to thee,
We'll own the fostering gale.

2 But should the surges rise,
And rest delay to come,
Blest be the sorrow, kind the storm,
Which drives us nearer home.

3 Soon shall our doubts and fears
All yield to thy control;
Thy tender mercies shall illume
The midnight of the soul.

4 Teach us, in every state,
To make thy will our own;

And when the joys of sense depart,
To live by faith alone.

375 C. M. TOPLADY.

WHEN languor and disease invade
This trembling house of clay,
'T is sweet to look beyond my pain,
And long to fly away;

2 Sweet to look inward, and attend
The whispers of his love;
Sweet to look upward, to the place
Where Jesus pleads above;

3 Sweet to look back, and see my name
In life's fair book set down;
Sweet to look forward, and behold
Eternal joys my own;

4 Sweet on his faithfulness to rest,
Whose love can never end;
Sweet on the covenant of his grace
For all things to depend;

5 Sweet, in the confidence of faith,
To trust his firm decrees;
Sweet to lie passive in his hands,
And know no will but his.

6 If such the sweetness of the stream,
What must the fountain be,
Where saints and angels draw their bliss,
O Lord, direct from thee?

376 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

Contentment.

FATHER, whate'er of earthly bliss
Thy sovereign will denies,

Accepted at thy throne of grace
Let this petition rise:

2 Give me a calm, a thankful heart,
From every murmur free;
The blessings of thy grace impart,
And make me live to thee.

3 O let the hope that thou art mine
My life and death attend;
Thy presence through my journey shine,
And crown my journey's end.

377 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

God's Covenant a Security in Trouble.

MY God, the covenant of thy love
Abides for ever sure;
And in its boundless grace I feel
My happiness secure.

2 Since thou, the everlasting God,
My Father art become,
My Saviour my almighty Friend,
And heaven my final home;

3 I welcome all thy sovereign will,
For all that will is love;
And when thy way, great God, is dark,
I wait thy light above.

4 Thy covenant, in my dying-hour,
Shall dwell upon my tongue,
And when I wake, shall still employ
My everlasting song.

378 S. M. DODDRIDGE.

Casting our Cares on God.

HOW gentle God's commands!
How kind his precepts are!

Come, cast your burdens on the Lord,
And trust his constant care.

2 His bounty will provide;
His saints securely dwell:
That hand which bears creation up
Shall guard his children well.

3 Why should this anxious load
Press down your weary mind?
O seek your heavenly Father's throne,
And peace and comfort find.

4 His goodness stands approved,
Unchanged from day to day:
I 'll drop my burden at his feet,
And bear a song away.

379 S. M. BEDDOME.

Humbly waiting on God.

AND shall I sit alone,
Oppressed with grief and fear?
To God, my Father, make my moan,
And he refuse to hear?

2 If he my Father be,
His pity he will show;
From cruel bondage set me free,
And inward peace bestow.

3 If still he silence keep,
'Tis but my faith to try:
He knows and feels whene'er I weep,
And softens every sigh.

4 Then will I humbly wait,
Nor once indulge despair:
My sins are great, but not so great
As his compassions are.

380 L. M. BEDDOME.

WAIT, O my soul, thy Maker's will;
Tumultuous passions, all be still;
Nor let a murmuring thought arise:
His ways are just, his counsels wise.

2 He in the thickest darkness dwells,
Performs his work, the cause conceals;
But, though his methods are unknown,
Judgment and truth support his throne.

3 Wait then, my soul, submissive wait,
Prostrate before his awful seat:
'Midst all the terrors of his rod,
Still trust a wise and gracious God.

381 C. M. KIRKHAM.

Bearing Shame for Christ.

DIDST thou, dear Saviour, suffer shame
And bear the cross for me?
And shall I fear to own thy name,
Or thy disciple be?

2 Inspire my soul with life divine,
And make me truly bold;
Let knowledge, faith, and meekness shine,
Nor love nor zeal grow cold.

3 Let mockers scoff, the world defame,
And treat me with disdain;
Still may I glory in thy name,
And count reproach my gain.

4 To thee I cheerfully submit,
And all my powers resign;
Let wisdom point out what is fit,
And I'll no more repine.

382 C. M. BEDDOME.

Sincerity.

AM I an Israelite indeed,
Without a false disguise?
Have I renounced my sins, and left
My refuges of lies?

2 Say, does my heart unchanged remain?
Or is it formed anew?
What is the rule by which I walk,
The object I pursue?

3 Cause me, O God of truth and grace,
My real state to know:
If I am wrong, O set me right:
If right, preserve me so.

383 C. M. WATTS.

Deploring Spiritual Sloth.

MY drowsy powers, why sleep ye so?
Awake, my sluggish soul!
Nothing has half thy work to do,
Yet nothing's half so dull.

2 The little ants for one poor grain,
How they will toil and strive!
Yet we, who have a heaven to gain,
How negligent we live!

3 We, for whose sake all nature stands,
And stars in courses move;
We, for whose guard the angel bands
Come flying from above;

4 We, for whom God the Son came down,
To labor for our good,
How careless to secure that crown
He purchased with his blood!

5 Lord, shall we be indifferent still,
And never act our parts?
Spirit Divine, O come and fill
And purify our hearts.

6 Then shall our active spirits move;
Upward our souls shall rise;
With hands of faith and wings of love,
We'll fly and take the prize.

384 C. M. WATTS.

Deliverance from Sin desired.

THOU great Redeemer, set me free
From my old state of sin;
O make my soul alive to thee;
Create new powers within.

2 Renew mine eyes, and form mine ears
And mould my heart afresh;
Give me new passions, joys, and fears,
And turn the stone to flesh.

3 Far from the regions of the dead,
From sin, and earth, and hell,
In that new world thy grace hath made,
I would for ever dwell.

385 C. M. FAWCETT.

Importance of Religion felt.

RELIGION is the chief concern
Of mortals here below:
May I its great importance learn,
Its sovereign virtue know.

2 Religion should our thoughts engage
Amidst our youthful bloom:
'Twill fit us for declining age,
And for the awful tomb.

3 O may my heart, by grace renewed,
Be my Redeemer's throne;
And be my stubborn will subdued,
His government to own.

4 Let deep repentance, faith, and love
Be joined with godly fear;
And all my conversation prove
My heart to be sincere.

5 Let lively hope my soul inspire;
Let warm affections rise;
And may I wait with strong desire
To mount above the skies.

386 C. M. WESLEY'S COL.

Prayer for an increase of Holiness.

O FOR a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that's sprinkled with the blood
So freely shed for me!

2 O for a heart submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.

3 O for an humble, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within.

4 Thy temper, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
O write thy name upon my heart—
Thy name, O God, is love.

387 L. M. NEWTON.

AND dost thou say, "Ask what thou wilt?"
Lord, I would seize the golden hour:
I pray to be released from guilt,
And freed from sin's polluting power.

2 More of thy presence, Lord, impart;
More of thine image let me bear:
Erect thy throne within my heart,
And reign without a rival there.

3 Give me to read my pardon sealed,
And from thy joy to draw my strength:
O be thy boundless love revealed
In all its height, and breadth, and length.

4 Grant these requests—I ask no more,
But to thy care the rest resign:
Sick, or in health, or rich, or poor,
All shall be well, if thou art mine.

388 7s. MORAVIAN COL.

LAMB of God, who thee receive,
Who in thee desire to live,
Day and night they cry to thee,
As thou art, so let us be!

2 Fix, O fix our wavering mind;
To thy cross our spirits bind:
Gladly now we would be clean;
Cleanse our hearts from every sin.

3 Dust and ashes though we be,
Full of guilt and misery,
Thine we are, thou Son of God;
Take the purchase of thy blood.

4 Sinners who in thee believe
Everlasting life receive;
They with joy behold thy face,
Triumph in thy pardoning grace.

389 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

Prayer for quickening Grace.

PERMIT me, Lord, to seek thy face,
Obedient to thy call;
To seek the presence of thy grace,
My strength, my life, my all.

2 All I can wish is thine to give:
My God, I ask thy love,
That greatest boon I can receive,
That bliss of heaven above.

3 To heaven my restless heart aspires;
O for some quickening ray,
To animate my faint desires,
And cheer the tiresome way!

4 While sin and Satan join their art
To keep me from my Lord,
Dear Saviour, guard my trembling heart,
And guide me by thy word.

5 Whene'er the tempting foe alarms,
Or spreads the fatal snare,
I'll fly to my Redeemer's arms,
For safety must be there.

6 My Guardian, my almighty Friend,
On thee my soul would rest;
On thee alone my hopes depend,
In thee I'm ever blest.

390 L. M. WATTS.

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

2 Come, fill our hearts with inward strength;
Make our enlargèd souls possess,
And learn the height, and breadth, and length
Of thine eternal love and grace.

3 Now to the God whose power can do
More than our thoughts and wishes know,
Be everlasting honors done
By all the Church, through Christ his Son.

391 S. M. NEWTON.

BEHOLD the throne of grace!
The promise calls me near;
There Jesus shows a smiling face,
And waits to answer prayer.

2 Thine image, Lord, bestow,
Thy presence and thy love:
I ask to serve thee here below,
And reign with thee above.

3 Teach me to live by faith;
Conform my will to thine;
Let me victorious be in death,
And then in glory shine.

4 If thou these blessings give,
And wilt my portion be,
All worldly joys I'll cheerful leave,
And find my heaven in thee.

392 C. M. COWPER.

Longing for a closer Walk with God.

O FOR a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

2 Where is the blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and his word?

3 What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove! return,
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

6 So shall my walk be close with God;
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

393 L. M. WATTS.

Blessedness of the Righteous.

BLEST are the humble souls that see
Their emptiness and poverty:
Treasures of grace to them are given,
And crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

2 Blest are the men of broken heart,
Who mourn for sin with inward smart;
The blood of Christ divinely flows,
A healing balm for all their woes.

3 Blest are the meek, who stand afar
From rage and passion, noise and war;
God will secure their happy state,
And plead their cause against the great.

4 Blest are the souls that thirst for grace,
Hunger and long for righteousness;
They shall be well supplied, and fed
With living streams and living bread.

5 Blest are the men whose mercies move
To acts of kindness and of love;
From Christ the Lord shall they obtain
Like sympathy and love again.

6 Blest are the pure, whose hearts are clean,
Who never tread the ways of sin;
With endless pleasure they shall see
A God of spotless purity.

7 Blest are the men of peaceful life,
Who quench the coals of growing strife;
They shall be called the heirs of bliss,
The sons of God, the God of peace.

8 Blest are the faithful, who partake
Of pain and shame for Jesus' sake;
Their souls shall triumph in the Lord;
Eternal life is their reward.

394 L. M.

Self-examination.

WHAT strange perplexities arise!
What anxious fears and jealousies!

What crowds in doubtful light appear!
How few, alas! approved and clear!

2 And what am I? My soul, awake,
And an impartial survey take:
Does no dark sign, no ground of fear,
In practice or in heart appear?

3 What image does my spirit bear?
Is Jesus formed, and living there?
Say, do his lineaments divine
In thought, and word, and action shine?

4 Searcher of hearts, O search me still;
The secrets of my soul reveal;
My fears remove; let me appear
To God, and my own conscience, clear.

5 May I, consistent with thy word,
Approach thy table, O my Lord?
May I among thy saints appear?
Shall I a welcome guest be there?

6 Have I the wedding-garment on?
Or do I, naked, stand alone?
O quicken, clothe, and feed my soul;
Forgive my sins, and make me whole.

395 7s. NEWTON.

The important Inquiry.

'TIS a point I long to know,
Oft it causes anxious thought—
Do I love the Lord, or no?
Am I his, or am I not?
Could my heart so hard remain,
Prayer a task and burden prove,
Every trifle give me pain,
If I knew a Saviour's love?

2 When I turn my eyes within,
All is dark, and vain, and wild:
Filled with unbelief and sin,
Can I deem myself a child?
If I pray, or hear, or read,
Sin is found with all I do:
Ye that love the Lord indeed,
Tell me, is it thus with you.

3 Yet I mourn my stubborn will,
View my sin with grief and shame:
Should I grieve for what I feel
If I did not love his name?
Could I joy his saints to meet,
Choose the ways I once abhorred,
Find at times the promise sweet,
If I did not love the Lord?

4 O decide the doubtful case!
Thou who art thy people's Sun,
Shine upon thy work of grace,
If that work be yet begun:
Let me love thee more and more;
Grant me, Lord, thy heavenly ray:
Light and comfort now restore,
Lead me to eternal day.

396 S. M. C. WESLEY.

Watchfulness.

A CHARGE to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky;
To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil;
O, may it all my powers engage,
To do my Master's will!

2 Arm me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live;
And, O, thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give!
Help me to watch and pray,
And on myself rely,
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall for ever die.

The Christian viewed in various Relations and Circumstances.

397 S. M. Doddridge.

Vital Union to Christ.

DEAR Saviour, we are thine
By everlasting bands:
Our hearts, our souls we would resign
Entirely to thy hands.

2 To thee we still would cleave
With ever-growing zeal;
If millions tempt us Christ to leave,
O let them ne'er prevail.

3 Thy Spirit shall unite
Our souls to thee, our head;
Shall form us to thy image bright,
And teach thy paths to tread.

4 Death may our souls divide
From these abodes of clay;
But love shall keep us near thy side,
Through all the gloomy way.

5 Since Christ and we are one,
  Why should we doubt or fear?
If he in heaven hath fixed his throne,
  He'll fix his members there.

398 L. M. STEELE.

WHEN sins and fears prevailing rise,
  And fainting hope almost expires,
To thee, O Lord, I lift my eyes,
  To thee I breathe my soul's desires.

2 Art thou not mine, my living Lord?
  And can my hope, my comfort die?
'Tis fixed on thine almighty word,
  That word which built the earth and sky.

3 If my immortal Saviour lives,
  Then my immortal life is sure:
His word a firm foundation gives;
  Here I may build, and rest secure.

4 Here let my faith unshaken dwell;
  For ever sure the promise stands:
Not all the powers of earth or hell
  Can e'er dissolve the sacred bands.

5 Here, O my soul, thy trust repose:
  If Jesus is for ever mine,
Not death itself—that last of foes—
  Shall break a union so divine.

399 L. M. MEDLEY.

I KNOW that my Redeemer lives;
  What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives! he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head!

2 He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

3 He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

4 He lives—all glory to his name!—
He lives, my Saviour, still the same:
How great the joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

400 L. M. WATTS.

Deriving Strength from Christ.

LET me but hear my Saviour say,
"Strength shall be equal to thy day,"
Then I rejoice in deep distress,
Upheld by all-sufficient grace.

2 I can do all things, or can bear
All suffering, if my Lord be there:
Sweet pleasures mingle with the pains
While he my sinking head sustains.

3 I glory in infirmity,
That Christ's own power may rest on me:
When I am weak, then am I strong;
Grace is my shield, and Christ my song.

401 L. M. BARBAULD.

Christian Fellowship.

HOW blest the sacred tie that binds
In sweet communion kindred minds!
How swift the heavenly course they run,
Whose hearts, whose faith, whose hopes are one!

2 To each, the soul of each how dear!
What tender love! what holy fear!
How does the generous flame within
Refine from earth and cleanse from sin!

3 Their streaming eyes together flow
For human guilt and human woe;
Their ardent prayers together rise,
Like mingling flames in sacrifice.

4 Together oft they seek the place
Where God reveals his smiling face:
How high, how strong their raptures swell,
There's none but kindred souls can tell.

5 Nor shall the glowing flame expire
When dimly burns frail nature's fire;
Then shall they meet in realms above,
A heaven of joy, a heaven of love.

402 S. M. FAWCETT.

BLEST be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love!
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,
It gives us mutual pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

5 This glorious hope revives
  Our courage by the way,
While each in expectation lives,
  And longs to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
  From sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
  Through all eternity.

403 C. M. CENNICK.

BLEST be the dear, uniting love
  That will not let us part:
Our bodies may far off remove;
  We still are one in heart.

2 Joined in one spirit to our Head,
  Where he appoints we go;
We still in Jesus' footsteps tread,
  And still his praise we show.

3 O may we ever walk in him,
  And nothing know beside;
Nothing desire, nothing esteem,
  But Jesus crucified!

4 Richly we share the Saviour's grace,
  We're one in mind and heart;
Not joy nor grief, not time nor place,
  Not life nor death can part.

404 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

THY presence, everlasting God,
  Wide o'er all nature spreads abroad;
Thy watchful eyes, which cannot sleep,
In every place thy children keep.

2 While near each other we remain,
Thou dost our lives and souls sustain;
When absent, thou dost make us share
Thy smiles, thy counsels, and thy care.

3 To thee we all our ways commit,
And seek our comforts near thy feet;
Still on our souls vouchsafe to shine,
And guard and guide us still as thine.

4 Give us, O Lord, within thy house
Again to pay our thankful vows;
Or, if that joy no more be known,
O may we meet around thy throne.

405 S. M. HAWKER'S COL.

ONCE more, before we part,
O bless the Saviour's name;
Let every tongue and every heart
Adore and praise the same.

2 Lord, in thy grace we came;
That blessing still impart:
We meet in Jesus' sacred name,
In Jesus' name we part.

3 Still on thy holy word
We'll live, and feed, and grow,
And still go on to know the Lord,
And practice what we know.

4 Now, Lord, before we part,
Help us to bless thy name;
Let every tongue and every heart
Adore and praise the same.

406 C. M. C. WESLEY.

Dedication to God.

ETERNAL Father, God of love,
To thee our hearts we raise;
Thy all-sustaining power we prove,
And gladly sing thy praise.

2 Thine—wholly thine—O let us be!
Our sacrifice receive:
Made, and preserved, and saved by thee,
To thee ourselves we give.

3 Come, Holy Ghost, the Saviour's love
Shed in our hearts abroad;
So shall we ever live, and move,
And be, with Christ, in God.

407 C. M. MONT. COL.

COME, let us join our souls to God
In everlasting bands,
And seize the blessings he bestows
With eager hearts and hands.

2 Come, let us to his temple haste,
And seek his favor there;
Before his footstool humbly bow,
And offer fervent prayer.

3 Come, let us share, without delay,
The covenant of his grace;
Nor shall the years of distant life
Its memory e'er efface.

4 O may our rising offspring haste
To seek their fathers' God,
Nor e'er forsake the happy path
Their fathers' feet have trod.

408 C. M. BEDDOME.

Joining the Church of Christ.

YE men and angels, witness now,
Before the Lord we speak;
To him we make our solemn vow,
A vow we dare not break,

2 That, long as life itself shall last,
Ourselves to Christ we yield;
Nor from his cause will we depart,
Or ever quit the field.

3 We trust not in our native strength,
But on his grace rely;
May he, with our returning wants,
All needful aid supply.

4 O guide our doubtful feet aright,
And keep us in thy ways;
And while we turn our vows to prayers,
Turn thou our prayers to praise.

409 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

O HAPPY day, that fixed my choice
On thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

2 O happy bond, that seals my vows
To him who merits all my love!
Let cheerful anthems fill the house,
While to his altar now I move.

3 'Tis done—the great transaction's done;
I am my Lord's, and he is mine:
He drew me, and I followed on,
Rejoiced to own the call divine.

4 Now rest, my long-divided heart;
Fixed on this blissful centre, rest:
Here have I found a nobler part;
Here heavenly pleasures fill my breast.

5 High Heaven, that hears the solemn vow,
That vow renewed shall daily hear,
Till in life's latest hour I bow,
And bless in death a bond so dear.

410 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

A Welcome to Christian Fellowship.

COME in, thou blessed of the Lord,
O come in Jesus' precious name;
We welcome thee with one accord,
And trust the Saviour does the same.

2 Those joys which earth cannot afford,
We'll seek in fellowship to prove,
Joined in one spirit to our Lord,
Together bound by mutual love.

3 And while we pass this vale of tears,
We'll make our joys and sorrows known;
We'll share each other's hopes and fears,
And count a brother's cares our own.

4 Once more our welcome we repeat;
Receive assurance of our love:
O may we all together meet
Around the throne of God above!

411 L. M. WATTS

The heavenly Race.

AWAKE, our souls! away, our fears!
Let every trembling thought be gone;
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
And put a cheerful courage on.

2 True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,
And mortal spirits tire and faint;
But they forget the mighty God,
Who feeds the strength of every saint;

3 The mighty God, whose matchless power
Is ever new, and ever young;
And firm endures, while endless years
Their everlasting circles run.

4 From thee, the overflowing spring,
Our souls shall drink a full supply;
While those who trust their native strength
Shall melt away, and droop and die.

5 Swift as an eagle cuts the air,
We'll mount aloft to thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly,
Nor tire amid the heavenly road.

412 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

AWAKE, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on:
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

2 'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis his own hand presents the prize
To thine aspiring eye.

3 A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey:
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

4 Blest Saviour, introduced by thee,
Have I my race begun;
And, crowned with victory, at thy feet
I'll lay my honors down.

413 L. M. WATTS.

Christian Warfare and Victory.

STAND up, my soul, shake off thy fears,
And gird the gospel armor on;
March to the gates of endless joy,
Where Jesus thy great Captain's gone.

2 Hell and thy sins resist thy course,
But hell and sin are vanquished foes;
Thy Jesus nailed them to the cross,
And sung the triumph when he rose.

3 Then let my soul march boldly on,
Press forward to the heavenly gate;
There peace and joy eternal reign,
And glittering robes for conquerors wait.

4 There shall I wear a starry crown,
And triumph in almighty grace;
While all the armies of the skies
Join in my glorious Leader's praise.

414 S. M. HEATH.

Watchfulness and Prayer inculcated.

MY soul, be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
And hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.

2 O watch, and fight, and pray;
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly every day,
And help divine implore.

3 Ne'er think the victory won,
Nor once at ease sit down:
Thy arduous work will not be done
Till thou hast got the crown.

4 Fight on, my soul, till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee, at thy parting breath,
Up to his blest abode.

415 C. M. WATTS.

The Christian Soldier.

AM I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own his cause,
Or blush to speak his name?

2 Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?

3 Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

4 Sure I must fight if I would reign:
Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by thy word.

5 Thy saints in all this glorious war
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the triumph from afar,
With faith's discerning eye.

6 When that illustrious day shall rise,
And all thine armies shine
In robes of victory through the skies,
The glory shall be thine.

416. C. M. STEELE.

Succor implored in spiritual Conflicts.

ALAS, what hourly dangers rise!
What snares beset my way!
To heaven O let me lift mine eyes,
And hourly watch and pray.

2 How oft my mournful thoughts complain,
And melt in flowing tears!
My weak resistance—ah, how vain!
How strong my foes and fears!

3 O gracious God, in whom I live,
My feeble efforts aid;
Help me to watch, and pray, and strive,
Though trembling and afraid.

4 Increase my faith, increase my hope,
When foes and fears prevail;
O bear my fainting spirit up,
Or soon my strength will fail.

5 Whene'er temptations fright my heart
Or lure my feet aside,
My God, thy powerful aid impart,
My guardian and my guide.

6 O keep me in thy heavenly way,
And bid the tempter flee;
And let me never, never stray
From happiness and thee.

417 C. M. MOORE.

Light in Darkness.

O THOU who driest the mourner's tear,
How dark this world would be,
If, pierced by sin and sorrows here,
We could not fly to thee!

2 The friends who in our sunshine live,
When winter comes are flown;
And he who has but tears to give
Must weep those tears alone.

3 But thou wilt heal that broken heart,
Which, like the plants that throw
Their fragrance from the wounded part,
Breathes sweetness out of woe.

4 When joy no longer soothes or cheers,
And e'en the hope that threw
A moment's sparkle o'er our tears
Is dimmed and vanished too;

5 O, who could bear life's stormy doom,
Did not thy wing of love
Come brightly wafting through the gloom
Our peace-branch from above!

6 Then sorrow, touched by thee, grows bright
With more than rapture's ray;
As darkness shows us worlds of light
We never saw by day.

418 C. M. WATTS.

The heavenly Mansion.

THERE is a house not made with hands,
Eternal and on high;
And here my spirit waiting stands
Till God shall bid it fly.

2 Shortly this prison of my clay
Must be dissolved, and fall;
Then, O my soul, with joy obey
Thy heavenly Father's call.

3 'Tis he, by his almighty grace,
That forms thee fit for heaven,

And, as an earnest of the place,
Has his own Spirit given.

4 We walk by faith of joys to come;
Faith lives upon his word;
But while the body is our home,
We're absent from the Lord.

5 'Tis pleasant to believe thy grace,
But we would rather see;
We would be absent from the flesh,
And present, Lord, with thee.

419 C. M. WATTS.

Hope of Heaven by Christ.

BLEST be the everlasting God,
The Father of our Lord;
Be his abounding mercy praised,
His majesty adored.

2 When from the dead he raised his Son,
And called him to the sky,
He gave our souls a joyful hope
That they should never die.

3 What though his uncontrolled decree
Command our flesh to dust?
Yet, as the Lord, our Saviour, rose,
So all his followers must.

4 To an inheritance divine
He taught our hearts to rise;
'Tis uncorrupted, undefiled,
Unfading, in the skies.

5 Saints by the power of God are kept
Till his salvation come;
We walk by faith, as strangers here,
Till Christ shall call us home.

420 L. M. WATTS.

The Sight of God and Christ the Joy of Heaven.

O FOR a sight, a pleasing sight
Of our almighty Father's throne!
There sits our Saviour, crowned with light,
Clothed with a body like our own.

2 Adoring saints around him stand,
And thrones and powers before him fall;
The God shines gracious through the man,
And sheds bright glories on them all.

3 O what amazing joys they feel,
While to their golden harps they sing,
And echo from each heavenly hill
The glorious triumphs of their King!

4 When shall the day, dear Lord, appear,
That I shall mount to dwell above,
And stand and bow amidst them there,
And view thy face, and sing thy love?

421 L. M. WATTS.

UP to the fields where angels lie,
And living waters gently roll,
Fain would my thoughts ascend on high,
But sin hangs heavy on my soul.

2 O might I once mount up and see
The glories of th' eternal skies!
How vain a thing this world would be!
How empty all its fleeting joys!

3 Great All in All, eternal King,
Let me but view thy lovely face,
And all my powers shall bow and sing
Thine endless grandeur and thy grace.

422 S. M. WATTS.

Rejöicing.

COME, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song of sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

2 [Let those refuse to sing
That never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King
Should speak their joys abroad.]

3 Soon we shall see his face,
And never, never sin;
There, from the rivers of his grace,
Drink endless pleasures in.

4 The men of grace have found
Glory begun below:
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.

5 The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or walk the golden streets.

6 Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry:
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high.

423 7s. CENNICK.

CHILDREN of the heavenly King,
As ye journey, sweetly sing;
Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,
Glorious in his works and ways.

2 Ye are travelling home to God,
In the way the fathers trod;
They are happy now, and ye
Soon their happiness shall see.

3 Shout, ye little flock, and blest;
You on Jesus' throne shall rest:
There your seat is now prepared,
There your kingdom and reward.

4 Lord, submissive make us go,
Gladly leaving all below;
Only thou our leader be,
And we still will follow thee.

424 C. M. WATTS.

This Life a Pilgrimage.

LORD, what a wretched land is this,
That yields us no supply,
No cheering fruits, no wholesome trees,
No streams of living joy!

2 Our journey is a thorny maze,
But we march upward still;
Forget these troubles of the ways,
And reach at Zion's hill.

3 There, on a green and flowery mount,
Our weary souls shall sit,
And with transporting joy recount
The labors of our feet.

4 Eternal glory to the King
Whose hand conducts us through!
Our tongues shall never cease to sing,
And endless praise renew.

425 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

ETERNAL God, our wondering souls
Admire thy matchless grace,

That thou wilt walk, that thou wilt dwell
With Adam's sinful race.

2 Cheered with thy presence, I can trace
The desert with delight:
Through all the gloom, one smile of thine
Can dissipate the night.

3 Nor shall I through eternal days
A restless pilgrim roam:
Thy hand, that now directs my course,
Shall soon convey me home.

4 Joyful my spirit will consent
To drop its mortal load,
And hail the sharpest pangs of death
That break its way to God.

426 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

ARISE, my soul, on wings sublime,
Above the vanities of time;
Remove the parting veil, and see
The glories of eternity.

2 Born by a new, celestial birth,
Why should I grovel here on earth?
Why grasp at vain and fleeting toys,
So near to heaven's eternal joys?

3 Shall aught beguile me on the road,
While I am walking back to God?
Or can I love this earth so well
As not to long with God to dwell?

4 To dwell with God, to taste his love,
Is the full heaven enjoyed above:
The glorious expectation now
Is heavenly bliss begun below.

427 L. M. KELLEY.

WE'VE no abiding city here;
We seek a land beyond our sight;
Zion its name—the Lord is there;
It shines with everlasting light.

2 O sweet abode of peace and love,
Where pilgrims, freed from toil, are blest!
Had I the pinions of a dove,
I'd fly to thee, and be at rest.

3 But hush, my soul, nor dare repine:
The time my God appoints is best:
While here, to do his will be mine,
And his to fix my time of rest.

428 8, 7 & 4. OLIVER.

God the Pilgrim's Guide.

GUIDE me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this desert land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open, Lord, the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

429 C. M. WATTS.

Contemplation of Death and Glory.

MY soul, come, meditate the day,
And think how near it stands,
When thou must quit this house of clay,
And fly to unknown lands.

2 O, could we die with those who die,
And place us in their stead,
Then would our spirits learn to fly,
And converse with the dead;

3 Then should we see the saints above
In their own glorious forms,
And wonder why our souls should love
To dwell with mortal worms.

4 We should almost forsake our clay
Before the summons come,
And pray and wish our souls away
To their eternal home.

430 C. M. WATTS.

Assurance of Heaven.

DEATH may dissolve my body now,
And bear my spirit home:
Why do my minutes move so slow,
Nor my salvation come?

2 With heavenly weapons I have fought
The battles of the Lord,
Finished my course, and kept the faith,
And wait the sure reward.

3 God has laid up in heaven for me
A crown which cannot fade;
The righteous Judge, at that great day,
Shall place it on my head.

4 Nor hath the King of grace decreed
This prize for me alone;
But all that love, and long to see
The appearance of his Son.

5 Jesus, the Lord, shall guard me safe
From every ill design,
And to his heavenly kingdom take
This feeble soul of mine.

6 God is my everlasting aid,
And hell shall rage in vain:
To him be highest glory paid,
And endless praise—*Amen.*

431 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

O COULD our thoughts and wishes fly
Above these gloomy shades,
To those bright worlds beyond the sky,
Which sorrow ne'er invades!

2 There, joys unseen by mortal eyes
Or reason's feeble ray,
In ever-blooming prospect rise,
Exposed to no decay.

3 Lord, send a beam of light divine
To guide our upward aim:
With one reviving look of thine
Our languid hearts inflame.

4 O, then, on faith's sublimest wing,
Our ardent souls shall rise [spring
To those bright scenes where pleasures
Immortal in the skies.

432 C. M. WATTS.

WHEN I can read my title clear
To mansions in the skies,

I'll bid farewell to every fear,
And wipe my weeping eyes.

2 Should earth against my soul engage,
And hellish darts be hurled,
Then I can smile at Satan's rage,
And face a frowning world.

3 Let cares like a wild deluge come,
And storms of sorrow fall;
May I but safely reach my home,
My God, my heaven, my all;

4 There shall I bathe my weary soul
In seas of heavenly rest,
And not a wave of trouble roll
Across my peaceful breast.

433 C. M. WATTS.

The heavenly Canaan.

THERE is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

2 There everlasting spring abides,
And never-withering flowers;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.

3 Sweet fields, beyond the swelling flood,
Stand dressed in living green:
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
While Jordan rolled between.

4 But timorous mortals start and shrink
To cross this narrow sea,
And linger, trembling, on the brink,
And fear to launch away.

5 O could we make our doubts remove—
Those gloomy doubts that rise—
And see the Canaan that we love
With unbeclouded eyes;

6 Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream nor death's cold flood
Should fright us from the shore.

434 C. M. S. STENNETT.

The heavenly Canaan.

ON Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2 O the transporting, rapturous scene
That rises to my sight!
Sweet fields arrayed in living green,
And rivers of delight!

3 There generous fruits, that never fail,
On trees immortal grow;
There rocks, and hills, and brooks, and vales
With milk and honey flow.

4 All o'er those wide-extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son for ever reigns,
And scatters night away.

5 No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

6 When shall I reach that happy place,
And be for ever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in his bosom rest?

7 Filled with delight, my raptured soul
Would here no longer stay:
Though Jordan's waves around me roll,
Fearless I'd launch away.

435 C. M. WATTS.

Freedom from Sin and Misery in Heaven.

OUR sins, alas! how strong they be!
And, like a raging sea,
They break our duty, Lord, to thee,
And hurry us away.

2 The waves of trouble, how they rise!
How loud the tempests roar!
But death shall land our weary souls
Safe on the heavenly shore.

3 There to fulfil his sweet commands
Our speedy feet shall move;
No sin shall clog our wingèd zeal,
Or cool our burning love.

4 There shall we sit, and sing, and tell
The wonders of his grace,
Till heavenly raptures fire our hearts,
And smile in every face.

5 For ever his dear sacred name
Shall dwell upon our tongue,
And Jesus and salvation be
The close of every song.

436 C. M. SWAIN.

Unshaken Hope.

FIRMLY I stand on Zion's hill,
And view my starry crown;
No power on earth my hope can shake,
Nor hell can thrust me down.

2 The lofty hills and stately towers
That lift their heads on high
Shall all be levelled low in dust—
Their very names shall die.

3 The vaulted heavens shall melt away,
Built by Jehovah's hands;
But firmer than the heavens, the rock
Of my salvation stands.

437 C. M. C. WESLEY.

Fellowship with the Saints.

COME, let us join our friends above,
That have obtained the prize,
And on the eagle-wings of love
To joy celestial rise.

2 Let saints below his praises sing,
With those to glory gone;
For all the servants of our King,
In heaven and earth, are one.

3 One family, we dwell in him,
One Church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream—
The narrow stream—of death.

4 One army of the living God,
To his commands we bow:
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now.

5 How many to their endless home
This solemn moment fly!
And we are to the margin come,
And soon expect to die.

6 Dear Saviour, be our constant guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid the cold waves of death divide,
And land us safe in heaven.

438 9s. & 8s. W. HUNTER.

My Father-Land.

THERE is a place where my hopes are stayed;
My heart and my treasure are there;
Where verdure and blossoms never fade,
And fields are eternally fair.

CHORUS.

That blissful place is my father-land;
By faith its delights I explore:
Come favor my flight, angelic band,
And waft me in peace to the shore.

2 There is a place where the angels dwell,
A pure and a peaceful abode;
The joys of that place no tongue can tell;
But there is the palace of God!

3 There is a place where my friends are gone
Who suffered and worshipped with me;
Exalted with Christ, high on his throne,
The King in his beauty they see.

4 There is a place where I hope to live
When life and its labors are o'er;
A place which the Lord to me will give,
And then I shall sorrow no more.

439 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

SING, all ye ransomed of the Lord,
Your great Deliverer sing:
Ye pilgrims, now for Zion bound,
Be joyful in your King.

2 His hand divine shall lead you on
Through all the blissful road,
Till to the sacred mount you rise,
And see your gracious God.

3 Bright garlands of immortal joy
  Shall bloom on every head,
While sorrow, sighing, and distress,
  Like shadows, all are fled.

4 March on in your Redeemer's strength;
  Pursue his footsteps still;
With joyful hope still fix your eye
  On Zion's heavenly hill.

440 C. M. NEWTON.

Mourning over departed Comforts.

SWEET was the time, when first I felt
  The Saviour's pardoning blood
Applied to cleanse my soul from guilt,
  And bring me home to God.

2 Soon as the morn the light revealed,
  His praises tuned my tongue;
And when the evening shades prevailed,
  His love was all my song.

3 In prayer my soul drew near the Lord,
  And saw his glory shine;
And when I read his holy word,
  I called each promise mine.

4 But now, when evening shade prevails,
  My soul in darkness mourns;
And when the morn the light reveals,
  No light to me returns.

441 L. M. STEELE.

Cold Affections lamented.

JESUS demands this heart of mine,
  Demands my love, my joy, my care;
But, ah! how dead to things divine,
  How cold, my best affections are!

2 'Tis sin, alas! with dreadful power,
Divides my Saviour from my sight;
O for one happy, shining hour
Of sacred freedom, sweet delight!

3 Come, dearest Lord; thy love can raise
My captive powers from sin and death,
And fill my heart and life with praise,
And tune my last expiring breath.

442 C. M. WATTS.

Backsliding and returning.

WHY is my heart so far from thee,
My God, my chief delight?
Why are my thoughts no more by day
With thee, no more by night?

2 When my forgetful soul renews
The savor of thy grace,
My heart presumes I cannot lose
The relish all my days;

3 But ere one fleeting hour is past,
The flattering world employs
Some sensual bait to seize my taste,
And to pollute my joys.

4 Wretch that I am, to wander thus
In chase of false delight!
Let me be fastened to thy cross,
Nor ever lose thy sight.

443 L. M. MONT. COL.

Returning and choosing God.

MY gracious Lord, whose changeless love
To me, nor earth nor hell can part,
When shall my feet forget to rove?
Ah, what shall fix this faithless heart?

2 Why do these cares my soul divide,
If thou indeed hast set me free?
Why am I thus, if thou hast died—
If thou hast died to ransom me?

3 Great God, thy sovereign aid impart,
And guard the gifts thyself hast given:
My portion thou, my treasure art,
My life, my happiness and heaven.

4 Would aught with thee my wishes share,
Though dear as life the idol be,
That idol from my breast I'll tear,
Resolved to seek my all from thee.

5 Whate'er I fondly counted mine,
To thee, my Lord, I here restore:
With joy I all for thee resign:
Give me thyself—I ask no more.

444 C. M. DOBELL'S COL.

AGAIN, indulgent Lord, return,
With sweet and quickening grace,
To cheer and warm my sluggish soul,
And speed me in my race.

2 Awake, my love, my faith, my hope,
My fortitude and joy:
Vain world, begone! let things above
My happy thoughts employ.

3 Whilst thee, my Saviour and my God,
I would for ever own,
Drive each rebellious, rival lust,
Each traitor, from the throne.

4 Instruct my mind, my will subdue,
To heaven my passions raise;
And let my life for ever be
Devoted to thy praise.

445 8s. NEWTON.

Delight in Christ.

HOW tedious and tasteless the hours
When Jesus no longer I see!
Sweet prospects, sweet birds, and sweet flowers
Have all lost their sweetness to me:
The midsummer sun shines but dim,
The fields strive in vain to look gay;
But when I am happy in him,
December's as pleasant as May.

2 His name yields the richest perfume,
And sweeter than music his voice;
His presence disperses my gloom,
And makes all within me rejoice;
I should, were he always thus nigh,
Have nothing to wish or to fear;
No mortal so happy as I—
My summer would last all the year.

3 Content with beholding his face,
My all to his pleasure resigned,
No changes of season or place
Would make any change in my mind:
While blessed with a sense of his love,
A palace a toy would appear,
And prisons would palaces prove,
If Jesus would dwell with me there.

4 Dear Lord, if indeed I am thine,
If thou art my sun and my song,
Say, why do I languish and pine,
And why are my winters so long?
O drive these dark clouds from my sky;
Thy soul-cheering presence restore;
Or take me to thee up on high,
Where winter and clouds are no more.

446 8s. & 7s.

Longing to be with Christ.

GREAT Redeemer, friend of sinners,
Thou hast wondrous power to save;
Grant me grace, and still protect me
Over life's tempestuous wave:
May my soul with sacred transport
View the dawn while yet afar,
And, until the sun arises,
Guide me by the morning-star.

2 O what madness! O what folly!
That my heart should go astray
After vain and foolish trifles,
Trifles only of a day!
This vain world, with all its pleasures,
Soon, alas! will be no more:
There's no object worth admiring
But the God whom we adore.

3 See the happy spirits waiting
On the banks beyond the stream,
Sweet responses still repeating:
Jesus, Jesus is their theme:
Hark! they whisper: lo! they call me,
"Sister spirit, come away:"
Lo! I come; earth can't detain me:
Hail! the realms of endless day.

4 Swiftly roll, ye lingering hours;
Seraphs, lend your glittering wings:
Love absorbs my ransomed powers,
Heavenly music round me rings.
Worlds of light and crowns of glory
Far above yon azure sky,
Only now by faith I see you;
Soon I hope to dwell on high.

447 L. M. C. WESLEY.

Seeking perfect Rest in Christ.

O THAT my load of sin were gone!
O that I could at last submit
At Jesus' feet to lay it down—
To lay my soul at Jesus' feet!

2 Rest for my soul I long to find:
Saviour of all, if mine thou art,
Give me thy meek and lowly mind,
And stamp thine image on my heart.

3 Break off the yoke of inbred sin,
And fully set my spirit free:
I cannot rest till pure within,
Till I am wholly lost in thee.

4 Fain would I learn of thee, my God;
Thy light and easy burden prove,
The cross, all stained with hallowed blood,
The labor of thy dying-love.

5 I would, but thou must give the power;
My heart from every sin release:
Bring near, bring near the joyful hour,
And fill me with thy perfect peace.

6 Come, Lord, the drooping sinner cheer,
Nor let thy chariot-wheels delay:
Appear, in my poor heart appear!
My God, my Saviour, come away!

448 7s. COWPER.

Constancy of Christ's Love.

HARK, my soul, it is the Lord;
'Tis thy Saviour; hear his word:
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee:
"Say, poor sinner, lovest thou me?

2 "I delivered thee when bound,
And, when wounded, healed thy wound;
Sought thee wandering, set thee right,
Turned thy darkness into light.

3 "Can a woman's tender care
Cease toward the child she bare?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
Yet will I remember thee.

4 "Mine is an unchanging love,
Higher than the heights above,
Deeper than the depths beneath,
Free and faithful, strong as death.

5 "Thou shalt see my glory soon,
When the work of grace is done;
Partner of my throne shalt be:
Say, poor sinner, lovest thou me?"

6 Lord, it is my chief complaint
That my love is weak and faint;
Yet I love thee and adore:
O for grace to love thee more!

Institutions of the Gospel.

THE CHURCH.

449 L. M. WATTS.

The Church.

HAPPY the Church, thou sacred place,
The seat of thy Creator's grace;
Thine holy courts are his abode,
Thou earthly palace of our God.

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2 Thy walls are strength, and at thy gates
A guard of heavenly warriors waits;
Nor shall thy deep foundation move,
Fixed on his counsels and his love.

3 Thy foes in vain designs engage;
Against thy throne in vain they rage;
Like rising waves with angry roar,
That break and die upon the shore.

4 Then let our souls in Zion dwell,
Nor fear the wrath of earth and hell;
His arms embrace this happy ground,
Like brazen bulwarks built around.

5 God is our shield, and God our sun;
Swift as the fleeting moments run,
On us he sheds new beams of grace,
And we reflect his brightest praise.

450 C. M.

God's tender Care of his Church.

NOW shall my inward joys arise,
And burst into a song;
Almighty love inspires my heart,
And pleasure tunes my tongue.

2 God on his thirsty Zion hill
Some mercy-drops has thrown,
And solemn oaths have bound his love
To shower salvation down.

3 Why do we then indulge our fears,
Suspicions, and complaints?
Is he a God, and shall his grace
Grow weary of his saints?

4 Can a kind woman e'er forget
The infant of her womb,

And 'mongst a thousand tender thoughts
Her suckling have no room?

5 "Yet," saith the Lord, "should nature change,
And mothers monsters prove,
Zion still dwells upon the heart
Of everlasting Love.

6 "Deep on the palms of both my hands
I have engraved her name:
My hand shall raise her ruined walls,
And build her broken frame."

451 11s. & 10s.

Zion triumphant.

DAUGHTER of Zion, awake from thy sadness;
Awake, for thy foes shall oppress thee no more:
Bright o'er thy hills dawns the day-star of gladness;
Rise, for the night of thy sorrow is o'er.

2 Strong were thy foes; but the arm that subdued them,
And scattered their legions, was mightier far:
They fled like the chaff from the scourge that pursued them;
Vain were their steeds and their chariots of war.

3 Daughter of Zion, the Power that hath saved thee,
Extolled with the harp and the timbrel should be:
Shout! for the foe is destroyed that enslaved thee;
Th' oppressor is vanquished, and Zion is free.

452 C. M.

Dedication of a Church.

ETERNAL Source of every good,
Before thy throne we bow,
And bless thee for thy gifts bestowed
On pilgrims here below.

2 Our hearts and hands hast thou inclined
To raise this house of prayer;
O may we seek and ever find
Thy gracious presence here!

3 Lord, may thy heralds long proclaim
The wonders of thy grace,
And sinners taught to fear thy name
Abundantly increase.

4 Here may thy children sweetly feed
On manna sent from heaven;
Drink freely at the fountain-head,
Whence living streams are given.

5 Here let our offspring and their sons
Be of the Saviour blessed,
And thus, while time its circuit runs,
Find here a settled rest.

6 To the eternal, sacred Three,
The great mysterious One,
Now may this house devoted be—
To thee, and thee alone.

453 H. M.

Same Subject.

IN sweet, exalted strains,
The King of Glory praise;
O'er heaven and earth he reigns
Through everlasting days:
He with a nod the world controls,
Sustains or sinks the distant poles.

2 Great King of Glory, come,
And with thy favor crown
This temple as thy dome,
This people as thy own:
O condescend in love to show
How God can dwell with man below.

3 Here may thine ear attend
Our interceding cries,
And grateful praise ascend
All-fragrant to the skies:
Here may thy word melodious sound,
And spread the joys of heaven around.

4 Here may th' attentive throng
Imbibe thy truth and love,
And converts join the song
Of seraphim above;
And willing crowds surround thy board,
With sacred joy and sweet accord.

5 Here may our unborn sons
And daughters sound thy praise,
And shine like polished stones
Through long succeeding days:
Here, Lord, display thy saving power
While temples stand and men adore.

BAPTISM.

454 L. M. WATTS.

Baptism.

'TWAS the commission of our Lord,
"Go teach the nations, and baptize;"
The nations have received the word
Since he ascended to the skies.

2 He sits upon th' eternal hills,
With grace and pardon in his hands,
And sends his covenant with the seals,
To bless the distant Christian lands.

3 "Repent and be baptized," he saith,
"For the remission of your sins;"
And thus our sense assists our faith,
And shows us what the gospel means.

4 Our souls he washes in his blood,
As water makes the body clean;
And the good Spirit from our God
Descends like purifying rain.

5 Thus we engage ourselves to thee,
And seal our covenant with the Lord:
O may the great eternal Three
In heaven our solemn vows record.

455 C. M. WATTS.

The Promise to Believers and their Children.

HOW large the promise, how divine,
To Abraham and his seed!
"I'll be a God to thee and thine,
Supplying all their need."

2 The words of his extensive love
From age to age endure;
The angel of the covenant proves,
And seals the blessings sure.

3 Jesus the ancient faith confirms
To our great father given;
He takes young children in his arms,
And calls them heirs of heaven.

4 Our God—how faithful are his ways!
His love endures the same,
Nor from the promise of his grace
Blots out our children's name.

456 S. M. SALISBURY COL.

LORD, what our ears have heard,
Our eyes delighted trace:
Thy love in long succession shown
To Zion's chosen race.

2 Our children thou dost claim,
And mark them out for thine:
Ten thousand blessings to thy name
For goodness so divine!

3 Thee let the fathers own,
Thee let the sons adore;
Joined to the Lord in solemn vows,
To be forgot no more.

4 How great thy mercies, Lord!
How plenteous is thy grace,
Which in the promise of thy love
Includes our rising race!

5 Our offspring, still thy care,
Shall own their fathers' God,
To latest times thy blessings share,
And sound thy praise abroad.

457 L. M.

O LORD, encouraged by thy grace,
We bring our infant to thy throne:
Give it within thy heart a place;
Let it be thine, and thine alone.

2 Remove from it each stain of guilt,
And let this child be sanctified;
Lord, thou canst cleanse it, if thou wilt,
And all its native evils hide.

3 We ask not for it earthly bliss
Or earthly honors, wealth or fame:
The sum of our request is this—
That it may love and fear thy name.

4 This infant we by faith commit
To thy kind love and guardian care;
We lay it at the Saviour's feet—
He will not let it perish there.

458 S. M. FELLOWS.

God's Blessing invoked on baptized Children.

GREAT God, now condescend
To bless our rising race;
Soon may their willing spirits bend,
The subjects of thy grace.

2 O what a pure delight
Their happiness to see!
Our warmest wishes all unite
To lead their souls to thee.

3 Now bless, thou God of love,
This ordinance divine;
Send thy good Spirit from above,
And make these children thine.

459 C. M. WATTS.

Children devoted to God in Baptism.

THUS saith the mercy of the Lord,
"I'll be a God to thee;
I'll bless thy numerous race, and they
Shall be a seed for me."

2 Abra'm believed the promised grace,
And gave his son to God;
But water seals the blessing now
That once was sealed with blood.

3 Thus Lydia sanctified her house
When she received the word;
Thus the believing jailer gave
His household to the Lord.

4 Thus later saints, eternal King,
Thy covenant embrace:
Our infant offspring now we bring,
And supplicate thy grace.

460 S. M. EPIS. COL.

Christ blessing Children.

THE Saviour kindly calls
Our children to his breast;
He folds them in his gracious arms,
Himself declares them blest.

2 "Let them approach," he cries,
"Nor scorn their humble claim;
The heirs of heaven are such as these—
For such as these I came."

3 With joy we bring them, Lord,
Devoting them to thee,
Imploring that, as we are thine,
Thine may our offspring be.

461 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

BEHOLD what condescending love
Jesus on earth displays!
To babes and sucklings he extends
The riches of his grace!

2 He still the ancient promise keeps,
To our forefathers given;
Young children in his arms he takes,
And calls them heirs of heaven.

3 Forbid them not, whom Jesus calls,
Nor dare the claim resist,
Since his own lips to us declare
Of such will heaven consist.

4 With flowing tears and thankful hearts
We give them up to thee;
Receive them, Lord, into thine arms;
Thine may they ever be.

462 L. M. REED'S COL.

Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

COME, Holy Ghost, come from on high;
Baptizer of our spirits thou:
The sacramental seal apply,
And witness with the water now.

2 Exert thy gracious power divine,
And sprinkle thou th' atoning blood;
May Father, Son, and Spirit, join
To seal this child a child of God.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

463 L. M. WATTS.

The Lord's Supper instituted.

'TWAS on that dark, that doleful night,
When powers of earth and hell arose
Against the Son of God's delight,
And friends betrayed him to his foes—

2 Before the mournful scene began,
He took the bread, and blessed, and brake:
What love through all his actions ran!
What wondrous words of grace he spake!

3 "This is my body, broke for sin:
Receive and eat the living food;"
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:
"'Tis the new covenant in my blood."

4 "Do this," he cried, "till time shall end,
In memory of your dying friend;
Meet at my table, and record
The love of your departed Lord."

5 Jesus, thy feast we celebrate;
We show thy death, we sing thy name,
Till thou return, and we shall eat
The marriage-supper of the Lamb.

464 C. M. WATTS.

Christ's dying Love.

HOW condescending and how kind
Was God's eternal Son!
Our misery reached his heavenly mind,
And pity brought him down.

2 When justice, by our sins provoked,
Drew forth its dreadful sword,
He gave his soul up to the stroke
Without a murmuring word.

3 He sunk beneath our heavy woes,
To raise us to his throne;
There's ne'er a gift his hand bestows
But cost his heart a groan.

4 This was compassion like a God,
That though the Saviour knew
The price of pardon was his blood,
His pity ne'er withdrew.

5 Now, though he reigns exalted high,
His love is still as great:
Well he remembers Calvary,
Nor lets his saints forget.

6 Here let our hearts begin to melt,
While we his death record,
And, with our joy for pardoned guilt,
Mourn that we pierced the Lord.

465 S. M. WATTS.

Benefits of Communion.

JESUS invites his saints
To meet around his board;
Here pardoned rebels sit and hold
Communion with their Lord.

2 This holy bread and wine
Maintain our fainting breath
By union with our living Lord,
And interest in his death.

3 Our heavenly Father calls
Christ and his members one;
We the dear children of his love,
And he the first-born Son.

4 Let all our powers be joined,
His glorious name to raise;
Let love divine fill every breast,
And tune the heart to praise.

466 C. M. WATTS.

Guests drawn in by Divine Love.

HOW sweet and awful is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores!

2 While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries with thankful tongue,
"Lord, why was I a guest?

3 "Why was I made to hear thy voice,
And enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?"

4 'Twas the same love that spread the feast
That gently drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

5 Pity the nations, O our God!
Constrain the earth to come;
Send thy victorious word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

6 We long to see thy churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice, and heart, and soul,
Sing thy redeeming grace.

467 C. M. STENNETT.

LORD, at thy table we behold
The wonders of thy grace,
But most of all admire, that we
Should find a welcome place—

2 We, who are all defiled with sin,
And rebels to our God!
We, who have crucified thy Son,
And trampled on his blood!

3 What strange, surprising grace is this,
That we, so lost, have room!
Jesus our weary souls invites,
And freely bids us come.

4 Ye saints below, and hosts of heaven,
Join all your sacred powers:
No theme is like redeeming love:
No Saviour is like ours.

468 L. M. STEELE.

Penitent View of the Saviour's Sufferings.

LORD, when my thoughts delighted rove
Amid the wonders of thy love,

Sweet hope revives my drooping heart,
And bids intruding fears depart.

2 Repentant sorrow fills my heart,
But mingling joy allays the smart;
O may my future life declare
The sorrow and the joy sincere.

3 Be all my heart and all my days
Devoted to my Saviour's praise;
And let my glad obedience prove
How much I owe, how much I love.

469 C. M. WATTS.

The New Covenant sealed.

THE promise of my Father's love
Shall stand for ever good,
He said, and gave his soul to death,
And sealed the grace with blood.

2 To this dear covenant of thy word
I set my worthless name;
I seal th' engagement to my Lord,
And make my humble claim.

3 I call that legacy my own
Which Jesus did bequeath:
'Twas purchased with a dying-groan,
And ratified in death.

4 The light and strength, the pardoning grace
And glory shall be mine:
My life and soul, my heart and flesh,
And all my powers are thine.

470 7s. PRATT'S COL.

Spiritual Nourishment from Christ.

BREAD of heaven, on thee we feed,
For thy flesh is meat indeed:

Ever let our souls be fed
With the true and living bread!

2 Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice:
Lord, thy wounds our healing give;
To thy cross we look and live.

3 Day by day with strength supplied,
Through the life of him who died;
Lord of life, O let us be
Rooted, grafted, built on thee!

471 C. M. STENNETT.

HERE at thy table, Lord, we meet,
To feed on food divine:
Thy body is the bread we eat,
Thy precious blood the wine.

2 He who prepares this rich repast
Himself comes down and dies,
And then invites us thus to feast
Upon the sacrifice.

3 Here peace and pardon sweetly flow;
O what delightful food!
We eat the bread and drink the wine,
But think on nobler good.

4 Deep was the suffering he endured
Upon th' accursed tree,
For me, each welcome guest may say—
'Twas all endured for me.

5 Sure there was never love so free—
Dear Saviour—so divine!
Well thou mayest claim that heart of me
Which owes so much to thine.

472 L. M. UNION COL.

Remembering Christ at his Table.

YES, we'll record thy matchless love,
Thou dearest, tenderest, best of friends!
Thy dying-love the noblest praise
Of long eternity transcends.

2 'Tis pleasure, more than earth can give,
Thy glories through these veils to see:
Celestial food thy table yields,
And happy they who sit with thee!

473 L. M. WATTS.

Glory in Christ Crucified.

AT thy command, O gracious Lord,
We celebrate thy dying-feast:
Bless the provisions of thy board,
And dwell with every humble guest.

2 Our faith adores redeeming love,
And trusts for life in One that died;
We hope for heavenly crowns above,
Through him that once was crucified.

3 What though the world pronounce it shame,
And cast their scandals on thy cause?
We come to boast a Saviour's name,
And sing the triumphs of his cross.

4 With joy we tell the scoffing age,
"He that was dead hath left his tomb!
He lives above their utmost rage,
And we are waiting till he come."

474 C. M. MONTGOMERY.

Remembering Christ.

ACCORDING to thy gracious word,
In meek humility,

This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember thee.

2 Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be:
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember thee.

3 Gethsemane can I forget,
Or there thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
And not remember thee?

4 When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember thee;

5 Remember thee, and all thy pains,
And all thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
Will I remember thee.

6 And when these failing lips grow dumb,
And mind and memory flee,
When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.

475 7s.

Sacramental Meditations.

JESUS, Master, hear me now,
While I would renew my vow,
And record thy dying-love;
Hear, and help me from above.

2 Feed me, Saviour, with this bread,
Broken in thy body's stead;
Cheer my spirit with this wine,
Streaming like that blood of thine.

3 And as now I eat and drink,
Let me truly, sweetly think,
Thou didst hang upon the tree,
Broken, bleeding there—for me.

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

476 S. M. WATTS.

The Sabbath a Delight.

WELCOME, sweet day of rest,
That saw the Lord arise;
Welcome to this reviving breast
And these rejoicing eyes.

2 The King himself comes near,
And feasts his saints to-day:
Here we may sit, and see him here,
And love, and praise, and pray.

3 One day amidst the place
Where my dear God hath been
Is sweeter than ten thousand days
Of pleasurable sin.

4 My willing soul would stay
In such a frame as this,
And sit and sing herself away
To everlasting bliss.

477 H. M. HEYWARD.

WELCOME, delightful morn,
Thou day of sacred rest!
I hail thy kind return:
Lord, make these moments blest.
From low delights and mortal toys
I soar to reach immortal joys.

2 Now may the King descend,
And fill his throne of grace;
Thy sceptre, Lord, extend,
While saints address thy face:
Let sinners feel thy quickening word,
And learn to know and fear the Lord.

3 Descend, celestial Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Disclose a Saviour's love,
And bless these sacred hours;
Then shall my soul new life obtain,
Nor Sabbaths be indulged in vain.

478 C. M. KELLY.

AND now another week begins:
This day we call the Lord's:
This day he rose, who bore our sins;
For so his word records.

2 Hark, how the angels sweetly sing!
Their voices fill the sky:
They hail their great victorious King,
And welcome him on high.

3 We'll catch the note of lofty praise;
Their joys O may we feel:
Our thankful song with them we'll raise,
And emulate their zeal.

4 Come, then, ye saints, and grateful sing
Of Christ, our risen Lord;
Of Christ, the everlasting King,
Of Christ, th' incarnate Word.

5 Hail, mighty Saviour! thee we hail,
High on thy throne above;
Till heart and flesh together fail,
We'll sing thy matchless love.

479 L. M. EPIS. COL.

MY opening eyes with rapture see
The dawn of thy returning day;
My thoughts, O God, ascend to thee,
While thus my early vows I pay.

2 I yield my heart to thee alone,
Nor would receive another guest:
Eternal King, erect thy throne,
And reign sole monarch in my breast.

3 O bid this trifling world retire,
And drive each carnal thought away;
Nor let me feel one vain desire,
One sinful thought, through all the day.

4 Then, to thy courts when I repair,
My soul shall rise on joyful wing,
The wonders of thy love declare,
And join the strains which angels sing.

480 L. M. STENNETT.

The Rest of the Sabbath.

ANOTHER six days' work is done;
Another Sabbath is begun:
Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest;
Improve the day thy God has blest.

2 O that our thoughts and thanks may rise
As grateful incense to the skies,
And draw from heaven that sweet repose
Which none but he that feels it knows;

3 This heavenly calm within the breast,
The dearest pledge of glorious rest
Which for the Church of God remains,
The end of cares, the end of pains.

4 With joy, great God, thy works we view
In varied scenes, both old and new;
With praise we think on mercies past;
With hope we future pleasures taste.

5 In holy duties let the day,
In holy pleasures, pass away:
How sweet, a Sabbath thus to spend,
In hope of one that ne'er shall end!

481 C. M. C. WESLEY.

COME, let us join with sweet accord
In hymns around the throne:
This is the day our rising Lord
Hath made, and called his own.

2 This is the day which God hath blessed,
The brightest of the seven;
Type of that everlasting rest
The saints enjoy in heaven.

482 L. M. DOBELL.

Preparation for the Duties of the Sabbath implored.

COME, dearest Lord, and bless this day;
Come, bear our thoughts from earth away;
Now let our noblest passions rise
With ardor to their native skies.

2 Come, Holy Spirit, all divine,
With rays of light upon us shine;
And let our waiting souls be blessed
On this sweet day of sacred rest.

3 Then, when our Sabbaths here are o'er,
And we arrive on Canaan's shore,
With all the ransomed, we shall spend
A Sabbath which shall never end.

483 L. M. 6 L. STEELE.

GREAT God, this sacred day of thine
Demands the soul's collected powers;
With joy we now to thee resign
These solemn, consecrated hours:
O may our souls adoring own
The grace that calls us to thy throne.

2 All-seeing God, thy piercing eye
Can every secret thought explore;
May worldly cares our bosoms fly,
And where thou art intrude no more:
O may thy grace our spirits move,
And fix our minds on things above!

3 Thy Spirit's powerful aid impart,
And bid thy word, with life divine,
Engage the ear and warm the heart;
Then shall the day indeed be thine;
Our souls shall then adoring own
The grace that calls us to thy throne.

484 L. M. HARRISON.

Sabbath day.

AWAKE, my heart! my soul, arise!
This is the day believers prize;
Improve this Sabbath then with care;
Another may not be thy share.

2 O solemn thought! Lord, give me power
Wisely to fill up every hour:
O for the wings of faith and love
To bear my heart and soul above!

3 Jesus, assist, nor let me fail
To worship thee within the veil;
To glorify thy matchless grace,
To see the beauties of thy face.

4 Be with me in thy house to-day,
And tune my heart to praise and pray;
Command thy word to fall like dew,
Refreshing, quickening all anew.

5 Call forth my thoughts, and let them rove
O'er the green pastures of thy love:
O let not sin prevent my rest,
Nor keep me from my Saviour's breast.

6 Give to thy Church a large increase;
Send her prosperity and peace;
May all the saints in Zion say,
O happy, happy, happy day!

485 L. M.

The Sabbath Evening.

HOW sweet the light of Sabbath eve!
How soft the sunbeams lingering there!
For these blest hours the world I leave,
Wafted on wings of praise and prayer.

2 The time how lonely and how still!
Peace shines and smiles on all below:
The plain, the stream, the wood, the hill,
All fair with evening's setting glow.

3 Season of rest! the tranquil soul
Feels the sweet calm, and melts to love;
And while these sacred moments roll,
Faith sees a smiling heaven above.

4 Nor will our days of toil be long;
Our pilgrimage will soon be trod,
And we shall join the ceaseless song,
The endless Sabbath of our God.

486 H. M. SCOTT.

Resurrection of Christ celebrated.

AWAKE, our drowsy souls,
And burst the slothful band;
The wonders of this day
Our noblest songs demand:
Auspicious morn, thy blissful rays
Bright seraphs hail, in songs of praise.

2 At thy approaching dawn,
Reluctant death resigned
The glorious Prince of life,
In dark domains confined:
Th' angelic host around him bends,
And midst their shouts the God ascends.

3 All hail, triumphant Lord!
Heaven with hosannas rings;
While earth, in humbler strains,
Thy praise responsive sings:
"Worthy art thou, who once wast slain,
Through endless years to live and reign."

4 Gird on, great God, thy sword,
Ascend thy conquering car,
While justice, truth, and love
Maintain the glorious war:
Victorious, thou thy foes shalt tread,
And sin and hell in triumph lead.

487 C. M. BARBAULD.

AGAIN the Lord of life and light
Awakes the kindling ray,
Dispels the darkness of the night,
And pours increasing day.

2 O what a night was that which wrapped
A sinful world in gloom!

O what a Sun which broke, this day,
Triumphant from the tomb!

3 This day be grateful homage paid,
And loud hosannas sung;
Let gladness dwell in every heart,
And praise on every tongue.

4 Ten thousand thousand lips shall join
To hail this welcome morn,
Which scatters blessings from its wings
To nations yet unborn.

488 C. M. S. WESLEY, JR.

The Sabbath commemorative of Christ's Resurrection.

THE Lord of Sabbath let us praise,
In concert with the blest,
Who, joyful, in harmonious lays
Employ an endless rest.

2 Thus, Lord, while we remember thee,
We blest and pious grow;
By hymns of praise we learn to be
Triumphant here below.

3 On this glad day a brighter scene
Of glory was displayed
By God, th' eternal Word, than when
This universe was made.

4 He rises, who mankind has bought
With grief and pain extreme:
'T was great to speak the world from naught;
'T was greater to redeem.

489 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

The eternal Sabbath.

THINE earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love;
But there's a nobler rest above;
To that our longing souls aspire,
With cheerful hope and strong desire.

2 No more fatigue, no more distress,
Nor sin, nor death shall reach the place;
No groans shall mingle with the songs
Which warble from immortal tongues.

3 No rude alarms of raging foes,
No cares to break the long repose;
No midnight shade, no clouded sun,
But sacred, high, eternal noon.

4 Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love;
But there's a nobler rest above;
To that our longing souls aspire,
With cheerful hope and strong desire.

490 C. M.

Longing for the eternal Sabbath.

WHEN, dearest Saviour, when shall I
Behold thee all serene,
Blest in perpetual Sabbath-day,
Without a veil between?

2 Assist me while I wander here,
Amid a world of cares;
Incline my roving heart to pray,
And then accept my prayers.

3 Thy Spirit, O my Father, give,
To be my guide and friend;
To light my path to ceaseless joys,
Where Sabbaths never end.

491 L. M. WATTS.

Pleasing Remembrance of the Sabbath.

LORD, how delightful 'tis to see
A whole assembly worship thee!
At once they sing, at once they pray;
They hear of heaven, and learn the way.

2 I have been there, and still would go;
'Tis like the dawn of heaven below:
Not all that careless sinners say
Shall tempt me to forget this day.

3 O write upon my memory, Lord,
The truths and precepts of thy word,
That I may break thy laws no more,
But love thee better than before.

4 With thoughts of Christ and things divine
Fill up this foolish heart of mine;
That, finding pardon through his blood,
I may lie down, and wake with God.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

492 L. M. WATTS.

Delight in Worship.

FAR from my thoughts, vain world, begone;
Let my religious hours alone:
Fain would my eyes my Saviour see—
I wait a visit, Lord, from thee.

2 O warm my heart with holy fire,
And kindle there a pure desire:
Come, sacred Spirit, from above,
And fill my soul with heavenly love.

3 Blest Jesus, what delicious fare!
How sweet thy entertainments are!
Never did angels taste above
Redeeming grace and dying-love.

4 Hail, great Immanuel, all divine!
In thee thy Father's glories shine;
Thy glorious name shall be adored,
And every tongue confess thee Lord.

493 L. M.

Pleasures of Public Worship.

HOW sweet to leave the world a while,
And seek the presence of our Lord!
Dear Saviour, on thy people smile,
According to thy faithful word.

2 From busy scenes we now retreat,
That we may here converse with thee:
O Lord, behold us at thy feet;
Let this the gate of heaven be.

3 "Chief of ten thousands," now appear,
That we by faith may view thy face;
O speak, that we thy voice may hear,
And let thy presence fill the place!

494 L. M.

WHEN to his temple God descends,
He holds communion with his friends,
His grace and glory there displays,
And shines with bright but friendly rays.

2 While hovering o'er the happy place,
The Spirit sheds his heavenly grace,
To fix our thoughts, our hearts to raise,
And tune our souls to love and praise.

3 'T is here we learn the blessed skill
To know and do our Maker's will;
And, while we hear, and sing, and pray,
With heavenly joy we soar away.

4 O dearest hours of all I know!
O sweetest joys of all below!
Here would I choose my fixed abode,
And dwell for ever near my God.

495 S. M. STENNETT.

HOW charming is the place
Where my Redeemer God
Unveils the glories of his face,
And sheds his love abroad!

2 Here, on the mercy-seat,
With radiant glory crowned,
Our joyful eyes behold him sit,
And smile on all around.

3 To him their prayers and cries
Each contrite soul presents;
And while he hears their humble sighs,
He grants them all their wants.

4 Give me, O Lord, a place
Within thy blest abode,
Among the children of thy grace,
The servants of my God.

496 C. M. STEELE.

The Presence of God sought in his House.

COME, O thou King of all thy saints,
Our humble tribute own,
While with our praises and complaints
We bow before thy throne.

2 How should our songs, like those above,
With warm devotion rise!
How should our souls, on wings of love,
Mount upward to the skies!

3 But, ah! the song, how faint it flows!
How languid our desire!
How cold the sacred passion glows,
Till thou the heart inspire!

4 Dear Saviour, let thy glory shine
And fill thy dwellings here,
Till life, and love, and joy divine,
A heaven on earth appear.

5 Then shall our hearts, enraptured, say,
Come, great Redeemer; come,
And bring the bright, the glorious day
That calls thy children home.

497 C. M. NEWTON.

GREAT Shepherd of thy people, hear:
Thy presence now display:
We kneel within thy house of prayer;
O give us hearts to pray.

2 The clouds, which veil thee from our sight,
In pity, Lord, remove;
Dispose our minds to hear aright
The message of thy love.

3 Help us, with holy fear and joy,
To kneel before thy face;
O make us, creatures of thy power,
The children of thy grace.

498 7s. 6 L. NEWTON.

SAFELY through another week
God has brought us on our way;

Let us now a blessing seek,
  Waiting in his courts to-day:
Day of all the week the best,
Emblem of eternal rest.

2 While we seek supplies of grace
  Through the dear Redeemer's name,
Show thy reconciling face,
  Take away our sin and shame:
From our worldly cares set free,
May we rest this day in thee.

3 Here we come thy name to praise;
  Let us feel thy presence near:
May thy glory meet our eyes,
  While we in thy house appear:
Here afford us, Lord, a taste
Of our everlasting feast.

4 May the gospel's joyful sound
  Conquer sinners, comfort saints;
Make the fruits of grace abound,
  Bring relief from all complaints:
Thus let all our Sabbaths prove,
Till we join the Church above.

499 C. M. PRESB. COL.

WITHIN thy house, O Lord our God,
  In glory now appear;
Make this a place of thine abode,
  And shed thy blessings here.

2 When we thine awful seat surround,
  Thy Spirit, Lord, impart;
And let thy gospel's joyful sound
  With power reach every heart.

3 Here let the blind their sight obtain;
  Here give the mourners rest:

Let Jesus here triumphant reign,
Enthroned in every breast.

4 Here let the voice of sacred joy
And humble prayer arise,
Till higher strains our tongues employ
In realms beyond the skies.

500 7s. MONTGOMERY.

Prayer for a Blessing on Public Worship.

TO thy temple we repair;
Lord, we love to worship there;
There within the veil we meet
Thee upon the mercy-seat.

2 While thy glorious name is sung,
Tune our lips, unloose our tongue;
Then our joyful souls shall bless
Thee, the Lord our Righteousness.

3 While to thee our prayers ascend,
Let thine ear in love attend:
Hear us when thy Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

4 While thy word is heard with awe,
While we tremble at thy law,
Let thy gospel's wondrous love
Every doubt and fear remove.

5 From thy house when we return,
Let our hearts within us burn;
That at evening we may say,
"We have walked with God to-day."

501 C. M. HOSKINS.

IN thy great name, O Lord, we come,
To worship at thy feet;
O pour thy Holy Spirit down
On all that now shall meet.

2 We come to hear Jehovah speak,
To hear the Saviour's voice:
Thy face and favor, Lord, we seek;
Now make our hearts rejoice.

3 Teach us to pray and praise, and hear
And understand thy word;
To feel thy blissful presence near,
And trust our living Lord.

502 7s. HAMMOND.

LORD, we come before thee now;
At thy feet we humbly bow:
O do not our suit disdain!
Shall we seek thee, Lord, in vain?

2 Lord, on thee our souls depend;
In compassion now descend;
Fill our hearts with thy rich grace;
Tune our lips to sing thy praise.

3 In thine own appointed way,
Now we seek thee, here we stay:
Lord, we know not how to go
Till a blessing thou bestow.

4 Send some message from thy word
That may joy and peace afford;
Let thy Spirit now impart
Full salvation to each heart.

5 Comfort those who weep and mourn;
Let the time of joy return;
Those who are cast down, lift up;
Make them strong in faith and hope.

6 Grant that all may seek and find
Thee a God supremely kind;
Heal the sick, the captive free;
Let us all rejoice in thee.

503 C. M. BARBAULD.

The Sacrifice of the Heart.

WHEN, as returns this solemn day,
Man comes to meet his God,
What rites, what honors shall he pay?
How spread his praise abroad?

2 From marble domes and gilded spires
Shall clouds of incense rise,
And gems, and gold, and garlands deck
The costly sacrifice?

3 Vain, sinful man! creation's Lord
Thy offerings well may spare;
But give thy heart, and thou shalt find
Thy God will hear thy prayer.

504 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Before Sermon.

ALMIGHTY God, eternal Lord,
Thy gracious power make known;
Touch, by the virtue of thy word,
And melt the heart of stone.

2 Speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
And bid the sleeper rise;
O let his guilty conscience dread
The death that never dies.

3 Let us receive the word we hear,
Each in an honest heart;
Lay up the precious treasure there,
And never with it part.

4 Now let our darkness comprehend
The light that shines so clear:
Thy Spirit, Lord, in mercy send,
And give us ears to hear.

505 8, 7 & 4. PRATT'S COL.

COME, thou soul-transforming Spirit,
Bless the sower and the seed:
Let each heart thy grace inherit;
Raise the weak; the hungry feed:
From the gospel
Now supply thy people's need.

2 Help us all to seek the blessing
Which thou waitest now to give;
Let us all, thy love possessing,
Joyfully the truth receive,
And for ever
To thy praise and glory live.

506 7s. KELLY.

SAVIOUR, bless thy word to all;
Quick and powerful let it prove:
O may sinners hear thy call!
Let thy people grow in love.

2 Thine own gracious message bless;
Follow it with power divine;
Give the gospel great success—
Thine the work, the glory thine.

3 Saviour, bid the world rejoice;
Send, O send thy truth abroad;
Let the nations hear thy voice—
Hear it, and return to God.

507 C. M. PRATT'S COL

Prayer for Sincerity in Worship.

LORD, when we bend before thy throne,
And our confessions pour,
O may we feel the sins we own,
And hate what we deplore.

2 Our contrite spirits pitying see;
  True penitence impart;
And let a healing ray from thee
  Beam hope on every heart.

3 When we disclose our wants in prayer,
  O let our wills resign,
And not a thought our bosom share
  Which is not wholly thine.

4 And when with heart and voice we strive
  Our grateful hymns to raise,
Let love divine within us live,
  And fill our souls with praise.

5 Then, on thy glories while we dwell,
  Thy mercies we'll review;
With love divine, transported, tell,
  "Thou, God, art Father too."

508 C. M. STEELE.

COME, ye that love the Saviour's name,
  And joy to make it known;
The Sovereign of your heart proclaim,
  And bow before his throne.

2 When in his earthly courts we view
  The glories of our King,
We long to love as angels do,
  And wish like them to sing.

3 And shall we long and wish in vain?
  Lord, teach our songs to rise:
Thy love can raise our humble strain,
  And bid it reach the skies.

4 O happy period, glorious day,
  When heaven and earth shall raise,
With all their powers, their raptured lay
  To celebrate thy praise!

509 L. M. COWPER.

Christ ever present in his Churches.

JESUS, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.

2 For thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring thee where they come,
And going, take thee to their home.

3 Great Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.

510 L. M. WESLEY'S COL.

The Presence of God realized.

LO, God is here! let us adore,
And own how dreadful is this place:
Let all within us feel his power,
And silent bow before his face.

2 Lo, God is here! him day and night
Th' united choirs of angels sing:
To him, enthroned above all height,
Let saints their humble worship bring.

3 Lord God of hosts! O may our praise
Thy courts with grateful fragrance fill:
Still may we stand before thy face,
Still hear and do thy sovereign will.

511 L. M. STOWELL.

The Mercy-seat.

FROM every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,

There is a calm, a sure retreat;
'Tis found beneath the mercy-seat.

2 There is a place where Jesus sheds
The oil of gladness on our heads—
A place than all besides more sweet;
It is the blood-bought mercy-seat.

3 There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend:
Though sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy-seat.

4 Ah! whither could we flee for aid
When tempted, desolate, dismayed,
Or how the host of hell defeat,
Had suffering saints no mercy-seat?

5 There, there on eagle-wing we soar,
And sin and sense seem all no more;
And heaven comes down our souls to greet,
And glory crowns the mercy-seat.

6 O let my hand forget her skill,
My tongue be silent, cold, and still,
This bounding heart forget to beat,
If I forget the mercy-seat!

512 L. M.

Dismissions.

DISMISS us with thy blessing, Lord;
Help us to feed upon thy word;
All that has been amiss forgive,
And let thy truth within us live.

2 Though we are guilty, thou art good;
Wash all our works in Jesus' blood;
Give every burdened soul release,
And bid us all depart in peace.

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513 8, 7 & 4. BURDER'S COL.

LORD, dismiss us with thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace:
Let us, each thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us,
Travelling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give, and adoration,
For thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound:
May thy presence
With us evermore be found.

3 Then, whene'er the signal's given,
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven,
Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever
Reign with Christ in endless day.

514 8, 7 & 4. KELLY

GOD of our salvation, hear us;
Bless, O bless us, ere we go;
When we join the world, be near us,
Lest we cold and careless grow:
Saviour, keep us—
Keep us safe from every foe.

2 May we live in view of heaven,
Where we hope to see thy face;
Save us from unhallowed leaven,
All that might obscure thy grace;
Keep us walking
Each in his appointed place.

3 As our steps are drawing nearer
To the place we call our home,
May our view of heaven grow clearer,
Hope more bright of joys to come;
And, when dying,
May thy presence cheer the gloom.

515 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

THE peace which God alone reveals,
And by his word of grace imparts,
Which only the believer feels,
Direct, and keep, and cheer our hearts!

2 And may the holy Three in One,
The Father, Word, and Comforter,
Pour an abundant blessing down
On every soul assembled here!

516 C. M. BROWN.

Languid Devotion lamented.

FREQUENT the day of God returns,
To shed its quickening beams;
And yet how slow devotion burns!
How languid are its flames!

2 Accept our faint attempts to love;
Our follies, Lord, forgive:
We would be like thy saints above,
And praise thee while we live.

3 Increase, O Lord, our faith and hope,
And fit us to ascend
Where the assembly ne'er breaks up,
And Sabbaths never end;

4 Where we shall breathe in heavenly air,
With heavenly lustre shine,
Before the throne of God appear,
And feast on love divine.

5 There shall we join, and never tire,
To sing immortal lays;
And with the bright, seraphic choir,
Sound forth Immanuel's praise.

517 L. M.

At parting. Farewell.

O HAPPY day, when saints shall meet
To part no more!—the thought is sweet—
No more to feel the rending smart,
Oft felt below when Christians part.

2 O happy place, I still must say,
Where all but love is done away!
All cause of parting there is past;
Their social feast will ever last.

3 Such union here is sought in vain
As there in every heart will reign:
There separations can't compel
The saints to bid the sad farewell.

4 On earth, when friends together meet,
And find the passing moments sweet,
Time's rapid motions soon compel
With grief to say, Dear friends, farewell!

5 The shepherd feels the smarting shock
Of parting from his weeping flock;
His feelings for them none can tell,
When forced to say, My friends, farewell!

6 The happy season soon will come
When saints shall meet in heaven, their home,
Eternally with Christ to dwell,
Nor ever hear the sound, Farewell.

518 L. M. DR. COSSITT.

Camp-meeting.

HERE, in this consecrated grove,
Thy people, gracious Lord, attend,
Entreating that from heaven above
Thy grace and Spirit may descend.

2 Our worldly cares we leave behind;
To richer treasures we aspire:
O Lord, possess each heart and mind,
Filling our souls with sacred fire.

3 Let prayer, like holy incense, rise,
And quick and powerful be thy word;
Thy Spirit grant us rich supplies
Of grace and mercy from our Lord.

4 May every saint be edified;
May every sinner be alarmed;
Conversions be so multiplied,
That Satan's hosts shall be disarmed.

5 May every soul assembled here,
Submission yield to mercy's call,
And, to the Saviour drawing near,
Be saved by him who died for all.

6 Thy truth and love, to us so dear,
Will quicken, comfort, bless, sustain,
Giving us grace to persevere,
Till we with Christ in glory reign.

PRIVATE AND FAMILY WORSHIP.

519 C. M. RIPPON'S COL.

Desire to meet God in secret.

FATHER Divine, thy piercing eye
Sees through the darkest night;
In deep retirement thou art nigh,
With heart-discerning sight.

2 There may thy piercing eye survey
My solemn homage, paid
With every morning's dawning ray
And every evening's shade.

3 O let thy own celestial fire
The incense still inflame,
While my warm vows to thee aspire,
Through my Redeemer's name.

4 So shall the secrets of thy love
My soul in secret bless;
So shalt thou deign in worlds above
Thy suppliant to confess.

520 C. M.

Morning Hymn.

UPHELD by God's almighty arm,
I passed the shades of night
Serene and safe from every harm,
And see returning light.

2 While many spent the night in sighs,
And restless pains and woes,
In gentle sleep I closed my eyes:
How soft was my repose!

3 O let the same almighty care
My waking hours attend;
From every danger, every snare,
My heedless steps defend.

4 Smile on my minutes as they roll,
And guide my future days;
And let thy goodness fill my soul
With gratitude and praise.

521 S. M. SCOTT.

Morning Song.

SEE how the rising sun
Pursues his shining way,
And wide proclaims his Maker's praise
With every brightening ray.

2 Thus would my rising soul
Its heavenly parent sing,
And to its great Original
The humble tribute bring.

3 Serene I laid me down
Beneath his guardian care;
I slept, and I awoke, and found
My kind Preserver near.

4 Dear Saviour, to thy cross
I bring my sacrifice;
By thee perfumed, it shall ascend
With fragrance to the skies.

5 My life I would anew
Devote, O Lord, to thee,
And in thy blessed presence spend
A long eternity.

522 7s.

THOU that dost my life prolong,
Kindly aid my morning song:
Thankful from my couch I rise
To the God that rules the skies.

2 Thou didst hear my evening cry;
Thy preserving hand was nigh;
Peaceful slumbers thou hast shed,
Grateful to my weary head.

3 Thou hast kept me through the night;
'Twas thy hand restored the light:
Lord, thy mercies still are new,
Plenteous as the morning dew.

4 Still my feet are prone to stray;
O preserve me through the day:
Dangers everywhere abound;
Sins and snares beset me round.

5 Gently, with the dawning ray,
On my soul thy beams display;
Sweeter than the smiling morn,
Let thy cheering light return.

523 L. M. WATTS.

A Morning Hymn.

GOD of the morning, at thy voice
The cheerful sun makes haste to rise,
And like a giant doth rejoice
To run his journey through the skies.

2 O, like the sun may I fulfil
Th' appointed duties of the day;
With ready mind and active will
March on, and keep my heavenly way.

3 Lord, thy commands are clean and pure,
Enlightening our beclouded eyes;
Thy threatenings just, thy promise sure;
Thy gospel makes the simple wise.

4 Give me thy counsels for my guide,
And then receive me to thy bliss:
All my desires and hopes beside
Are faint and cold compared with this.

524 C. M. WATTS.

ONCE more, my soul, the rising day
Salutes thy waking eyes:
Once more, my voice, thy tribute pay
To him who rules the skies.

2 Night unto night his name repeats;
The day renews the sound,
Wide as the heavens on which he sits
To turn the seasons round.

3 'Tis he supports my mortal frame;
My tongue shall speak his praise:
My sins would rouse his wrath to flame,
And yet his wrath delays.

4 How many wretched souls have fled
Since the last setting sun!
And yet thou lengthenest out my thread,
And yet my moments run!

5 Great God, let all my hours be thine,
While I enjoy the light;
Then shall my sun in smiles decline,
And bring a peaceful night.

525 L. M. KENNEDY.

AWAKE, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;

Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

2 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
And with the angels bear thy part,
Who all night long unwearied sing
High praises to th' eternal King.

3 Glory to thee, who safe hast kept,
And hast refreshed me while I slept:
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless life partake.

4 Lord, I my vows to thee renew;
Scatter my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with thyself my spirit fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design, or do, or say;
That all my powers, with all their might,
In thy sole glory may unite.

526 C. M. STEELE.

GOD of my life, my morning song
To thee I cheerful raise:
Thy acts of love 'tis good to sing,
And pleasant 'tis to praise.

2 Preserved by thy almighty arm,
I passed the shades of night,
Serene, and safe from every harm,
To see the morning light.

3 While numbers spent the night in sighs,
And restless pains and woes,
In gentle sleep I closed my eyes,
And rose from sweet repose.

4 O let the same almighty care
Through all this day attend:
From every danger, every snare,
My heedless steps defend.

5 Smile on my minutes as they roll,
And guide my future days;
And let thy goodness fill my soul
With gratitude and praise.

527 C. M. MRS. BROWN.

Secret Prayer at Twilight.

I LOVE to steal a while away
From every cumbering care,
And spend the hours of setting day
In humble, grateful prayer.

2 I love in solitude to shed
The penitential tear,
And all his promises to plead,
Where none but God is near.

3 I love to think on mercies past,
And future good implore;
And all my cares and sorrows cast
On him whom I adore.

4 I love by faith to take a view
Of brighter scenes in heaven;
The prospect doth my strength renew
While here by tempests driven.

5 And when life's toilsome day is o'er,
May its departing ray
Be calm as this impressive hour,
And lead to endless day.

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528 C. M. WATTS.

Evening Song.

[DREAD Sovereign, let my evening song
Like holy incense rise;
Assist the offerings of my tongue
To reach the lofty skies.

2 Through all the dangers of the day
Thy hand was still my guard;
And still to drive my wants away
Thy mercy stood prepared.]

3 Perpetual mercies from above
Encompass me around;
But O, how few returns of love
Hath my Creator found!

4 What have I done for him who died
To save my wretched soul?
How are my follies multiplied
Fast as the minutes roll!

5 Lord, with this guilty heart of mine,
To thy dear cross I flee,
And to thy grace my soul resign,
To be renewed by thee.

6 Sprinkled afresh with pardoning blood,
I lay me down to rest,
As in th' embraces of my God,
Or on my Saviour's breast.

529 C. M. STEELE.

Evening Song.

GREAT God, to thee my evening song
With gratitude I'll raise:
Let mercy now attune my tongue,
And fill my heart with praise.

2 My days, unclouded as they pass,
And every circling hour,
Are monuments of wondrous grace,
That show thy love and power.

3 While thou that love and power afford,
I'm safe from every harm:
Can danger reach me while the Lord
Extends his gracious arm?

4 Let this blest hope my eyelids close,
And sleep refresh my frame;
Safe in thy care may I repose,
And wake to praise thy name.

530 C. M. H. K. White.

Evening Worship.

O LORD, another day is flown,
And we, a little band,
Are met once more before thy throne,
To bless thy fostering hand.

2 And wilt thou bend a listening ear
To praises low as ours?
Thou wilt, for thou dost deign to hear
The song that meekness pours.

3 And, Jesus, thou thy smiles wilt deign,
As we before thee pray;
For thou didst bless the infant train;
And are we less than they?

4 O let thy grace perform its part;
Let sin's dominion cease;
And shed abroad in every heart
Thine everlasting peace.

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531 S. M. CURTIS'S COL.

ANOTHER day is past,
The hours for ever fled;
And time is bearing me away,
To mingle with the dead.

2 My mind in perfect peace
My Father's care shall keep;
I yield to gentle slumber now,
For thou canst never sleep.

3 How blessed, Lord, are they
On thee securely stayed!
Nor shall they be in life alarmed,
Nor be in death dismayed.

532 L. M. WATTS.

An Evening Hymn.

THUS far the Lord has led me on;
Thus far his power prolongs my days;
And every evening shall make known
Some fresh memorial of his grace.

2 Much of my time has run to waste,
And I, perhaps, am near my home;
But he forgives my follies past;
He gives me strength for days to come.

3 I lay my body down to sleep;
Peace is the pillow for my head;
While well-appointed angels keep
Their watchful stations round my bed.

4 Thus, when the night of death shall come,
My flesh shall rest beneath the ground,
And wait thy voice to break my tomb,
With sweet salvation in the sound.

533 L. M. KEN.

GLORY to thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.

2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

3 Let my blest Guardian, while I sleep,
His watchful station near me keep,
My heart with love celestial fill,
And guard me from th' approach of ill.

4 Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed:
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the awful day.

5 Lord, let my soul for ever share
The bliss of thy paternal care;
'Tis heaven on earth, 'tis heaven above,
To see thy face and sing thy love.

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

534 C. M. MORAVIAN COL.

IN mercy, Lord, remember me
Through all the hours of night,
And grant to me most graciously
The safeguard of thy might.

2 With cheerful heart I close my eyes,
Since thou wilt not remove:

O, in the morning let me rise
Rejoicing in thy love.

3 Or, if this night should prove the last,
And end my transient days,
Lord, take me to thy promised rest,
Where I may sing thy praise.

535 C. M. LIVERPOOL COL.

INDULGENT God, whose bounteous care
O'er all thy works is shown,
O let my grateful praise and prayer
Arise before thy throne.

2 What mercies has this day bestowed!
How largely hast thou blessed!
My cup with plenty overflowed,
With cheerfulness my breast.

3 Now may soft slumber close my eyes,
From pain and sickness free;
And let my waking thoughts arise,
To meditate on thee.

4 Thus bless each future day and night,
Till life's vain scene is o'er;
And then to realms of endless light,
O let my spirit soar.

536 S. M.

THE day is past and gone,
The evening shades appear:
O may I ever keep in mind,
The night of death draws near.

2 Lord, keep me safe this night,
Secure from all my fears;
May angels guard me while I sleep,
Till morning light appears.

3 And when I early rise,
To view th' unwearied sun,
May I set out to win the prize,
And after glory run.

4 Lord, when my days are past,
And I from time remove,
O may I in thy bosom rest,
The bosom of thy love.

537 7s. EPIS. COL.

Close of the Day.

SOFTLY now the light of day
Fades upon my sight away;
Free from care, from labor free,
Lord, I would commune with thee.

2 Soon for me the light of day
Shall for ever pass away;
Then, from sin and sorrow free,
Take me, Lord, to dwell with thee.

538 C. M. WATTS.

Morning or Evening Song.

HOSANNA with a cheerful sound
To God's upholding hand!
Ten thousand snares attend us round,
And yet secure we stand.

2 That was a work of boundless power
Which formed us by a word;
And every day and every hour
We lean upon the Lord.

3 Our life is forfeited by sin
To God's avenging law:
We own thy grace, immortal King,
In every breath we draw.

4 God is our sun, whose daily light
  Our joy and safety brings:
Our feeble frame lies safe at night
  Beneath his spreading wings.

539 L. M. WATTS.

For Morning or Evening.

MY God, how endless is thy love!
  Thy gifts are every evening new;
And morning mercies from above
  Gently distil like early dew.

2 Thou spread'st the curtain of the night,
  Great Guardian of my sleeping hours;
Thy sovereign word restores the light,
  And quickens all my drowsy powers.

3 I yield my powers to thy command,
  To thee I consecrate my days:
Perpetual blessings from thy hand
  Demand perpetual songs of praise.

540 C. M. LIVERPOOL COL.

Morning or Evening Worship.

ON thee, each morning, O my God,
  My waking thoughts attend;
In thee are founded all my hopes,
  In thee my wishes end.

2 My soul, in pleasing wonder lost,
  Thy boundless love surveys,
And, fired with grateful zeal, prepares
  A sacrifice of praise.

3 When evening slumbers press my eyes,
  With his protection blessed,
In peace and safety I commit
  My wearied limbs to rest.

4 My spirit in his hand, serene,
Fears no approaching ill;
For whether waking or asleep,
Thou, Lord, art with me still.

THE MINISTRY.

541 S. M. WATTS.

Ministers the Bearers of glad Tidings.

HOW beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill,
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace reveal!

2 How charming is their voice!
How sweet their tidings are!
"Zion, behold thy Saviour King,
He reigns and triumphs here."

3 How happy are our ears
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets waited for,
And sought, but never found!

4 How blessed are our eyes,
That see this heavenly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long,
But died without the sight.

5 The watchmen join their voice,
And tuneful notes employ;
Jerusalem breaks forth in songs,
And deserts learn the joy.

6 The Lord makes bare his arm
Through all the earth abroad:
Let every nation now behold
Their Saviour and their God.

542 L. M. WATTS.

Christ's Commission to his Ministers.

"GO preach my gospel," saith the Lord;
"Bid the whole earth my grace receive:
He shall be saved that trusts my word,
And he condemned who'll not believe.

2 "I'll make your great commission known;
And ye shall prove my gospel true
By all the works that I have done,
By all the wonders ye shall do.

3 "Teach all the nations my commands;
I'm with you till the world shall end:
All power is trusted in my hands—
I can destroy, and I defend."

4 He spake, and light shone round his head;
On a bright cloud to heaven he rode:
They to the farthest nations spread
The grace of their ascended God.

543 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

The Ministry of divine Appointment.

FATHER of mercies, in thy house
We pay our homage and our vows,
While with a grateful heart we share
These pledges of our Saviour's care.

2 The Saviour, when to heaven he rose
In splendid triumph o'er his foes,
Scattered his gifts on men below,
And wide his royal bounties flow.

3 Hence sprung th' apostle's honored name,
Sacred beyond all earthly fame;
In lowlier forms, to bless our eyes,
Pastors from hence and teachers rise.

4 So shall the bright succession run
Through latest courses of the sun;
While unborn churches, by their care,
Shall rise and flourish, large and fair.

544 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

Ministerial Charge.

LET Zion's watchmen now awake,
And feel th' alarm they give:
O let them from the mouth of God
Their solemn charge receive:

2 "Go watch for souls for whom the Lord
Did heavenly bliss forego:
For souls that must for ever live
In rapture or in woe."

3 'Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands,
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Saviour's hands.

4 All to the great tribunal haste,
Th' account to render there;
O, wert thou strict to mark our faults,
Lord, how should we appear?

5 May they that Jesus whom they preach
Their own Redeemer see;
And may thy Spirit guard their hearts,
That they may watch for thee.

545 L. M. BEDDOME.

Prayer for Ministers.

FATHER of mercies, bow thine ear
Attentive to our earnest prayer;
We plead for those who plead for thee:
Successful may they ever be.

2 Clothe them with energy divine,
And let their messages be thine;
To them thy sacred truth reveal,
Suppress their fear, inflame their zeal.

3 Teach them to sow the precious seed;
Teach them thy chosen flock to feed;
Teach them immortal souls to gain
From paths that lead to endless pain.

4 Let thronging multitudes around
Hear from their lips the joyful sound,
In humble strains thy grace implore,
And feel thy new-creating power.

5 How great their work! how vast their charge!
Do thou their anxious souls enlarge,
Till light through distant realms be spread,
And Zion rear her drooping head.

546 L. M. B. FRANCIS.

Ministers abounding in the Work of the Lord.

BEFORE thy throne, eternal King,
Thy ministers their offering bring,
Their tribute of united praise
For heavenly comforts, peaceful days.

2 While angels sound thy glorious name,
Our lips thy saving grace proclaim;
We sing the conquests of thy word,
And publish all thy truths abroad.

3 Thy various service we esteem
Our sweet employ, our bliss supreme;
And while we taste thy heavenly love,
We would be like thy saints above.

4 Still in thy work would we abound;
Would prune the vine or sow the ground;
Thy flock with wholesome pasture feed,
And watch them with untiring heed.

5 Thou art our Lord, our life, our love,
Our hope below, our crown above;
Thy praise shall be our sweet employ,
Thy presence our eternal joy.

547 L. M.

Want of ministerial Laborers.

LORD of the harvest, bend thine ear;
For Zion's heritage appear;
O send forth laborers filled with zeal,
Swift to obey their Master's will.

2 Hast thou not bid us fervent pray
For help in such a trying day?
Wilt thou not listen when we cry,
And send the blessing from on high?

3 Our lifted eyes, O Lord, behold
The ripening harvest tinged with gold:
Wide fields are opening to our view;
The work is great, the laborers few.

4 Under the guidance of thy hand
Let Zion's sons, in many a band,
Arise to bless the dying race
As heralds of redeeming grace.

5 Bid all their hearts with ardor glow
As gospel-messengers to go,
And publish the inspiring sound
Far as the race of man is found.

6 Lord of the harvest, bid them rise,
Trained by the influence of the skies,
In wisdom, knowledge, grace, to shine,
Till every kingdom shall be thine.

548 L. M.

Prayer for a sick Minister.

O THOU before whose gracious throne
We bow our suppliant spirit down!
Thou know'st the burden now we feel,
All that our trembling lips could tell.

2 In mercy, Lord, thy servant spare,
Nor turn aside our earnest prayer:
Arrest thy swift-descending stroke,
Nor smite the shepherd of the flock.

3 Back to our hopes and wishes give,
And bid our friend and pastor live:
Restore him, sinking to the grave;
Stretch out thine arm, make haste to save.

4 Bound to the flock by tenderest ties,
Each soul in supplication lies:
Thy pitying aid, O God, impart,
Nor rend him from our bleeding heart.

5 Yet, if our supplications fail,
And prayers and tears may not avail,
Be thou his strength, be thou his stay,
And guide him safe to endless day.

549 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

Consolation in the Death of a Minister.

NOW let our drooping hearts revive,
And all our tears be dry;
Why should those eyes be drowned in grief
That view a Saviour nigh?

2 What though the conquering arm of death
Does God's own house invade?
What though the prophet and the priest
Be numbered with the dead?

3 Though earthly shepherds dwell in dust,
The aged and the young;
The watchful eye in darkness closed,
And mute th' instructive tongue;

4 Th' eternal Shepherd still survives,
New comfort to impart;
His eye still guides us, and his voice
Still animates our heart.

5 "Lo! I am with you," saith the Lord;
"My Church shall safe abide:"
The Lord will ne'er forsake his own,
Who in his love confide.

6 Through every scene of life and death
His promise is our trust;
And this shall be our children's song
When we are cold in dust.

550 C. M.

On the Death of a Pastor.

ENWRAPT in thickest shades of night,
O Lord, thy ways appear;
But yet we own they all are right,
Though seemingly severe.

2 Now we lament our errors past,
With sighs, and groans, and tears;
The numerous moments run to waste
Amidst perplexing cares.

3 The labors of thy servant, Lord,
How oft we misimproved!
Too little have we read thy word,
Too much the world have loved.

4 Thy visitation now is come,
Our pastor is no more:

We meet within thy sacred dome,
And here our loss deplore.

5 Great God, while in our widowed state,
O leave us not alone;
Help us to watch, and pray, and wait,
Till thou in love return.

6 Let not the candlestick remove
From this thine own abode;
But let our supplications prove
That we prevail with God.

7 O send a messenger of peace,
A pastor of thy choice;
Bid all our sighs and sorrows cease,
And cause us to rejoice.

551 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

At the Settlement of a Minister.

SHEPHERD of Israel, thou dost keep
With constant care thy humble sheep;
By thee inferior pastors rise,
To feed our souls and bless our eyes.

2 To all thy churches such impart,
Resembling thy own gracious heart,
Whose courage, watchfulness, and love,
Men may attest, and God approve.

3 Fed by their active, tender care,
Healthful may all thy sheep appear,
And, by their fair example led,
The way to Zion's pasture tread.

4 Here hast thou listened to our vows,
And scattered blessings on thy house:
Thy saints are succored, and no more,
As sheep without a guide, deplore.

5 Completely heal each former stroke,
And bless the shepherd and the flock;
Confirm the hopes thy mercies raise,
And own this tribute of our praise.

552 L. M.

The People's Prayer for their Pastor.

WITH heavenly power, O Lord, defend
Him whom we now to thee commend;
His person bless, his soul secure,
And make him to the end endure.

2 Gird him with all-sufficient grace;
Direct his feet in paths of peace;
Thy truth and faithfulness fulfil,
And help him to obey thy will.

3 Before him thy protection send;
O love him, save him to the end;
Nor let him as thy pilgrim rove,
Without the convoy of thy love.

4 Enlarge, inflame, and fill his heart;
In him thy mighty power exert;
That thousands yet unborn may praise
The wonders of redeeming grace.

553 L. M.

On Ordination.

JESUS, with truth and power divine,
Send forth this messenger of thine;
His hands confirm, his heart inspire,
And touch his lips with hallowed fire.

2 Be thou his mouth and wisdom, Lord:
Thou, by the hammer of thy word,
The rocky hearts in pieces break,
And bid the son of thunder speak.

3 To those who would the Lord embrace,
Give him to preach the word of grace;
Sweetly their yielding bosoms move,
And melt them with the fire of love.

4 Let all with thankful hearts confess
The welcome messenger of peace;
And power in his report be found,
And in thy work may he abound.

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554 P. M. C. WESLEY.

The Year of Jubilee.

BLOW ye the trumpet, blow
The gladly solemn sound;
Let all the nations know,
To earth's remotest bound,
The year of Jubilee is come:
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

2 Exalt the Lamb of God,
The sin-atoning Lamb;
Redemption by his blood
Through all the world proclaim:
The year of Jubilee is come:
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

3 Ye, who have sold for naught
Your heritage above,
Shall have it back unbought,
The gift of Jesus' love:
The year of Jubilee is come:
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

4 The gospel trumpet hear,
The news of pardoning grace;
Ye happy souls, draw near,
Behold your Saviour's face:
The year of Jubilee is come:
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

5 Jesus, our great high-priest,
Has full atonement made:
Ye weary spirits, rest;
Ye mournful souls, be glad!
The year of Jubilee is come:
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

555 P. M. HEBER.

Missionary Hymn.

FROM Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand;
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile?
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen, in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone.

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
By wisdom from on high,
Shall we to man benighted
The lamp of life deny?

Salvation! O salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, his story;
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
Returns in bliss to reign.

556 L. M. PRES. COL.

THOUGH now the nations sit beneath
The darkness of o'erspreading death,
God will arise with light divine,
On Zion's holy towers to shine.

2 That light shall glance on distant lands,
And heathen tribes, in joyful bands,
Come with exulting haste to prove
The power and greatness of his love.

3 Lord, spread the triumphs of thy grace;
Let truth, and righteousness, and peace,
In mild and lovely forms, display
The glories of the latter day.

557 8, 7 & 4. WILLIAMS.

O'ER the gloomy hills of darkness,
Look, my soul; be still, and gaze;
See the promises advancing
To a glorious day of grace!
Blessed jubilee!
Let thy glorious morning dawn.

2 Let the dark, benighted pagan,
Let the rude barbarian see
That divine and glorious conquest
Once obtained on Calvary:
Let the gospel
Loud resound, from pole to pole.

3 Kingdoms wide, that sit in darkness,
Grant them, Lord, the glorious light;
Now, from eastern coast to western,
May the morning chase the night;
Let redemption,
Freely purchased, win the day.

4 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!

558 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

ALMIGHTY Spirit, now behold
A world by sin destroyed:
Creating Spirit, as of old,
Move on the formless void.

2 Give thou the word—that healing sound
Shall quell the deadly strife,
And earth again, like Eden crowned,
Bring forth the tree of life.

3 If sang the morning-stars for joy
When nature rose to view,
What strains will angel-harps employ
When thou shalt all renew!

4 And if the sons of God rejoice
To hear a Saviour's name,

How will the ransomed raise their voice,
To whom the Saviour came!

5 Lo, every kindred, every tribe,
Assembling round the throne,
The new creation shall ascribe
To sovereign love alone.

559 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

Prayer for the Conversion of the World.

INDULGENT Sovereign of the skies,
And wilt thou bow thy gracious ear?
While feeble mortals raise their cries,
Wilt thou, the great Jehovah, hear?

2 Look down, O God, with pitying eye,
And view the desolations round;
See what wide realms in darkness lie,
What scenes of woe and crime abound!

3 Loud let the gospel trumpet blow,
And call the nations from afar;
Let all the isles their Saviour know,
And earth's remotest ends draw near.

560 S. M. VILLAGE HYMNS.

O GOD of sovereign grace,
We bow before thy throne,
And plead, for all the human race,
The merits of thy Son.

2 Spread through the earth, O Lord,
The knowledge of thy ways;
And let all lands with joy record
The great Redeemer's praise.

561 C. M. GIBBONS.

GREAT God, the nations of the earth
Are by creation thine;
And in thy works, by all beheld,
Thy power and glory shine.

2 But, Lord, thy greater love has sent
Thy gospel to mankind,
Unveiling what rich stores of grace
Are treasured in thy mind.

3 O, when shall these glad tidings spread
The spacious earth around,
Till every tribe and every soul
Shall hear the joyful sound?

4 Smile, Lord, on each divine attempt
To spread the gospel's rays,
And build on sin's demolished throne
A temple to thy praise.

562 S. M. PRESB. COL.

O LORD, our God, arise,
The cause of truth maintain,
And wide o'er all the peopled world
Extend her blessed reign.

2 Thou Prince of life, arise,
Nor let thy glory cease;
Far spread the conquests of thy grace,
And bless the earth with peace.

3 Thou Holy Ghost, arise,
Extend thy healing wing,
And o'er a dark and ruined world
Let light and order spring.

4 Let all on earth arise,
To God the Saviour sing;
From shore to shore, from earth to heaven,
Let echoing anthems ring.

563 L. M. SLINN.

ARISE in all thy splendor, Lord;
Let power attend thy gracious word;
Unveil the beauties of thy face,
And show the glories of thy grace.

2 Diffuse thy light and truth abroad,
And be thou known th' almighty God;
Make bare thine arm, thy power display,
While truth and grace thy sceptre sway.

3 Send forth thy messengers of peace,
Make Satan's reign and empire cease;
Let thy salvation, Lord, be known,
That all the world thy power may own.

564 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

SOVEREIGN of worlds, display thy power;
Be this thy Zion's favored hour:
O bid the morning-star arise,
O point the heathen to the skies.

2 Set up thy throne where Satan reigns,
In western wilds and heathen plains;
Far let the gospel's sound be known;
Make thou the universe thine own.

3 Speak, and the world shall hear thy voice:
Speak, and the desert shall rejoice:
Scatter the gloom of heathen night;
Bid every nation hail the light.

565 L. M. BEDDOME.

ASCEND thy throne, almighty King;
Now spread thy glories all abroad;
Let thine own arm salvation bring,
And be thou known the gracious God.

2 Let millions bow before thy seat;
Let humble mourners seek thy face;
Bring daring rebels to thy feet,
Subdued by thy victorious grace.

3 O let the kingdoms of the world
Become the kingdoms of the Lord;
Let saints and angels praise thy name;
Be thou through heaven and earth adored.

566 L. M. BURDER'S COL.

ARM of the Lord, awake! awake!
Put on thy strength—the nations shake!
Now let the world, adoring, see
Triumphs of mercy wrought by thee.

2 Say to the heathen, from thy throne,
"I am Jehovah, God alone!"
Thy voice their idols shall confound,
And cast their altars to the ground.

3 Let Zion's time of favor come:
O bring the tribes of Israel home!
Soon may our wondering eyes behold
Gentiles and Jews in Jesus' fold!

4 Almighty God, thy grace proclaim
Through every clime of every name!
Let adverse powers before thee fall,
And crown the Saviour Lord of all!

567 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Prayer for the Jews.

ARISE, great God, and let thy grace
Shed its glad beams on Jacob's race;
Restore the long-lost, scattered band,
And call them to their native land.

2 Their misery let thy mercy heal,
Their trespass hide, their pardon seal:
O God of Israel, hear our prayer,
And grant them still thy love to share.

3 How long shall Jacob's offspring prove
The sad suspension of thy love?
Say, shall thy wrath for ever burn?
And shall thy mercy ne'er return?

4 Thy quickening Spirit now impart,
And wake to joy each grateful heart,
While Israel's rescued tribes in thee
Their bliss and full salvation see.

568 L. M. EPIS. COL.

LORD, visit thy forsaken race;
Back to thy fold the wanderers bring;
Teach them to seek thy slighted grace,
And hail in Christ their promised King.

2 That veil of darkness rend in twain
Which hides their Shiloh's glorious light;
That severed olive-branch again
Firm to its parent stock unite.

3 Hail, glorious day, expected long,
When Jew and Greek one prayer shall pour,
With eager feet one temple throng,
With grateful praise one God adore.

569 L. M.

ALL power is to our Saviour given;
O'er earth's rebellious sons he reigns;
He mildly rules the hosts of heaven,
And holds the powers of hell in chains.

2 Soon the redeemed in every clime,
Yea, all that breathe, and move, and live,
To Christ, through every age of time,
Shall kingdom, power, and glory give.

570 8, 7 & 4. COTTEREL.

O'ER the realms of pagan darkness
Let the eye of pity gaze;
See the kindreds of the people
Lost in sin's bewildering maze;
Darkness brooding
On the face of all the earth.

2 Light of them that sit in darkness,
Rise and shine; thy blessings bring:
Light to lighten all the Gentiles,
Rise with healing in thy wing;
To thy brightness
Let all kings and nations come.

3 May the heathen, now adoring
Idol-gods of wood and stone,
Come, and, worshipping before him,
Serve the living God alone:
Let thy glory
Fill the earth as floods the sea.

4 Thou to whom all power is given,
Speak the word: at thy command,
Let the company of preachers
Spread thy name from land to land:
Lord, be with them
Alway, to the end of time.

571 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

ARISE! arise! with joy survey
The glory of the latter day:
Already is the dawn begun
Which marks at hand a rising sun.

2 "Behold the way!" ye heralds, cry:
Spare not, but lift your voices high:
Convey the sound from pole to pole,
"Glad tidings" to the captive soul.

3 "Behold the way to Zion's hill,
Where Israel's God delights to dwell!
He fixes there his lofty throne,
And calls the sacred place his own.

4 The north gives up; the south no more
Keeps back her consecrated store:
From east to west the message runs,
And either India yields her sons.

5 Auspicious dawn, thy rising ray
With joy we view, and hail the day:
Great Sun of Righteousness, arise,
And fill the world with glad surprise.

572 C. M. MONTGOMERY.

Restoration of the Jews.

DAUGHTER of Zion, from the dust
Exalt thy fallen head;
Again in thy Redeemer trust;
He calls thee from the dead.

2 Awake, awake! put on thy strength,
Thy beautiful array;
The day of freedom dawns at length,
The Lord's appointed day.

3 Rebuild thy walls, thy bounds enlarge,
And send thy heralds forth;
Say to the south, "Give up thy charge,
And keep not back, O north!"

4 They come, they come! thine exiled bands,
Where'er they rest or roam,
Have heard thy voice in distant lands,
And hasten to their home.

5 Thus, though the universe shall burn,
And God his works destroy,
With songs thy ransomed shall return,
And everlasting joy.

573 8, 7 & 4. REED'S COL.

Victories of Christ.

GIRD thy sword on, mighty Saviour,
Make the word of truth thy car:
Prosper in thy course, triumphant;
All success attend thy war:
Gracious victor,
Bring thy trophies from afar.

2 Majesty combined with meekness,
Righteousness and peace unite
To insure thy blessed conquests:
Take possession of thy right:
Ride triumphant,
Dressed in robes of purest light.

3 Blest are they that touch thy sceptre;
Blest are all that own thy reign;
Freed from sin—that worst of tyrants—
Rescued from its galling chain;
Saints and angels,
All who know thee, bless thy reign.

574 C. M. WATTS.

HOSANNA to our conquering King!
All hail, incarnate Love!
Ten thousand songs and glories wait
To crown thy head above.

2 Thy victories and thy deathless fame
Through all the world shall run,
And everlasting ages sing
The triumphs thou hast won.

575 C. M. BURDER'S COL.

JESUS, immortal King, arise!
Assert thy rightful sway,
Till earth, subdued, its tribute brings,
And distant lands obey.

2 Ride forth, victorious Conqueror, ride
Till all thy foes submit,
And all the powers of hell resign
Their trophies at thy feet!

3 Send forth thy word, and let it fly
The spacious earth around,
Till every soul beneath the sun
Shall hear the joyful sound.

4 From sea to sea, from shore to shore,
May Jesus be adored,
And earth, with all her millions, shout
Hosanna to the Lord!

576 C. M. WALLIN.

HAIL, mighty Jesus! how divine
Is thy victorious sword!
The stoutest rebel must resign
At thy commanding word.

2 Still gird thy sword upon thy thigh;
Ride with majestic sway;
Go forth, great Prince, triumphantly,
And make thy foes obey.

3 And when thy victories are complete,
And all the chosen race
Shall round the throne of mercy meet,
To sing thy conquering grace,

4 O may my humble soul be found
Among that favored band;
And I with them thy praise will sound
Throughout Immanuel's land.

577 L. M. BURDER'S COL.

SHOUT, for the great Redeemer reigns;
Through distant lands his triumphs spread;
Sinners, now freed from Satan's chains,
Own him their Saviour and their head.

2 O may his conquests still increase;
Let every foe his power subdue:
While angels celebrate his praise,
Saints shall his growing glories show.

3 Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb,
From all below and all above;
In lofty songs exalt his name,
In songs as lasting as his love.

578 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Enlargement and Glory of the Church.

O'ER mountain tops the mount of God
In latter days shall rise,
Above the summits of the hills,
And draw the wondering eyes.

2 To this the joyful nations round,
All tribes and tongues, shall flow:
"Up to the mount of God," they say,
"And to his house we'll go."

3 The beams which shine from Zion's hill
Shall lighten every land;
The King who reigns in Salem's towers
Shall all the world command.

579 8, 7 & 4. KELLY.

ON the mountain's top appearing,
Lo! the sacred herald stands,
Welcome news to Zion bearing,
Zion long in hostile lands.
Mourning captive,
God himself shall loose thy bands.

2 Lo! thy sun is risen in glory:
God himself appears thy friend:

All thy foes shall flee before thee;
Here their boasted triumphs end:
Great deliverance
Zion's King vouchsafes to send.

3 Enemies no more shall trouble;
All thy wrongs shall be redressed;
For thy shame thou shalt have double,
In thy Maker's favor blest:
All thy conflicts
End in an eternal rest.

580 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

RISE, gracious God, and shine
In all thy saving might;
Now prosper every good design
To spread thy glorious light.

2 O bring the nations near,
That they may sing thy praise;
Thy word let all the people hear,
And learn thy holy ways.

3 Put forth thy glorious power;
All nations then will see;
And earth present her grateful store
In converts born to thee.

581 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

ZION, awake! thy strength renew;
Put on thy robes of beauteous hue;
Church of our God, arise and shine,
Bright with the beams of truth divine.

2 Soon shall thy radiance stream afar,
Wide as the heathen nations are:
Gentiles and kings thy light shall view:
All shall admire and love thee too.

582 H. M. DODDRIDGE.

O ZION, tune thy voice,
And raise thy hands on high;
Tell all the earth thy joys,
And boast salvation nigh:
Cheerful in God,
Arise and shine,
While rays divine
Stream all abroad.

2 He gilds thy mourning face
With beams which cannot fade:
His all-resplendent grace
He pours around thy head:
The nations round
Thy form shall view,
With lustre new
Divinely crowned.

3 In honor to his name,
Reflect that sacred light;
And loud that grace proclaim
Which makes thy darkness bright:
Pursue his praise,
Till sovereign love,
In worlds above,
The glory raise.

583 L. M. EPIS. COL.

TRIUMPHANT Zion, lift thy head
From dust, and darkness, and the dead:
Though humbled long, awake at length,
And gird thee with thy Saviour's strength.

2 Put all thy beauteous garments on,
And let thy excellence be known:
Decked in the robes of righteousness,
Thy glories shall the world confess.

3 No more shall foes unclean invade,
And fill thy hallowed walls with dread;
No more shall hell's insulting host
Their victory and thy sorrows boast.

4 God, from on high, has heard thy prayer;
His hand thy ruin shall repair;
Nor will thy watchful Monarch cease
To guard thee in eternal peace.

584 7s. PRATT'S COL.

"GIVE us room, that we may dwell,"
Zion's children cry aloud:
See their numbers, how they swell!
How they gather like a cloud!

2 O how bright the morning seems!
Brighter from so dark a night:
Zion is like one that dreams,
Filled with wonder and delight.

3 Lo! thy sun goes down no more;
God himself will be thy light:
All that caused thee grief before
Buried lies in endless night.

4 Zion, now arise and shine!
Lo! thy light from heaven is come!
These that crowd from far are thine:
Give thy sons and daughters room.

585 L. M. COLLYER.

Missionary Meeting.

ASSEMBLED at thy great command,
Before thy face, dread King, we stand:
The voice that marshalled every star
Has called thy people from afar.

2 We meet, through distant lands to spread
The truth for which the martyrs bled;
Along the line, to either pole,
The thunder of thy praise to roll.

3 Our prayers assist—accept our praise—
Our hopes revive—our courage raise—
Our counsels aid—to each impart
The single eye, the faithful heart.

4 Forth with thy chosen heralds come;
Recall the wandering spirits home:
From Zion's mount send forth the sound,
To spread the spacious earth around.

586 L. M. VOKE.

BEHOLD, the heathen waits to know
The joy the gospel will bestow;
The exiled captive to receive
The freedom Jesus has to give.

2 Come, let us, with a grateful heart,
In this blest labor share a part;
Our prayers and offerings gladly bring
To aid the triumphs of our King.

3 Our hearts exult in songs of praise
That we have seen these latter days,
When our Redeemer shall be known
Where Satan long hath held his throne.

4 Where'er his hand hath spread the skies,
Sweet incense to his name shall rise;
And slave and freeman, Greek and Jew,
By sovereign grace be formed anew.

587 8s. & 7s. FRANCIS.

WITH my substance I will honor
My Redeemer and my Lord;

Were ten thousand worlds my manor,
All were nothing to his word.

2 While the heralds of salvation
His abounding grace proclaim,
Let his friends, of every station,
Gladly join to spread his fame.

3 May his kingdom be promoted;
May the world the Saviour know;
Be my all to him devoted;
To my Lord my all I owe.

4 Praise the Saviour, all ye nations;
Praise him, all ye hosts above;
Shout, with joyful acclamations,
His divine, victorious love.

588 P. M. PRATT'S COL.

Departure of Missionaries.

ROLL on, thou mighty ocean,
And, as thy billows flow,
Bear messengers of mercy
To every land below.
Arise, ye gales, and waft them
Safe to the destined shore,
That man may sit in darkness
And death's black shade no more.

2 O thou eternal Ruler,
Who holdest in thine arm
The tempests of the ocean,
Protect them from all harm:
Thy presence e'er be with them,
Wherever they may be:
Though far from us who love them,
Still let them be with thee.

589 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

YE messengers of Christ,
His sovereign voice obey;
Arise, and follow where he leads,
And peace attend your way.

2 The Master whom you serve
Will needful strength bestow;
Depending on his promised aid,
With sacred courage go.

3 Go, spread the Saviour's fame;
Go, tell his matchless grace;
Proclaim salvation full and free
To Adam's guilty race.

4 Mountains shall sink to plains,
And hell in vain oppose;
The cause is God's, and will prevail
In spite of all his foes.

590 8, 7 & 4. KELLY.

MEN of God, go take your stations;
Darkness reigns throughout the earth:
Go, proclaim among the nations
Joyful news of heavenly birth:
Bear the tidings—
Tidings of the Saviour's worth.

2 Of his gospel not ashamèd—
'Tis the power of God to save—
Go where Christ was never namèd,
Publish freedom to the slave:
Blessed freedom!
Freedom Zion's children have.

3 When exposed to fearful dangers,
Jesus will his own defend;
Borne afar 'midst foes and strangers,
Jesus will appear your friend:
He is with you—
He will guide you to the end.

591 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

YE Christian heralds, go, proclaim
Salvation in Immanuel's name;
To distant climes the tidings bear,
And plant the rose of Sharon there.

2 He'll shield you with a wall of fire;
With holy zeal your hearts inspire;
Bid raging winds their fury cease,
And calm the savage breast to peace.

3 And when our labors all are o'er,
Then shall we meet to part no more;
Meet, with the blood-bought throng to fall,
And crown our Jesus Lord of all.

592 8, 7 & 4. S. F. SMITH.

Missionaries' Farewell.

YES, my native land, I love thee;
All thy scenes, I love them well:
Friends, connections, happy country,
Can I bid you all farewell?
Can I leave you,
Far in heathen lands to dwell?

2 Yes, I hasten from you gladly,
From the scenes I loved so well:
Far away, ye billows, bear me;
Lovely native land, farewell!
Pleased I leave thee,
Far in heathen lands to dwell.

3 In the desert let me labor;
On the mountains let me tell
How he died—the blessed Saviour—
To redeem a world from hell:
Let me hasten,
Far in heathen lands to dwell.

4 Bear me on, thou restless ocean;
Let the winds my canvas swell:
Heaves my heart with warm emotion,
While I go far hence to dwell:
Glad I bid thee,
Native land, farewell—farewell!

593 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Subjection of the Nations to Christ prayed for.

SOON may the last glad song arise
Through all the millions of the skies—
That song of triumph which records
That all the earth is now the Lord's!

2 Let thrones, and powers, and kingdoms be
Obedient, mighty God, to thee;
And over land, and stream, and main,
Now wave the sceptre of thy reign.

3 O let that glorious anthem swell!
Let host to host the triumph tell,
That not one rebel heart remains,
But over all the Saviour reigns!

594 P. M. PRATT'S COL.

WHEN shall the voice of singing
Flow joyfully along?
When hill and valley, ringing
With one triumphant song,
Proclaim the contest ended,
And him who once was slain,
Again to earth descended,
In righteousness to reign?

2 Then from the craggy mountains
The sacred shout shall fly;
And shady vales and fountains
Shall echo the reply.

High tower and lowly dwelling
Shall send the chorus round,
All hallelujah swelling
In one eternal sound.

595 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

GREAT Heir of David's throne,
Thy royal power assume;
Come, reign in faithful hearts alone;
Thou blest Redeemer, come.

2 Set up thy throne of grace
In all the heathen's sight—
Thy kingdom of true holiness—
And order it aright.

3 Now, for thy promise' sake,
O'er earth exalted be;
The kingdom, power, and glory take,
Which all belong to thee.

4 In zeal for God and man,
Thy full salvation bring:
The universal Monarch reign,
The saints' eternal King.

596 S. M. MONT. COL.

Rejoicing in Christ's Reign.

NOW living waters flow
To cheer the humble soul;
From sea to sea the rivers go,
And spread from pole to pole.

2 Now righteousness shall spring,
And grow on earth again:
Jesus, Jehovah, be our King,
And o'er the nations reign.

3 Jesus shall rule alone;
The world shall hear his word;
By one blest name shall he be known,
The Universal Lord.

597 7s. MONTGOMERY.

HARK! the song of jubilee,
Loud as mighty thunders roar,
Or the fulness of the sea,
When it breaks upon the shore.

2 See Jehovah's banners furled;
Sheathed his sword: he speaks—'tis done!
Now the kingdoms of this world
Are the kingdom of his Son.

3 He shall reign from pole to pole
With supreme, unbounded sway:
He shall reign when, like a scroll,
Yonder heavens have passed away.

4 Hallelujah! for the Lord
God omnipotent shall reign:
Hallelujah! let the word
Echo round the earth and main.

598 S. M. BURDER'S COL.

REJOICE! the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore:
Ye ransomed saints, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.

2 The mighty Saviour reigns,
The God of truth and love:
When he himself had purged our stains,
He took his seat above.

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The sovereign keys of death and hell
Into his hands are given.

4 He sits at God's right hand,
Till all his foes submit,
And humbly bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet.

5 Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take his waiting servants up
To their eternal home.

599 7s. BOWRING.

"WATCHMAN, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are."
"Traveller, o'er yon mountain's height
See that glory-beaming star!"
"Watchman, does its beauteous ray
Aught of hope or joy foretell?"
"Traveller, yes; it brings the day—
Promised day of Israel."

2 "Watchman, tell us of the night:
Higher yet that star ascends."
"Traveller, blessedness and light,
Peace and truth its course portends!"
"Watchman, will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?"
"Traveller, ages are its own:
See, it bursts o'er all the earth."

3 "Watchman, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn."
"Traveller, darkness takes its flight,
Doubt and terror are withdrawn."
"Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;
Hie thee to thy quiet home."
"Traveller, lo! the Prince of Peace,
Lo! the Son of God is come!"

Various Topics.

PRAYER.

600 C. M. MONTGOMERY.

What is Prayer?

PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear;
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try:
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

4 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters heaven with prayer.

5 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And cry, "Behold! he prays."

6 O thou by whom we come to God,
The life, the truth, the way,
Behold us from thy high abode:
Lord, teach us how to pray!

601 S. M. NEWTON.

Encouragement to Prayer.

AND shall not Jesus hear
His children when they cry?
Yes, though he may a while forbear,
He'll help them from on high.

2 His nature, truth, and love
Engage him on their side:
When they are grieved, his bowels move;
And can they be denied?

3 Then let us earnest be,
And never faint in prayer:
He loves our importunity,
And makes our cause his care.

602 L. M. COWPER.

Hindrances to Prayer.

WHAT various hindrances we meet
In coming to a mercy-seat!
Yet who that knows the worth of prayer
But wishes to be often there?

2 Prayer makes the darkened cloud withdraw;
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings every blessing from above.

3 Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;
Prayer makes the Christian's armor bright;
And Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

4 Have you no words? Ah! think again;
Words flow apace when you complain,
And fill your fellow-creature's ear
With the sad tale of all your care.

5 Were half the breath thus vainly spent
To heaven in supplication sent,
Your cheerful song would oftener be,
"Hear what the Lord has done for me!"

603 L. M. STEELE.

Encouragement in Prayer.

WHERE is my God? does he retire
Beyond the reach of humble sighs?
Are these weak breathings of desire
Too languid to ascend the skies?

2 No, Lord, my breathings of desire,
My weak petitions, if sincere,
Are not forbidden to aspire,
But reach to thy all-gracious ear.

3 Look up, my soul, with cheerful eye;
See where the great Redeemer stands—
The glorious Advocate on high,
With precious incense in his hands.

4 He smiles on every humble groan,
He recommends each broken prayer;
Recline thy hope on him alone,
Whose power and love forbid despair.

5 Teach my weak heart, O gracious Lord,
With stronger faith to call thee mine;
Bid me pronounce the blissful word,
My Father, God, with joy divine.

604 L. M. HART.

Constancy in Prayer.

PRAYER was appointed to convey
The blessings God designs to give:
Long as they live should Christians pray,
For only while they pray they live.

2 The Christian's heart his prayer indites;
He speaks as prompted from within;
The Spirit his petition writes,
And Christ receives and gives it in.

3 If pains afflict, or wrongs oppress;
If cares distract, or fears dismay;
If guilt deject, if sins distress,
The remedy's before thee—pray!

4 'Tis prayer supports the soul that's weak,
Though thought be broken, language lame:
Pray, if thou canst or canst not speak,
But pray with faith in Jesus' name.

605 S. M. MONTGOMERY.

Lord's Prayer.

OUR heavenly Father, hear
The prayer we offer now:
Thy name be hallowed far and near;
To thee all nations bow.

2 Thy kingdom come; thy will
On earth be done in love,
As saints and seraphim fulfil
Thy perfect law above!

3 Our daily bread supply,
While by thy word we live;
The guilt of our iniquity
Forgive, as we forgive.

4 From dark temptation's power,
From Satan's wiles defend;
Deliver in the evil hour,
And guide us to the end.

5 Thine shall for ever be
Glory and power divine;
The sceptre, throne, and majesty
Of heaven and earth are thine.

6 Thus humbly taught to pray
By thy beloved Son,
Through him we come to thee, and say,
"All for his sake be done!"

606 C. M. BRATTLE ST. COL.

OUR Father who in heaven art,
All hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come—thy will be done,
Throughout this earthly frame,

2 As cheerfully as 'tis by those
Who dwell with thee on high:
Lord, let thy bounty, day by day,
Our daily food supply.

3 As we forgive our enemies,
Thy pardon, Lord, we crave:
Into temptation lead us not,
But us from evil save.

4 For kingdom, power, and glory, all
Belong, O Lord, to thee;
Thine from eternity they were,
And thine shall ever be.

607 S. M. NEWTON.

Importunate Prayer.

JESUS, who knows full well
The heart of every saint,
Invites us all our griefs to tell,
To pray and never faint.

2 He bows his gracious ear;
We never plead in vain;
Yet we must wait till he appear,
And pray, and pray again.

3 Though unbelief suggest,
Why should we longer wait?
He bids us never give him rest,
But be importunate.

4 Jesus the Lord will hear
His chosen when they cry;
Yes, though he may a while forbear,
He'll help them from on high.

5 Then let us earnest be,
And never faint in prayer:
He loves our importunity,
And makes our cause his care.

608 L. M. J. WESLEY.

Prayer for Protection and Guidance.

O THOU to whose all-searching sight
The darkness shineth as the light,
Search, prove my heart—it pants for thee;
O burst these bonds, and set it free!

2 If in this darksome wild I stray,
Be thou my light, be thou my way;
No foes nor danger will I fear,
While thou, my Saviour, God, art near.

3 When rising floods my soul o'erflow,
When sinks my heart in waves of woe,
Jesus, thy timely aid impart,
To raise my head and cheer my heart.

4 O let thy hand support me still,
And lead me to thy holy hill,
Where toil, and grief, and pain shall cease,
Where all is calm, and all is peace.

609 C. M. EXETER COL.

LORD, through the dubious path of life
Thy feeble servant guide:
Supported by thy powerful arm,
My footsteps shall not slide.

2 Let others, swelled with empty pride,
Of wisdom make their boasts;
My wisdom and my strength must come
From thee, the Lord of hosts.

3 To thee, O my unerring Guide,
I would myself resign;
In all my ways acknowledge thee,
And form my will to thine.

4 Thus shall each blessing of thy hand
Be doubly sweet to me;
In all my griefs I still shall have
A refuge, Lord, in thee.

610 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

THOU, Lord, through every changing scene,
Hast to the saints a refuge been;
Through every age, eternal God,
Their pleasing home, their safe abode.

2 In thee our fathers sought their rest,
And were with thy protection blest;
Behold their sons, a feeble race!
We come to fill our fathers' place.

3 Through all the thorny paths we tread,
Ere we are numbered with the dead,
When friends desert and foes invade,
Be thou our all-sufficient aid!

4 And when this pilgrimage is o'er,
And we must dwell on earth no more,

To thee, great God, may we ascend,
And find an everlasting Friend.

5 To thee our infant race we'll leave;
Them may their fathers' God receive;
That voices, yet unformed, may raise
Succeeding hymns of humble praise.

611 C. M. EPIS. COL.

GOD of our fathers, by whose hand
Thy people still are blest,
Be with us through our pilgrimage,
Conduct us to our rest.

2 Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

3 O spread thy sheltering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

4 Such blessings from thy gracious hand
Our humble prayers implore;
And thou, the Lord, shalt be our God
And portion evermore.

612 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Prayer for Youth.

GREAT Saviour, who didst condescend
Young children in thine arms to take,
Still prove thyself the children's friend,
And save them for thy mercy's sake.

2 While in the slippery paths of youth,
Be thou their guardian, thou their guide;

That they, directed by thy truth,
May never from thy precepts slide.

3 To read thy word their hearts incline;
To understand it, light impart:
O Saviour! let their all be thine:
Take full possession of each heart.

613 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

The Young asking for Divine Guidance.

FROM earliest dawn of life,
Thy goodness we have shared;
And still we live to sing thy praise,
By sovereign mercy spared.

2 To learn and do thy will,
O Lord, our hearts incline;
And o'er the paths of future life
Command thy light to shine.

3 While taught thy word of truth,
May we that word receive;
And when we hear of Jesus' name,
In that blest name believe!

4 O let us never tread
The broad, destructive road,
But trace those holy paths which lead
To glory and to God.

614 12s. HEBER.

Seaman's Prayer in Danger.

WHEN through the torn sail the wild tempest is streaming,
When o'er the dark wave the red lightning is gleaming,

Nor hope lends a ray, the poor seaman to
cherish,
We fly to our Maker—"Save, Lord, or we
perish!"

2 O Jesus, once rocked on the breast of the
billow,
Aroused by the shriek of despair from thy
pillow,
Now, seated in glory, the mariner cherish,
Who cries in his anguish, "Save, Lord, or we
perish!"

3 And, O! when the whirlwind of passion is
raging,
When sin, in our hearts, his wild warfare is
waging,
Then send down thy grace, thy redeemèd to
cherish;
Rebuke the destroyer: "Save, Lord, or we
perish!"

615 L. M. WATTS.

Desiring the Presence of God.

MY God, I bow before thy feet;
When shall my soul approach thy seat?
When shall I see thy glorious face
With mingled majesty and grace?

2 How should I love thee, and adore,
With hopes and joys unknown before!
And bid this trifling world begone,
Nor tease my heart so near thy throne.

3 My soul should pour out all her cares
In flowing words or flowing tears:
Thy smiles would ease my sharpest pain;
Nor should I seek my God in vain.

616 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

ETERNAL Sun of Righteousness,
Display thy beams divine,
And cause the glory of thy face
On all our hearts to shine.

2 Light in thy light, O may we see;
Thy grace and mercy prove;
Revived, and cheered, and blessed by thee,
Thou God of pardoning love.

617 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

SHINE on our souls, eternal God,
With rays of mercy shine:
O let thy favor crown our days,
And all their round be thine.

2 With thee let every week begin;
With thee each day be spent;
To thee each fleeting hour be given,
Since each by thee is lent.

3 Thus cheer us through this desert road,
Till all our labors cease;
Till heaven refresh our weary souls
With everlasting peace.

618 L. M. WATTS.

I CANNOT bear thine absence, Lord:
My life expires if thou depart:
Be thou, my heart, still near my God,
And thou, my God, be near my heart.

2 I was not born for earth or sin,
Nor can I live on things so vile;
Yet I will stay my Father's time,
And hope and wait for heaven a while.

3 Then, dearest Lord, in thine embrace
Let me resign my fleeting breath,
And with a smile upon my face,
Pass the important hour of death.

619 C. M. NEWTON.

God's Presence a Comfort in Life.

O HAPPY they who know the Lord,
With whom he deigns to dwell;
He feeds and cheers them by his word;
His arm supports them well.

2 To them, in each distressing hour,
His throne of grace is near;
And when they plead his love and power,
He stands engaged to hear.

3 His presence cheers us in our cares,
And makes our burdens light;
His gracious word dispels our fears,
And gilds the gloom of night.

4 Let us enjoy and highly prize
These tokens of thy love,
Till thou shalt bid our spirits rise
To worship thee above.

620 S. M. DODDRIDGE.

Communion with the Father and Christ.

OUR heavenly Father calls,
And Christ invites us near;
With both our friendship shall be sweet,
And our communion dear.

2 God pities all our griefs:
He pardons every day;
Almighty to protect our souls,
And wise to guide our way.

3 How large his bounties are!
What various stores of good,
Diffused from our Redeemer's hand,
And purchased with his blood!

4 Jesus, our living head,
We bless thy faithful care;
Our Advocate before the throne,
And our Forerunner there.

5 Here fix, my roving heart;
Here wait, my warmest love,
Till this communion be complete
In nobler scenes above.

RETIREMENT AND MEDITATION.

621 C. M. COWPER.

Retirement and Meditation.

FAR from the world, O Lord, I flee,
From strife and tumult far;
From scenes where Satan wages still
His most successful war.

2 The calm retreat, the silent shade,
With prayer and praise agree;
And seem, by thy sweet bounty, made
For those who follow thee.

3 There, if the Spirit touch the soul,
And grace her mean abode,
O, with what peace, and joy, and love,
She communes with her God!

4 Author and Guardian of my life,
Sweet source of light divine,
And—all harmonious names in one—
My SAVIOUR—thou art mine!

5 What thanks I owe thee, and what love!
A boundless, endless store!
Thy praise shall sound through realms above
When time shall be no more.

622 L. M. WATTS.

MY God, permit me not to be
A stranger to myself and thee:
Amid a thousand thoughts I rove,
Forgetful of my highest love.

2 Why should my passions mix with earth,
And thus debase my heavenly birth?
Why should I cleave to things below,
And let my God, my Saviour, go?

3 Call me away from earth and sense;
Thy sovereign word can draw me thence;
I would obey the voice divine,
And all inferior joys resign.

4 Be earth, with all her scenes, withdrawn;
Let noise and vanity begone;
In secret silence of the mind,
My heaven, and there my God, I find.

623 C. M. WILLIAMS.

WHILE thee I seek, protecting Power,
Be my vain wishes stilled;
And may this consecrated hour
With better hopes be filled.

2 Thy love the power of thought bestowed;
To thee my thoughts would soar:
Thy mercy o'er my life has flowed;
That mercy I adore.

3 In each event of life, how clear
Thy ruling hand I see!
Each blessing to my soul most dear,
Because conferred by thee.

4 In every joy that crowns my days,
In every pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer.

5 When gladness wings my favored hour,
Thy love my thoughts shall fill;
Resigned, when storms of sorrow lower,
My soul shall meet thy will.

6 My lifted eye, without a tear,
The gathering storm shall see:
My steadfast heart shall know no fear;
That heart will rest on thee.

624 S. M. MONT. COL.

OUR heavenly Father's eye
Sees through the darkest night;
In deep retirement he is nigh,
With heart-discerning sight.

2 Then let that eye survey
Our duteous homage paid
With every morning's dawning ray,
And every evening's shade.

3 O God, may heavenly fire
The incense still inflame;
While grateful vows to thee aspire,
Through my Redeemer's name.

4 O warm my heart with love,
My soul in secret bless;
So shalt thou deign, in worlds above,
Thy suppliant to confess.

625 C. M. WATTS.

Sins and Sorrows laid before God.

O THAT I knew the secret place
Where I might find my God!
I'd spread my wants before his face,
And pour my woes abroad.

2 I'd tell him how my sins arise;
What sorrows I sustain;
How grace decays, and comfort dies,
And leaves my heart in pain.

3 He knows what arguments I'd take
To wrestle with my God:
I'd plead for his own mercy's sake—
I'd plead my Saviour's blood.

4 My God will pity my complaints,
And drive my foes away;
He knows the meaning of his saints,
When they in sorrow pray.

5 Arise, my soul, from deep distress,
And banish every fear;
He calls thee to his throne of grace,
To spread thy sorrows there.

626 C. M. METH. COL.

O COULD I find, from day to day,
A nearness to my God!
Then should my hours glide sweet away
While leaning on his word.

2 Lord, I desire with thee to live
Anew from day to day,
In joys the world can never give,
Nor ever take away.

3 Blest Jesus, come, and rule my heart,
And make me wholly thine,
That I may never more depart,
Nor grieve thy love divine.

4 Thus, till my last expiring breath,
Thy goodness I'll adore;
And when my frame dissolves in death,
My soul shall love thee more.

SECURITY OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

627 S. M. KENT.

It shall be well with the Righteous.

WHAT cheering words are these!
Their sweetness who can tell?
In time and to eternity,
'Tis with the righteous well.

2 In every state secure,
Kept by Jehovah's eye,
'Tis well with them while life endures,
And well when called to die.

3 'Tis well when joys arise,
'Tis well when sorrows flow;
'Tis well when darkness veils the skies,
And strong temptations blow.

4 'Tis well when on the mount
They feast on dying-love;
And 'tis as well in God's account,
When they the furnace prove.

5 'Tis well when at his throne
They wrestle, weep, and pray;
'Tis well when at his feet they groan,
Yet bring their wants away.

628 S. M. LUTH. COL.

Religion a Support in Life.

WHEN gloomy thoughts and fears
The trembling heart invade,
And all the face of nature wears
A universal shade,

2 Religion can assuage
The tempest of the soul;
And every fear shall lose its rage
At her divine control.

3 Through life's bewildered way,
Her hand unerring leads;
And o'er the path her heavenly ray
A cheering lustre sheds.

4 When reason, tired and blind,
Sinks helpless and afraid,
Thou, blest supporter of the mind,
How powerful is thine aid!

5 O let me feel thy power,
And find thy sweet relief,
To cheer my every gloomy hour,
And calm my every grief.

629 C. M.

Trust in God in Old Age.

ALMIGHTY Father of mankind,
On thee my hopes remain;
And when the day of trouble comes,
I shall not trust in vain.

2 In early years thou wast my guide,
And of my youth the friend;
And as my days began with thee,
With thee my days shall end.

3 Thou wilt not cast me off, when age
And evil days descend;
Thou wilt not leave me in despair,
To mourn my latter end.

4 Therefore in life I'll trust to thee,
In death I will adore;
And after death will sing thy praise,
When time shall be no more.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

630 C. M. BEDDOME.

The Fearful encouraged.

YE trembling souls, dismiss your fears;
Be mercy all your theme;
Mercy, which, like a river, flows
In one perpetual stream.

2 Fear not the powers of earth and hell—
Those powers will God restrain;
His arm shall all their rage repel,
And make their efforts vain.

3 Fear not the want of outward good,
For his he will provide;
Grant them supplies of daily food,
And give them heaven beside.

4 Fear not that he will e'er forsake,
Or leave his work undone;
He's faithful to his promises,
And faithful to his Son.

5 Fear not the terrors of the grave,
Or death's tremendous sting;
He will from endless wrath preserve,
To endless glory bring.

631 C. M. STEELE.

Refuge in God.

DEAR Refuge of my weary soul,
On thee, when sorrows rise,
On thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies.

2 To thee I tell each rising grief,
For thou alone canst heal;
Thy word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel.

2 Hast thou not bid me seek thy face?
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace
Be deaf when I complain?

4 No; still the ear of sovereign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer:
O may I ever find access
To breathe my sorrows there!

5 Thy mercy-seat is open still;
Here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend thy will,
And wait beneath thy feet.

632 L. M.

PRAISE, everlasting praise be paid
To him who earth's foundations laid;
Praise to the God whose strong decrees
Sway the creation as he please.

2 Praise to the goodness of the Lord,
Who rules his people by his word;
And there, as strong as his decrees,
Reveals his kindest promises.

3 Whence then should doubts and fears arise?
Why trickling sorrows drown our eyes?
Slowly, alas! the mind receives
The comforts that our Maker gives.

4 O for a strong, a lasting faith,
To credit what th' Almighty saith;
T' embrace the message of his Son,
And call the joys of heaven our own!

5 Then, should the earth's foundations shake,
And all the wheels of nature break,
Our steady souls shall fear no more
Than solid rocks when billows roar.

633 C. M. Mrs. Steele.

DEAR Father, to thy mercy-seat
My soul for shelter flies;
'Tis here I find a safe retreat
When storms and tempests rise.

2 My cheerful hope can never die,
If thou, my God, art near;
Thy grace can raise my comforts high,
And banish every fear.

3 My great Protector, and my Lord,
Thy constant aid impart;
O let thy kind, thy gracious word
Sustain my trembling heart.

4 O never let my soul remove
From this divine retreat;
Still let me trust thy power and love,
And dwell beneath thy feet.

SCRIPTURE MODELS.

634 C. M. NEWTON.

Scripture Characters and Examples.

RISE, O my soul, pursue the path
By ancient worthies trod;
Aspiring, view those holy men
Who lived and walked with God.

2 Though dead, they speak in reason's ear,
And in example live;
Their faith, and hope, and mighty deeds,
Still fresh instruction give.

3 'Twas through the Lamb's most precious blood
They conquered every foe;
To his almighty power and grace
Their crowns of life they owe.

4 Lord, may I ever keep in view
The patterns thou hast given,
And ne'er forsake the blessed road
That led them safe to heaven.

635 C. M. WATTS.

GIVE me the wings of faith, to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

2 Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch with tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins, and doubts, and fears.

3 I ask them whence their victory came;
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

4 They marked the footsteps that he trod,
(His zeal inspired their breast,)
And, following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.

5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For his own pattern given,
While the long cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to heaven.

YOUTH ADMONISHED AND INSTRUCTED.

636 L. M. WATTS.

Youth admonished of the Judgment.

YE sons of Adam, vain and young,
Indulge your eyes, indulge your tongue;
Enjoy the day of mirth—but know
There is a day of judgment too.

2 God from on high beholds your thoughts;
His book records your secret faults;
The works of darkness you have done
Must all appear before the sun.

3 Almighty God, turn off their eyes
From these alluring vanities;
And let the thunder of thy word
Awake their souls to fear the Lord.

637 C. M. WATTS.

Youth admonished to remember their Creator.

CHILDREN, to your Creator, God,
Your early honors pay,
While vanity and youthful blood
Would tempt your thoughts astray.

2 Be wise, and make his favor sure,
Before the mournful day
When youth and mirth are known no more,
And life and strength decay.

3 The memory of his mighty name
Demands your first regard;
Nor dare indulge a meaner flame,
Till you have loved the Lord.

638 L. M. WATTS.

NOW, in the heat of youthful blood,
Remember your Creator, God:
Behold, the months come hastening on
When you shall say, "My joys are gone."

2 Behold, the aged sinner goes,
Oppressed with guilt and heavy woes,
Down to the regions of the dead,
With endless curses on his head.

3 The dust returns to dust again;
The soul, in agony of pain,
Ascends to God—not there to dwell,
But hears her doom, and sinks to hell.

4 Eternal King, I fear thy name;
Teach me to know how frail I am;
And when my soul must hence remove,
Give me a mansion in thy love.

639 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

WHILE in the tender years of youth,
In nature's smiling bloom,
Ere age arrive, and trembling wait
Its summons to the tomb;

2 Remember thy Creator, God;
For him thy powers employ;
Make him thy fear, thy love, thy hope,
Thy portion, and thy joy.

3 He shall defend and guide thy course
Through life's uncertain sea,
Till thou art landed on the shore
Of blest eternity.

640 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Pleasure of instructing the Young.

BLEST work, the youthful mind to win,
And turn the rising race
From dark and dangerous paths of sin,
To seek redeeming grace.

2 Children our kind protection claim;
And God will well approve
When infants learn to lisp his name,
And their Redeemer love.

3 Be ours the bliss, in wisdom's way
To guide untutored youth,
And show the mind which went astray
The way, the life, the truth.

4 Thy Spirit, Father, on us shed,
And bless this good design:
The honors of thy name be spread;
Be all the glory thine.

VANITY OF EARTH.

641 C. M. WATTS.

Parting with Carnal Joys.

MY soul forsakes her vain delight,
And bids the world farewell;
Base as the dirt beneath my feet,
And mischievous as hell.

2 No longer will I ask your love,
Nor seek your friendship more;
The happiness that I approve
Is not within your power.

3 There's nothing round this spacious earth
That suits my large desire;
To boundless joy and solid mirth
My nobler thoughts aspire;

4 Where pleasure rolls its living flood,
From sin and dross refined,
Still springing from the throne of God,
And fit to cheer the mind.

5 The Almighty Ruler of the sphere,
The glorious and the great,
Brings his own all-sufficience there,
To make our bliss complete.

6 Had I the pinions of a dove,
I'd climb the heavenly road:
There sits my Saviour, dressed in love,
And there my smiling God.

642 L. M. WATTS.

I SEND the joys of earth away;
Away, ye tempters of the mind,
False as the smooth, deceitful sea,
And empty as the whistling wind.

2 Your streams were floating me along
Down to the gulf of black despair;
And while I listened to your song,
Your streams had e'en conveyed me there.

3 Lord, I adore thy matchless grace,
That warned me of that dark abyss,
That drew me from those dangerous seas,
And bade me seek superior bliss.

4 Now to the shining realms above
I stretch my hands and glance mine eyes;
O for the pinions of a dove,
To bear me to the upper skies!

5 There, from the presence of my God,
Oceans of endless pleasure roll;
There would I fix my last abode,
And drown the sorrows of my soul.

643 C. M. WATTS.

Earthly Pleasures dangerous.

HOW vain are all things here below;
How false, and yet how fair!
Each pleasure hath its poison too,
And every sweet a snare.

2 The brightest things below the sky
Shine with deceitful light;
We should suspect some danger nigh,
Where we possess delight.

3 Our dearest joys, our nearest friends,
The partners of our blood,
How they divide our wavering minds,
And leave but half for God!

4 The fondness of a creature's love,
How strong it strikes the sense!

'Tis there the warm affections move,
Nor can we call them thence.

5 Dear Saviour, let thy beauties be
My soul's eternal food,
And grace command my heart away
From all created good.

644 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Vanity of the World and Happiness of Heaven.

HOW vain is all beneath the skies!
How transient every earthly bliss!
How slender all the fondest ties
That bind us to a world like this!

2 The evening cloud, the morning dew,
The withering grass, the fading flower,
Of earthly hopes are emblems true—
The glory of a passing hour!

3 But, though earth's fairest blossoms die,
And all beneath the skies is vain,
There is a land whose confines lie
Beyond the reach of care and pain.

4 Then let the hope of joys to come
Dispel our cares and chase our fears:
If God be ours, we're travelling home,
Though passing through a vale of tears.

645 C. M.

A better World in prospect.

'TWAS told me in my early day,
That pleasure's stream did flow
Gently beside life's peaceful way:
I have not found it so.

2 I thought there grew on earthly ground
Some buds without decay;
But not a single flower I've found
That does not fade away.

3 I wish to see a fairer world:
I've heard of one on high,
Where every tear, by one kind hand,
Is wiped from every eye.

4 'Tis said the King of that bright place
Still welcomes travellers there:
O come and let us seek his grace!
Unseen, he hears our prayer.

FLIGHT OF TIME.

646 7s. & 6s. BURTON.

Flight of Time.

TIME is winging us away
To our eternal home;
Life is but a winter's day,
A journey to the tomb:
Youth and vigor soon will flee,
Blooming beauty lose its charms;
All that's mortal soon shall be
Enclosed in death's cold arms.

2 Time is winging us away
To our eternal home;
Life is but a winter's day,
A journey to the tomb;
But the Christian shall enjoy
Health and beauty soon, above,
Far beyond the world's alloy,
Secure in Jesus' love.

647 C. M. WATTS.

Time short and misspent.

HOW short and hasty is our life!
How vast our souls' affairs!
Yet senseless mortals vainly strive
To lavish out their years.

2 Our days run thoughtlessly along,
Without a moment's stay;
Just like a story, or a song,
We pass our lives away.

3 God from on high invites us home,
But we march heedless on,
And, ever hastening to the tomb,
Stoop downward as we run.

4 How we deserve the deepest hell,
That slight the joys above!
What chains of vengeance should we feel,
That break such cords of love!

5 Draw us, O God, with sovereign grace,
And lift our thoughts on high,
That we may end this mortal race,
And see salvation nigh.

648 C. M. HOSKINS.

THE time is short: sinners, beware,
Nor trifle time away;
The word of great salvation hear,
While yet 'tis called to-day.

2 The time is short: O sinners, now
To Christ the Lord submit;
To mercy's golden sceptre bow,
And fall at Jesus' feet.

3 The time is short: ye saints, rejoice:
The Lord will quickly come:
Soon shall you hear the Saviour's voice,
To call you to your home.

4 The time is short—it swiftly flies;
The hour is just at hand
When we shall mount above the skies,
And reach the wished-for land.

5 The time is short—the moment near
When we shall dwell above,
And be for ever happy there
With Jesus, whom we love.

649 C. M. WATTS.

Time the Period to prepare for Eternity.

THEE we adore, Eternal Name,
And humbly own to thee
How feeble is our mortal frame,
What dying worms are we.

2 The year rolls round, and steals away
The breath that first it gave;
Whate'er we do, where'er we be,
We're travelling to the grave.

3 Great God! on what a slender thread
Hang everlasting things!
Th' eternal state of all the dead
Upon life's feeble strings!

4 Eternal joy or endless woe
Attends on every breath;
And yet how unconcerned we go
Upon the brink of death!

5 Awake, O Lord, our drowsy sense,
To walk this dangerous road;

And if our souls are hurried hence,
May they be found with God.

650 L. M. WATTS.

Life the Time to serve the Lord.

LIFE is the time to serve the Lord,
The time to insure the great reward;
And while the lamp holds out to burn,
The vilest sinner may return.

2 Life is the hour that God has given,
T' escape from hell and fly to heaven;
The day of grace, and mortals may
Secure the blessings of the day.

3 The living know that they must die,
But all the dead forgotten lie;
Their memory and their sense are gone,
Alike unknowing and unknown.

4 Their hatred and their love are lost,
Their envy buried in the dust;
They have no share in all that's done
Beneath the circuit of the sun.

5 Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands, with all your might pursue;
Since no device nor work is found,
Nor faith nor hope beneath the ground.

6 There are no acts of pardon passed
In the cold grave to which we haste;
But darkness, death, and long despair
Reign in eternal silence there.

651 S. M. DODDRIDGE.

TO-MORROW, Lord, is thine,
Lodged in thy sovereign hand;

And if its sun arise and shine,
It shines by thy command.

2 The present moment flies,
And bears our life away;
O make thy servants truly wise,
That they may live to-day.

3 Since on this fleeting hour
Eternity is hung,
Awake, by thine almighty power,
The aged and the young.

4 One thing demands our care;
O, be that still pursued,
Lest, slighted once, the season fair
Should never be renewed!

5 To Jesus may we fly,
Swift as the morning light,
Lest life's young golden beams should die
In sudden, endless night.

652 S. M. DODDRIDGE.

Reflections on past Generations.

HOW swift the torrent rolls
That bears us to the sea!
The tide which hurries thoughtless souls
To vast eternity!

2 Our fathers—where are they,
With all they called their own?
Their joys and griefs, and hopes and cares,
And wealth and honor—gone!

3 But joy or grief succeeds
Beyond our mortal thought,
While still the remnant of their dust
Lies in the grave forgot.

4 There, where the fathers lie,
Must all the children dwell;
Nor other heritage possess
But such a gloomy cell.

5 God of our fathers, hear,
Thou everlasting Friend,
While we, as on life's utmost verge,
Our souls to thee commend.

6 Of all the pious dead
May we the footsteps trace,
Till with them, in the land of light,
We dwell before thy face.

653 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Exhortation to work while it is Day.

THE swift-declining day,
How fast its moments fly!
While evening's broad and gloomy shade
Gains on the western sky.

2 Ye mortals, mark its pace,
And use the hours of light;
For know, its Maker can command
An instant, endless night.

3 Give glory to the Lord,
Who rules the rolling sphere;
Submissive, at his footstool bow,
And seek salvation there.

4 Then shall new lustre break
Through all the horrid gloom,
And lead you to unchanging light
In your celestial home.

654 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

AWAKE! awake! each sluggish soul!
Awake; and view the setting sun!
See how the shades of death advance,
Ere half the task of life is done!

2 Soon will he close our drowsy eyes,
Nor shall we hear these warnings more:
Soon will the mighty Judge approach;
E'en now he stands before the door.

3 To-day attend his gracious voice,
And hear the summons which he sends:
"Awake! for on this passing hour
Thy long eternity depends!"

4 O Saviour! let these awful scenes
Be ever present to our view:
Teach us to gird our loins about,
And trim our dying lamps anew.

5 Then, when the king of terror comes,
Our souls shall hail the happy day:
Haste, then, O Saviour, from above,
Nor let thy chariot-wheels delay!

655 8, 8 & 6.

The Swiftness of Time.

MY days, my weeks, my months, my years,
Fly rapid as the whirling spheres
Around the steady pole:
Time, like the tide, its motion keeps,
Till I must launch through boundless deeps,
Where endless ages roll.

2 The grave is near the cradle seen:
The moments swiftly pass between,
And whisper as they fly:

Unthinking man, remember this,
Though fond of sublunary bliss,
  Thou soon must gasp and die.

3 My soul, attend the solemn call:
Thine earthly tent must quickly fall,
  And thou must take thy flight
Beyond the vast expansive blue,
To sing and love as angels do,
  Or sink in endless night.

DEATH.

656 C. M. WATTS.

Meditation on Death.

STOOP down, my thoughts, that used to rise;
  Converse a while with death;
Think how a gasping mortal lies,
  And pants away his breath.

2 But O, the soul that never dies!
  At once it leaves the clay!
Ye thoughts, pursue it where it flies,
  And track its wondrous way.

3 And must my body faint and die?
  And must my soul remove?
O for some guardian angel nigh,
  To bear it safe above!

4 Jesus, to thine almighty hand
  My naked soul I trust;
And waits my flesh for thy command,
  To drop into the dust.

657 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

Death and Judgment appointed to all.

HEAVEN has confirmed the dread decree,
That Adam's race must die:
One general ruin sweeps them down,
And low in dust they lie.

2 Ye living men, the tomb survey,
Where you must shortly dwell;
Hark! how the awful summons sounds
In every funeral-knell!

3 Once you must die, and once for all:
The solemn purport weigh;
For know, that heaven or hell is hung
On that important day!

4 Those eyes, so long in darkness veiled,
Must wake, the Judge to see;
And every word and every thought
Must pass his scrutiny.

5 O may I in the Judge behold
My Saviour and my Friend,
And, far beyond the reach of death,
With all his saints ascend.

658 L. M. WATTS.

WHY should we start, and fear to die?
What timorous worms we mortals are!
Death is the gate of endless joy,
And yet we dread to enter there.

2 The pains, the groans, and dying-strife,
Fright our approaching souls away;
Still shrink we back again to life,
Fond of our prison and our clay.

3 O, if my Lord would come and meet,
My soul should stretch her wings in haste,
Fly fearless through death's iron gate,
Nor feel the terrors as she passed.

4 Jesus can make a dying-bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
While on his breast I lean my head,
And breathe my life out sweetly there.

659 C. M. HEBER.

A Warning from the Grave.

BENEATH our feet and o'er our head
Is equal warning given:
Beneath us lie the countless dead,
Above us is the heaven.

2 Death rides on every passing breeze,
And lurks in every flower;
Each season has its own disease,
Its peril every hour.

3 Turn, mortal, turn! thy danger know:
Where'er thy foot can tread,
The earth rings hollow from below,
And warns thee of her dead.

4 Turn, Christian, turn! thy soul apply
To truths which hourly tell
That they who underneath thee lie
Shall live for heaven—or hell!

660 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

The House appointed for all Living.

HOW still and peaceful is the grave,
Where, life's vain tumults past,
Th' appointed house, by Heaven's decree,
Receives us all at last.

2 The wicked there from troubling cease—
  Their passions rage no more;
And there the weary pilgrim rests
  From all the toils he bore.

3 All, levelled by the hand of death,
  Lie sleeping in the tomb,
Till God in judgment call them forth,
  To meet their final doom.

661 L. M. BARBAULD.

Death of the Righteous.

HOW blest the righteous when he dies!
  When sinks a weary soul to rest,
How mildly beam the closing eyes,
  How gently heaves the expiring breast!

2 So fades a summer cloud away;
  So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
  So dies a wave along the shore.

3 A holy quiet reigns around,
  A calm which life nor death destroys;
Nothing disturbs that peace profound
  Which his unfettered soul enjoys.

4 Farewell, conflicting hopes and fears,
  Where lights and shades alternate dwell:
How bright the unchanging morn appears!
  Farewell, inconstant world, farewell!

5 Life's duty 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!"

662 L. M. BARBAULD.

The peaceful Death of the Righteous.

SWEET is the scene when Christians die,
When holy souls retire to rest:
How mildly beams the closing eye!
How gently heaves th' expiring breast!

2 So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies a wave along the shore.

3 Triumphant smiles the victor's brow,
Fanned by some guardian angel's wing:
O Grave! where is thy victory now?
And where, O Death, where is thy sting?

663 C. M. WATTS.

Meditation on the Tomb.

HARK! from the tombs a doleful sound;
My ears, attend the cry:
"Ye living men, come view the ground
Where you must shortly lie.

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

3 Great God! is this our certain doom?
And are we still secure?
Still walking downwards to the tomb,
And yet prepared no more!

4 Grant us the power of quickening grace,
To fit our souls to fly;
Then, when we drop this dying flesh,
We'll rise above the sky.

664 L. M. WATTS.

UNVEIL thy bosom, faithful tomb;
Take this new treasure to thy trust;
And give these sacred relics room
To slumber in the silent dust.

2 Nor pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear
Invade thy bounds: no mortal woes
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here,
While angels watch the soft repose.

3 So Jesus slept: God's dying Son
Passed through the grave, and blessed the bed.
Rest here, blest saint, till from his throne
The morning break, and pierce the shade.

4 Break from his throne, illustrious morn!
Attend, O earth! his sovereign word;
Restore thy trust—a glorious form
Shall then arise to meet the Lord.

665 8s. & 7s. COLLYER.

CEASE, ye mourners, cease to languish
O'er the grave of those you love;
Pain, and death, and night, and anguish,
Enter not the world above.

2 While our silent steps are straying,
Lonely, through night's deepening shade,
Glory's brightest beams are playing
Round th' immortal spirit's head.

3 Light and peace at once deriving
From the hand of God most high,
In his glorious presence living,
They shall never, never die.

4 Endless pleasure, pain excluding,
Sickness there no more can come;

There, no fear of woe intruding,
Sheds o'er heaven a moment's gloom.

5 Now, ye mourners, cease to languish
O'er the graves of those ye love;
Far removed from pain and anguish,
They are chanting hymns above.

666 C. M. WATTS.

Those blest who die in the Lord.

HEAR what the voice from heaven pro-
For all the pious dead: [claims
Sweet is the savor of their names,
And soft their sleeping-bed.

2 They die in Jesus, and are blest;
How kind their slumbers are!
From suffering and from sin released,
They're freed from every snare.

3 Far from this world of toil and strife,
They're present with the Lord:
The labors of their mortal life
End in a large reward.

667 C. M. WATTS.

Death and Burial of Christians.

WHY do we mourn departing friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to his arms.

2 Are we not tending upward too
To heaven's desired abode?
Why should we wish the hours more slow
Which keep us from our God?

3 Why should we tremble to convey
Their bodies to the tomb?
'Twas there the Saviour's body lay,
And left a long perfume.

4 The graves of all his saints he blessed,
And softened every bed:
Where should the dying members rest
But with their dying Head?

5 Thence he arose, ascending high,
And showed our feet the way:
Up to the Lord his saints shall fly
At the great rising-day.

6 Then let the last loud trumpet sound,
And bid our kindred rise:
Awake, ye nations under ground!
Ye saints, ascend the skies!

668 L. M. MACKAY.

Asleep in Jesus.

ASLEEP in Jesus! blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep—
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

2 Asleep in Jesus! O how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet!
With holy confidence to sing
That death has lost his venomed sting!

3 Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest,
Whose waking is supremely blest:
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Saviour's power.

4 Asleep in Jesus! O, for me
May such a blissful refuge be!

Securely shall my ashes lie,
And wait the summons from on high.

5 Asleep in Jesus! time nor space
Affects this precious hiding-place:
On Indian plains or Lapland snows
Believers find the same repose.

6 Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be;
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

669 8s. & 7s. COLLYER.

The happy Dead.

THINK, O ye who fondly languish
O'er the grave of those you love,
While your bosoms throb with anguish,
They are singing hymns above:
While your silent steps are straying
Lonely through night's deepening shade,
Glory's brightest beams are playing
Round the happy Christian's head.

2 Light and peace at once deriving
From the hand of God most high,
In his glorious presence living,
They shall never, never die.
Cease, then, mourner, cease to languish
O'er the grave of those you love:
Pain, and death, and night, and anguish,
Enter not the world above.

670 8s. & 4s. MONTGOMERY.

Consolation in Death.

THERE is a calm for those who weep,
A rest for weary pilgrims found:

They softly lie, and sweetly sleep,
Low in the ground.

2 The storm that wrecks the wintry sky
No more disturbs their deep repose
Than summer evening's latest sigh,
That shuts the rose.

3 Now, traveller in the vale of tears,
To realms of everlasting light,
Through time's dark wilderness of years
Pursue thy flight.

4 The soul, of origin divine,
God's glorious image, freed from clay,
In heaven's eternal sphere shall shine,
A star of day.

671 C. M. DODDRIDGE.

Death of a Minister.

NOW let our mourning hearts revive,
And all our tears be dry;
Why should those eyes be drowned in grief
That view a Saviour nigh?

2 What though the arm of conquering death
Does God's own house invade?
What though the prophet and the priest
Are numbered with the dead?

3 Though earthly shepherds dwell in dust—
The aged and the young—
The watchful eye in darkness closed,
And mute th' instructive tongue;

4 Th' eternal Shepherd still survives,
New comfort to impart;
His eye still guides us, and his voice
Still animates our heart.

5 "Lo! I am with you," saith the Lord,
"Your safeguard and your guide;
Your Saviour still; and happy they
Who in my love confide!"

6 Through every scene of life and death,
This promise is our trust;
And this shall be our children's song
When we are cold in dust.

672 C. M.

Death of a Young Child.

ALAS! how changed that lovely flower
Which bloomed and cheered my heart!
Fair, fleeting comfort of an hour,
How soon we're called to part!

2 And shall my bleeding heart arraign
That God whose ways are love,
Or vainly cherish anxious pain
For *her* who rests above?

3 No! let me rather humbly pay
Obedience to his will,
And with my inmost spirit say,
"The Lord is righteous still."

4 From adverse blasts and lowering storms
Her favored soul he bore;
And with yon bright angelic forms
She lives, to die no more.

5 Why should I vex my heart, or fast?
No more *she'll* visit me;
My soul will mount to *her* at last,
And there my child I'll see.

6 Prepare me, blessed Lord, to share
The bliss thy people prove;
Who round thy glorious throne appear,
And dwell in perfect love.

673 C. M. STEELE.

Death of a young Person.

WHEN blooming youth is snatched away
By death's resistless hand,
Our hearts the mournful tribute pay
Which pity must demand.

2 While pity prompts the rising sigh,
O may this truth, impressed
With awful power, "I, too, must die,"
Sink deep in every breast.

3 The voice of this alarming scene
May every heart obey;
Nor be the heavenly warning vain,
Which calls to watch and pray.

4 O let us fly, to Jesus fly,
Whose powerful arm can save;
Then shall our hopes ascend on high,
And triumph o'er the grave.

674 8s. & 7s. S. F. SMITH.

Death of a Sister.

SISTER, thou wast mild and lovely,
Gentle as the summer breeze;
Pleasant as the air of evening
When it floats among the trees.
Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in the grave so low:
Thou no more wilt join our number,
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

2 Dearest sister, thou hast left us;
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that hath bereft us:
He can all our sorrows heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee
When the day of life is fled;
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

675 C. M. MRS. STEELE

Admonition to prepare for Death.

LIFE is a span—a fleeting hour:
How soon the vapor flies!
Man is a tender, transient flower,
That e'en in blooming dies.

2 The once loved form, now cold and dead,
Each mournful thought employs;
And nature weeps her comforts fled,
And withered all her joys.

3 Hope looks beyond the bounds of time,
When what we now deplore
Shall rise in full, immortal prime,
And bloom to fade no more.

4 Cease then, fond nature, cease thy tears:
Thy Saviour dwells on high;
There everlasting spring appears,
There joys shall never die.

676 11s. MUHLENBURG.

Death welcome to the Believer.

I WOULD not live alway: I ask not to stay
Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the way:

The few lurid mornings that dawn on us here
Are enough for life's woes, full enough for its
cheer.

2 I would not live alway, thus fettered by sin;
Temptation without and corruption within:
E'en the rapture of pardon is mingled with
fears,
And the cup of thanksgiving with penitent
tears.

3 I would not live alway; no, welcome the
tomb!
Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its
gloom:
There, sweet be my rest till he bid me arise,
To hail him in triumph descending the skies.

4 Who, who would live alway, away from his
God,
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode,
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright
plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns?

5 Where the saints of all ages in harmony
meet,
Their Saviour and brethren transported to
greet;
While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the
soul!

677 C. M. WATTS.

Faith giving Victory over Death.

O FOR an overcoming faith
To cheer my dying-hours!
To triumph o'er the monster death
And all his frightful powers!

2 Joyful, with all the strength I have,
My quivering lips should sing,
"Where is thy boasted victory, Grave?
And where the monster's sting?"

3 Now to the God of victory
Immortal thanks be paid,
Who makes us conquerors while we die,
Through Christ, our living Head!

678 7, 8 & 6. POPE.

The dying Christian to his Soul.

VITAL spark of heavenly flame,
Quit, O quit this mortal frame:
Trembling, hoping, lingering, flying—
O the pain, the bliss of dying!
Cease, fond nature—cease thy strife,
And let me languish into life!

2 Hark! they whisper: angels say,
"Sister spirit, come away!"
What is this absorbs me quite—
Steals my senses, shuts my sight,
Drowns my spirits, draws my breath?
Tell me, my soul, can this be death?

3 The world recedes, it disappears:
Heaven opens on my eyes!—my ears
With sounds seraphic ring!
Lend, lend your wings! I mount! I fly!
"O Grave, where is thy victory?
O Death, where is thy sting?"

679 C. M.

Death dreadful to the Sinner.

DEATH! 'tis a melancholy day
To those that have no God,

When the poor soul is forced away
To seek her last abode.

2 In vain to heaven she lifts her eyes:
Guilt, like a heavy chain,
Still drags her downward from the skies,
To darkness, fire, and pain.

3 Awake and mourn, ye heirs of death;
Ye stubborn sinners, fear:
Why will ye sink to shades beneath,
To dwell for ever there?

4 O see the burning gulf in view:
Its horrors who can trace?
And thou, my soul, look downward too,
And sing recovering grace.

5 He is a God of sovereign love
Who hath my sins forgiven;
He bids my feet no longer rove,
But seek the path to heaven.

6 Prepare me, Lord, for thy right hand;
Then come the joyful day;
Come death, and some celestial band,
To bear my soul away.

680 C. M. BEDDOME.

Preparation for Death.

IF I must die, O, let me die
With hope in Jesus' blood—
The blood that saves from sin and guilt
And reconciles to God.

2 If I must die, O, let me die
In peace with all mankind,
And change these fleeting joys below
For pleasures more refined.

3 If I must die—and die I must—
Let some kind seraph come,
And bear me on his friendly wing
To my celestial home.

4 Of Canaan's land, from Pisgah's top,
May I but have a view;
Though Jordan should o'erflow its banks,
I'll boldly venture through.

681 C. M. COLLYER.

Prayer for Support in Death.

WHEN bending o'er the brink of life
My trembling soul shall stand,
Waiting to pass death's awful flood,
Great God, at thy command;

2 When weeping friends surround my bed,
And close my sightless eyes;
When shattered by the weight of years
This broken body lies;

3 When every long-loved scene of life
Stands ready to depart;
When the last sigh that shakes the frame
Shall rend this bursting heart;

4 O, thou great Source of joy supreme,
Whose arm alone can save,
Dispel the darkness that surrounds
The entrance to the grave.

5 Lay thy supporting, gentle hand
Beneath my sinking head,
And, with a ray of love divine,
Illume my dying-bed!

6 Leaning on thy dear faithful breast,
May I resign my breath,
And in thy fond embraces lose
"The bitterness of death!"

682 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

Hope in Christ a Support in Death.

WHEN death appears before my sight
In all his dire array,
Unequal to the dreadful fight,
My courage faints away.

2 How shall I meet this potent foe,
Whose frown my soul alarms?
Dark horror sits upon his brow,
And victory waits his arms.

3 O for the eye of faith divine,
To pierce beyond the grave!
To see that Friend, and call him mine,
Whose arm alone can save!

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683 P. M. LUTHER.

The Day of Judgment.

GREAT God, what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
Behold the Judge of man appear,
On clouds of glory seated!
The trumpet sounds! the graves restore
The dead which they contained before!
Prepare, my soul, to meet him.

684 C. M. WATTS.

SEE! where the great incarnate God
Fills his majestic throne,

While from the skies his awful voice
Bears the last judgment down.

2 O may I stand before the Lamb
When earth and seas are fled,
And hear the Judge pronounce my name
With blessings on my head!

685 7s. KELLY.

HARK! that shout of rapturous joy,
Bursting forth from yonder cloud!
Jesus comes! and through the sky,
Angels tell their joy aloud.

2 Hark! the trumpet's awful voice
Sounds abroad, through sea and land:
Let his people now rejoice;
Their redemption is at hand.

3 See! the Lord appears in view;
Heaven and earth before him fly!
Rise, ye saints, he comes for you—
Rise to meet him in the sky.

4 Go, and dwell with him above,
Where no foe can e'er molest;
Happy in the Saviour's love,
Ever blessing, ever blest.

686 8, 7 & 4. NEWTON.

DAY of judgment—day of wonders!
Hark! the trumpet's awful sound,
Louder than a thousand thunders,
Shakes the vast creation round!
How the summons
Will the sinner's heart confound!

2 See the Judge our nature wearing,
Clothed in majesty divine!
You who long for his appearing
Then shall say, "This God is mine!"
Gracious Saviour,
Own me in that day for thine.

687 C. M. ADDISON.

The Judgment anticipated.

WHEN, rising from the bed of death,
O'erwhelmed with guilt and fear,
I see my Maker face to face,
O, how shall I appear?

2 If now, while pardon may be found
And mercy may be sought,
My heart with inward horror shrinks,
And trembles at the thought;

3 When thou, O Lord, shalt stand disclosed
In majesty severe,
And sit in judgment on my soul,
O, how shall I appear?

4 Then see my sorrows, gracious Lord;
Let mercy set me free;
While in the confidence of prayer
My heart takes hold of thee.

5 For never shall my soul despair
Thy mercy to procure,
Since thy beloved Son has died
To make that mercy sure!

688 12s. MILMAN.

THE chariot! the chariot! its wheels roll in fire,
As the Lord cometh down in the pomp of his ire;

Lo! self-moving it drives on its pathway of
cloud,
And the heavens with the burden of Godhead
are bowed.

2 The glory! the glory! around him are poured
Mighty hosts of the angels that wait on the
Lord;
And the glorified saints and the martyrs are
there,
And there all who the palm-wreaths of victory
wear.

3 The trumpet! the trumpet! the dead have
all heard:
Lo! the depths of the stone-covered charnel
are stirred:
From the sea, from the earth, from the south,
from the north,
All the vast generations of man are come forth.

4 The judgment! the judgment! the thrones
are all set
Where the Lamb and the white-vestured elders
are met:
There all flesh is at once in the sight of the
Lord,
And the doom of eternity hangs on his word.

5 O mercy! O mercy! look down from above,
Great Creator, on us, thy sad children, with love:
When beneath, to their darkness, the wicked
are driven,
May our justified souls find a welcome in
heaven.

689 C. M. KIRKE WHITE.

The Resurrection of the Body.

THROUGH sorrow's night and danger's path,
Amid the deepening gloom,

We, soldiers of an injured King,
Are marching to the tomb.

2 There, when the turmoil is no more,
And all our powers decay,
Our cold remains in solitude
Shall sleep the years away.

3 Our labors done, securely laid
In this our last retreat,
Unheeded o'er our silent dust
The storms of life shall beat.

4 Yet not thus lifeless, thus inane
The vital spark shall lie;
For o'er life's wreck that spark shall rise
To seek its kindred sky.

5 These ashes too, this little dust,
Our Father's care shall keep,
Till the last angel rise and break
The long and dreary sleep.

6 Then love's soft dew o'er every eye
Shall shed its mildest rays,
And the long silent dust shall burst
With shouts of endless praise.

690 S. M. C. WESLEY.

Resurrection and Judgment.

AND am I born to die?
To lay this body down?
And must my trembling spirit fly
Into a world unknown?

2 Waked by the trumpet's sound,
I from the grave must rise,
And see the Judge, with glory crowned,
And see the flaming skies.

3 How shall I leave my tomb?
With triumph or regret?
A fearful or a joyful doom—
A curse or blessing meet?

4 I must from God be driven,
Or with my Saviour dwell;
Must come at his command to heaven,
Or else depart to hell.

5 O thou that wouldst not have
One wretched sinner die;
Who diedst thyself, my soul to save
From endless misery;

6 Show me the way to shun
Thy dreadful wrath severe,
That, when thou comest on thy throne,
I may with joy appear.

691 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

Christ's Second Coming.

IN expectation sweet,
We'll wait, and sing, and pray,
Till Christ's triumphal car we meet,
And see an endless day.

2 He comes! the Conqueror comes!
Death falls beneath his sword;
The joyful prisoners burst their tombs,
And rise to meet their Lord.

3 The trumpet sounds—"Awake!
Ye dead, to judgment come!"
The pillars of creation shake,
While hell receives her doom.

4 Thrice happy morn for those
Who love the ways of peace!

No night of sorrow e'er shall close,
Or shade their perfect bliss.

692 8, 7 & 4. OLIVER.

LO! he comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain!
Thousand thousand saints, attending,
Swell the triumph of his train:
Hallelujah!
Jesus comes—and comes to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty!
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see!

3 When the solemn trump has sounded,
Heaven and earth shall flee away:
All who hate him must, confounded,
Hear the summons of that day—
"Come to judgment!
Come to judgment! come away."

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne:
Saviour, take the power and glory;
Make thy righteous sentence known.
O come quickly—
Claim the kingdom for thine own.

693 L. M. SIR W. SCOTT.

THAT day of wrath, that dreadful day,
When heaven and earth shall pass away!
What power shall be the sinner's stay?
How shall he meet that dreadful day,

2 When, shrivelling like a parchèd scroll,
The flaming heavens together roll,
And louder yet, and yet more dread,
Swells the high trump that wakes the dead?

3 O! on that day, that wrathful day,
When man to judgment wakes from clay,
Be thou, O Christ, the sinner's stay,
Though heaven and earth shall pass away.

694 S. M. DODDRIDGE.

AND will the Judge descend?
And must the dead arise?
And not a single soul escape
His all-discerning eyes?

2 How will my heart endure
The terrors of that day,
When earth and heaven before his face,
Astonished, shrink away?

3 But ere the trumpet shakes
The mansions of the dead,
Hark! from the gospel's cheering sound
What joyful tidings spread!

4 Ye sinners, seek his grace
Whose wrath ye cannot bear;
Flee to the shelter of his cross,
And find salvation there.

695 8, 7 & 4. UNION COL.

The Judgment welcomed by the Righteous.

LO! he cometh! countless trumpets
Wake to life the slumbering dead;
Midst ten thousand saints and angels
See their great, exalted Head.
Hallelujah!
Welcome, welcome, Son of God.

2 Full of joyful expectation,
Saints behold the Judge appear:
Truth and justice go before him—
Now the joyful sentence hear.
Hallelujah!
Welcome, welcome, Judge divine.

3 "Come, ye blessed of my Father,
Enter into life and joy;
Banish all your fears and sorrows;
Endless praise be your employ."
Hallelujah!
Welcome, welcome to the skies!

696 C. M. WATTS.

Banishment from God intolerable.

THAT awful day will surely come,
Th' appointed hour makes haste,
When I must stand before my Judge,
And pass the solemn test.

2 Thou lovely Chief of all my joys,
Thou Sovereign of my heart,
How could I bear to hear thy voice
Pronounce the word "Depart!"

3 O wretched state of deep despair,
To see my God remove,
And fix my doleful station where
I must not taste his love!

4 O tell me that my worthless name
Is graven on thy hands;
Show me some promise in thy book,
Where my salvation stands.

697 S. M. MONTGOMERY.

Reward and Punishment.

O WHERE shall rest be found,
Rest for the weary soul?
'T were vain the ocean's depths to sound,
Or pierce to either pole.

2 The world can never give
The bliss for which we sigh:
'T is not the whole of life to live,
Nor all of death to die.

3 Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years;
And all that life is love.

4 There is a death whose pang
Outlasts the fleeting breath:
O what eternal horrors hang
Around "the second death!"

5 Thou God of truth and grace,
Teach us that death to shun,
Lest we be banished from thy face,
And evermore undone.

698 C. P. M. OVINGTON'S COL.

Apprehension of Judgment.

WHEN thou, my righteous Judge, shalt come
To take thy ransomed people home,
Shall I among them stand?
Shall such a worthless worm as I,
Who sometimes am afraid to die,
Be found at thy right hand?

2 I love to meet among them now,
Before thy gracious feet to bow,
Though vilest of them all;

But can I bear the piercing thought,
What if my name should be left out,
When thou for them shalt call?

3 Prevent, prevent it by thy grace;
Be thou, dear Lord, my hiding-place
In this th' accepted day;
Thy pardoning voice, O let me hear,
To still my unbelieving fear;
Nor let me fall, I pray.

4 Let me among thy saints be found
Whene'er the archangel's trump shall sound,
To see thy smiling face;
Then loudest of the crowd I'll sing,
While heaven's resounding mansions ring
With shouts of sovereign grace.

699 8, 7 & 4.

Christ descending to Judgment.

SEE the eternal Judge descending;
View him seated on his throne:
Now, poor sinner, now, lamenting,
Stand and hear thy awful doom.
Trumpets call thee—
Stand and hear thy awful doom.

2 Hear the cries he now is venting,
Filled with dread of fiercer pain;
While in anguish thus lamenting
That he ne'er was born again—
Greatly mourning
That he ne'er was born again.

3 "Yonder sits the slighted Saviour,
With the marks of dying-love;

O that I had sought his favor
When I felt his Spirit move!
Golden moments,
When I felt his Spirit move."

4 Now, despisers, look and wonder;
Hope and sinners here must part:
Louder than a peal of thunder,
Hear the dreadful sound, "Depart!"
Lost for ever,
Hear the dreadful sound, "Depart!"

700 S. M. WATTS.

Joy in view of the Resurrection.

AND must this body die,
This well-wrought frame decay?
And must these active limbs of mine
Lie mouldering in the clay?

2 God, my Redeemer, lives,
And often from the skies
Looks down and watches all my dust
Till he shall bid it rise.

3 Arrayed in glorious grace
Shall these vile bodies shine,
And every shape and every face
Look heavenly and divine.

4 These lively hopes we owe
To Jesus' dying-love:
We would adore his grace below,
And sing his power above.

5 Dear Lord, accept the praise
Of these our humble songs,
Till tunes of nobler sound we raise
With our immortal tongues.

HEAVEN.

701 L. M.

Joys of Heaven.

THERE is a world we have not seen,
That time shall never dare destroy;
Where mortal footstep hath not been,
Nor ear has caught its sounds of joy.

2 There is a region lovelier far
Than sages tell or poets sing;
Brighter than summer's beauties are,
And softer than the tints of spring.

3 There is a world, and O, how blest!
Fairer than prophets ever told;
And never did an angel guest
One half its blessedness unfold.

4 It is all holy and serene,
The land of glory and repose;
And there, to dim the radiant scene,
The tear of sorrow never flows.

5 It is not fanned by summer's gale;
'Tis not refreshed by vernal showers;
It never needs the moonbeam pale,
For there are known no evening hours.

6 No; for this world is ever bright
With a pure radiance all its own;
The streams of uncreated light
Flow round it from th' eternal throne.

702 L. M.

"Hope in Heaven."

WHEN pulse beats low, and cheeks grow pale,
And storms of life are fiercely driven;

When fairest prospects quickly fail,
How sweet to have a hope in heaven!

2 When friends that seemed most near and dear
Are from our bosoms swiftly riven,
And life's bright joys in gloom appear,
How sweet to have a hope in heaven!

3 When, lone and wandering from our home,
No kind relief to us is given,
O, what would then of us become
If we had not a hope in heaven?

4 And when the end is drawing nigh
Of life, through which we long have striven,
And we at last must droop and die,
How sweet to have a hope in heaven!

703 8s. De Fleury.

Longing after Heaven.

YE angels who stand round the throne,
And view my Immanuel's face,
In rapturous songs make him known;
Tune, tune your soft harps to his praise.
He formed you the spirits you are,
So happy, so noble, so good;
While others sunk down in despair,
Confirmed by his power, ye stood.

2 Ye saints who stand nearer than they,
And cast your bright crowns at his feet,
His grace and his glory display,
And all his rich mercy repeat:
He snatched you from hell and the grave,
He ransomed from death and despair;
For you he was mighty to save,
Almighty to bring you safe there.

3 O when will the period appear
When I shall unite in your song?
I'm weary of lingering here,
And I to your Saviour belong:
I'm fettered and chained up in clay;
I struggle and pant to be free;
I long to be soaring away,
My God and my Saviour to see.

4 I want to put on my attire,
Washed white in the blood of the Lamb;
I want to be one of your choir,
And tune my sweet harp to his name:
I want—O, I want to be there,
Where sorrow and sin bid adieu,
Your joy and your friendship to share,
To wonder and worship with you.

704 C. M. EPIS. COL.

HOW far beyond our mortal sight
The Lord of glory dwells!
A veil of interposing night
His radiant face conceals.

2 O could my longing spirit rise
On strong immortal wing,
And reach thy palace in the skies,
My Saviour and my King!

3 There thousands worship at thy feet,
And there—divine employ—
Thy love triumphant they repeat
In songs of endless joy.

4 Thy presence beams eternal day
O'er all the blissful place:
Who would not drop this load of clay,
And die to see thy face?

705 C. M. WATTS.

Holiness of Heaven.

NOR eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard,
Nor sense nor reason known
What joys the Father has prepared
For those that love the Son.

2 But the good Spirit of the Lord
Reveals a heaven to come:
The beams of glory in his word
Allure and guide us home.

3 Pure are the joys above the sky,
And all the region peace;
No wanton lips nor envious eye
Can see or taste the bliss.

4 Those holy gates for ever bar
Pollution, sin, and shame;
None shall obtain admittance there
But followers of the Lamb.

706 C. M.

Treasure in Heaven.

YES, there are joys that cannot die,
With God laid up in store;
Treasures beyond the changing sky,
More bright than golden ore.

2 To that bright world my soul aspires
With rapturous delight:
O for the Spirit's quickening powers,
To speed me in my flight!

707 C. M. MRS. STEELE.

Glories of Heaven.

FAR from these narrow scenes of night,
Unbounded glories rise,

And realms of joy and pure delight,
Unknown to mortal eyes.

2 Fair distant land! could mortal eyes
But half its charms explore,
How would our spirits long to rise,
And dwell on earth no more!

3 No cloud those blissful regions know—
Realms ever bright and fair;
For sin, the source of mortal woe,
Can never enter there.

4 O may the heavenly prospect fire
Our hearts with ardent love,
Till wings of faith, and strong desire,
Bear every thought above.

5 Prepare us, Lord, by grace divine,
For thy bright courts on high;
Then bid our spirits rise, and join
The chorus of the sky.

708 C. M. C. WESLEY.

The Heavenly Rest.

LORD, I believe a rest remains
To all thy people known;
A rest where pure enjoyment reigns,
Where thou art loved alone.

2 Eternal Spirit, make me know
That I shall enter in:
Blest Saviour, now thy power bestow,
And wash me from my sin.

3 O take this hardness from my heart;
This unbelief remove;
To me the rest of faith impart,
The Sabbath of thy love.

4 Come, my Redeemer, come away;
Into my soul descend;
No longer from thy creature stay,
My Author and my end.

709 C. M. HARRISON.

HOW glorious is the gift of faith,
That cheers the darksome tomb,
And through the damp and gloomy grave
Can shed a rich perfume!

2 Triumphant faith! it lifts the soul
Above desponding fear;
Exults in hope of heaven, her home,
And longs to enter there.

710 C. M. C. WESLEY.

Hope in Prospect of Eternity.

AND let this feeble body fail,
And let it droop or die;
My soul shall quit this mournful vale,
And soar to worlds on high;
Shall join the disembodied saints,
And find its long-sought rest
(That only bliss for which it pants)
In the Redeemer's breast.

2 In hope of that immortal crown,
I now the cross sustain,
And gladly wander up and down,
And smile at toil and pain:
I suffer on my threescore years,
Till my Deliverer come,
And wipe away his servant's tears,
And take his exile home.

3 O, what hath Jesus bought for me!
Before my raptured eyes
Rivers of life divine I see,
And trees of paradise!
I see a world of spirits bright,
Who taste the pleasures there;
They all are robed in spotless white,
And conquering palms they bear.

4 O, what are all my sufferings here,
If, Lord, thou count me meet
With that enraptured host t' appear,
And worship at thy feet!
Give joy or grief, give ease or pain;
Take life or friends away;
But let me find them all again
In that eternal day.

711 P. M.

WHEN for eternal worlds we steer,
And seas are calm, and skies are clear,
And faith in lively exercise,
And distant hills of Canaan rise;
The soul for joy then claps her wings,
And loud her lovely sonnet sings,
Vain world, adieu!

2 With cheerful hope her eyes explore
Each landmark on the distant shore;
The trees of life, the pastures green,
The golden streets, the crystal stream:
Again for joy she claps her wings,
And loud her lovely sonnet sings,
Vain world, adieu!

3 The nearer still she draws to land,
More eager all her powers expand:
With steady helm and free-bent sail,
Her anchor drops within the veil:

Again for joy she claps her wings,
And her celestial sonnet sings,
Vain world, adieu!

712 10s.

A Home in Heaven.

A HOME in heaven! what a joyful thought,
As the poor man toils in his weary lot!
His heart oppressed, and with anguish driven
From his home below to his home in heaven.

2 A home in heaven! As the sufferer lies
On his bed of pain, and uplifts his eyes
To that bright home, what a joy is given,
With the blest thought of his home in heaven!

3 A home in heaven! When our pleasures fade,
And our wealth and fame in the dust are laid,
And strength decays, and our health is riven,
We are happy still with our home in heaven.

4 A home in heaven! When the faint heart bleeds
By the Spirit's stroke for its evil deeds,
O, then what bliss in that heart forgiven
Does the hope inspire of a home in heaven!

5 A home in heaven! When our friends are fled
To the chéerless gloom of the mouldering dead,
We wait in hope on the promise given—
We will meet up there in our home in heaven.

713 S. M. MRS. DANA.

O, sing to me of Heaven.

O SING to me of heaven,
When I am called to die;

Sing songs of holy ecstasy,
To waft my soul on high.

2 When cold and sluggish drops
Roll off my marble brow,
Burst forth in strains of joyfulness—
Let heaven begin below.

3 When the last moment comes,
O, watch my dying face,
And catch the bright seraphic gleam
Which o'er each feature plays.

4 Then to my raptured ears
Let one sweet song be given;
Let music charm me last on earth,
And greet me first in heaven.

5 Then close my sightless eyes,
And lay me down to rest,
And clasp my pale and icy hands
Upon my lifeless breast.

6 Then round my senseless clay
Assemble those I love,
And sing of heaven, delightful heaven,
My glorious home above.

714 8s. & 6s. TAPPAN.

THERE is an hour of peaceful rest,
To mourning wanderers given:
There is a tear for souls distressed,
A balm for every wounded breast—
'Tis found alone in heaven.

2 There is a home for weary souls,
By sins and sorrows driven,
When tossed on life's tempestuous shoals,
Where storms arise and ocean rolls,
And all is drear but heaven.

3 There faith lifts up the tearless eye,
The heart with anguish riven;
It views the tempest passing by,
Sees evening shadows quickly fly,
And all serene in heaven.

4 There fragrant flowers immortal bloom,
And joys supreme are given;
There rays divine disperse the gloom:
Beyond the dark and narrow tomb
Appears the dawn of heaven.

715 C. M. MONT. COL.

The New Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM, my happy home,
Name ever dear to me,
When shall my labors have an end
In joy, and peace, and thee?

2 When shall these eyes thy heaven-built walls
And pearly gates behold,
Thy bulwarks, with salvation strong,
And streets of shining gold?

3 O when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend,
Where congregations ne'er break up,
And Sabbaths have no end?

4 There happier bowers than Eden's bloom,
Nor sin nor sorrow know:
Blest seats, through rude and stormy scenes,
I onward press to you.

5 Why should I shrink at pain and woe,
Or feel at death dismay?
I've Canaan's goodly land in view,
And realms of endless day.

6 Apostles, martyrs, prophets there
Around my Saviour stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

7 Jerusalem, my happy home,
My soul still pants for thee;
Then shall my labors have an end
When I thy joys shall see.

716 7s. RAFFLES.

Praise of the Redeemed in Heaven.

HIGH in yonder realms of light
Dwell the raptured saints above,
Far beyond our feeble sight,
Happy in Immanuel's love:
Pilgrims in this vale of tears,
Once they knew, like us below,
Gloomy doubts, distressing fears,
Torturing pain, and heavy woe.

2 Oft the big unbidden tear,
Stealing down the furrowed cheek,
Told, in eloquence sincere,
Tales of woe they could not speak.
But, these days of weeping o'er,
Past this scene of toil and pain,
They shall feel distress no more,
Never, never weep again.

3 Mid the chorus of the skies,
Mid th' angelic lyres above,
Hark! their songs melodious rise,
Songs of praise to Jesus' love.
Happy spirits, ye are fled
Where no grief can entrance find;
Lulled to rest the aching head,
Soothed the anguish of the mind.

4 All is tranquil and serene,
Calm and undisturbed repose;
There no cloud can intervene,
There no angry tempest blows.
Every tear is wiped away;
Sighs no more shall heave the breast;
Night is lost in endless day,
Sorrow in eternal rest.

717 11s.

Home.

AN alien from God, and a stranger to grace,
I wandered through earth, its gay pleasures to trace:
In the pathway of sin I continued to roam,
Unmindful, alas! that it led me from home.
Home, home, sweet, sweet home—
O Saviour, direct me to heaven, my home.

2 The pleasures of earth I have seen fade away;
They bloom for a season, but soon they decay;
But pleasures more lasting in Jesus are given,
Salvation on earth, and a mansion in heaven.
Home, home, sweet, sweet home—
The saints in those mansions are ever at home.

3 Allure me no longer, ye false glowing charms!
The Saviour invites me, I'll go to his arms:
At the banquet of mercy I hear there is room;
O there may I feast with his children, at home!
Home, home, sweet, sweet home—
O Jesus, conduct me to heaven, my home.

4 Farewell, vain amusements; my follies, adieu!
While Jesus and heaven enraptured I view,
I feast on the pleasures from glory which come,
The foretastes of heaven, sweet heaven, my home.
Home, home, sweet, sweet home—
O when shall I share the fruition of home?

718 P. M.

The Glory of Jesus.

BURST, ye emerald gates, and bring
To my raptured vision
All the ecstatic joys that spring
Round the bright Elysian:
Lo! we lift our longing eyes;
Break, ye intervening skies!
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Ope the gates of paradise.

2 Floods of everlasting light
Freely flash before him;
Myriads, with supreme delight,
Instantly adore him;
Angel-trumps resound his fame,
Lutes of lucid gold proclaim
All the music of his name,
Heaven echoing the theme.

3 Four-and-twenty elders rise
From their princely station,
Shout his glorious victories,
Sing the great salvation;
Cast their crowns before his throne,
Cry, in reverential tone,
"Glory be to God alone,
Holy, holy, holy One!"

4 Hark! the thrilling symphonies
Seem, methinks, to seize us;
Join we too the holy lays—
Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!
Sweetest sound in seraph's song,
Sweetest note on mortal's tongue,
Sweetest carol ever sung—
Jesus, Jesus, flow along.

719 7s.

When shall we meet?

WHEN shall we all meet again?
When shall we all meet again?
Oft shall glowing hope expire,
Oft shall wearied love retire,
Oft shall death and sorrow reign,
Ere we all shall meet again.

2 Though in distant lands we sigh,
Parched beneath the hostile sky;
Though the deep between us rolls,
Friendship shall unite our souls;
And in fancy's wide domain,
There shall we all meet again.

3 When the dreams of life are fled,
When its wasted lamps are dead;
When in cold oblivion's shade
Beauty, wealth, and fame are laid;
Where immortal spirits reign,
There may we all meet again.

720 C. M.

HEAVEN is the land where troubles cease,
Where toils and tears are o'er;
The sunny clime of rest and peace,
Where cares distract no more.

2 Heaven is the home where spirits dwell
Who wandered here a while,
And, "seeing things invisible,"
Departed with a smile.

3 Heaven is the place where Jesus lives
To plead his dying-blood,
While to his prayers the Father gives
An unknown multitude.

4 Heaven is the temple whither prayer
From saints on earth ascends;
The dwelling of the Spirit, whence
His influence descends.

5 Heaven is the dwelling-place of joy,
The home of light and love,
Where faith and hope in rapture die:
There 's perfect bliss above.

Various Occasions.

721 8s. & 7s. EPIS. COL.

Pardon implored for National Sins.

DREAD Jehovah, God of nations,
From thy temple in the skies
Hear thy people's supplications;
Now for their deliverance rise.

2 Though our sins, our hearts confounding,
Long and loud for vengeance call,
Thou hast mercy more abounding—
Jesus' blood can cleanse them all.

3 Let that love veil our transgression;
Let that blood our guilt efface:
Save thy people from oppression,
Save from spoil thy holy place.

4 Lo! with deep contrition turning,
Humbly at thy feet we bend:
Hear us, fasting, praying, mourning—
Hear us, spare us, and defend.

722 C. M. Epis. Col.

Judgments for National Sins deprecated.

ALMIGHTY Lord, before thy throne
Thy mourning people bend:
'Tis on thy pardoning grace alone
Our dying hopes depend.

2 Dark judgments from thy heavy hand
Thy dreadful power display;
Yet mercy spares our guilty land,
And still we live to pray.

3 How changed, alas! are truths divine,
For error, guilt, and shame!
What impious numbers, bold in sin,
Disgrace the Christian name!

4 O turn us, turn us, mighty Lord;
Convert us by thy grace;
Then shall our hearts obey thy word,
And see again thy face.

5 Then, should oppressing foes invade,
We will not sink in fear;
Secure of all-sufficient aid,
When thou, O God, art near.

723 L. M. Doddridge.

Providential Goodness of God.

ETERNAL Source of every joy,
Well may thy praise our lips employ,
While in thy presence we appear,
Whose goodness crowns the circling year.

2 Wide as the wheels of nature roll,
Thy hand supports and guides the whole:
The sun is taught by thee to rise,
And darkness when to veil the skies.

3 Seasons and months, and weeks and days,
Demand successive songs of praise:
Still be the grateful homage paid
With morning light and evening shade.

4 Lord, in thy house let incense rise,
And circling Sabbaths bless our eyes,
Till to those lofty heights we soar
Where days and years revolve no more.

724 C. M. Eris. Col.

FOUNTAIN of mercy, God of love,
How rich thy bounties are!
The rolling seasons, as they move,
Proclaim thy constant care.

2 The spring's sweet influence, Lord, was thine;
The plants in beauty grew;
Thou gavest the summer's suns to shine,
The mild, refreshing dew.

3 These various mercies from above
Matured the swelling grain;
A kindly harvest crowns thy love,
And plenty fills the plain.

4 We own and bless thy gracious sway;
Thy hand all nature hails;
Seed-time nor harvest, night nor day,
Summer nor winter fails.

725 L. M. Presb. Col.

God acknowledged in National Blessings.

GREAT God of nations, now to thee
Our hymn of gratitude we raise;
With humble heart and bending knee,
We offer thee our song of praise.

2 Thy name we bless, Almighty God,
For all the kindness thou hast shown
To this fair land the pilgrims trod,
This land we fondly call our own.

3 Here freedom spreads her banner wide,
And casts her soft and hallowed ray;
Here thou our fathers' steps didst guide
In safety through their dangerous way.

4 We praise thee, that the gospel's light
Through all our land its radiance sheds,
Dispels the shades of error's night,
And heavenly blessings round us spreads.

5 Great God, preserve us in thy fear;
In dangers still our guardian be;
O spread thy truth's bright precepts here:
Let all the people worship thee.

726 L. M. PRATT'S COL.

Prayer for National Gratitude and Holiness.

LORD, let thy goodness lead our land,
Still saved by thine almighty hand,
The tribute of its love to bring
To thee, our Saviour and our King.

2 Let every public temple raise
Triumphant songs of holy praise;
Let every peaceful private home
A temple, Lord, to thee become.

3 Still be it our supreme delight
To walk as in thy glorious sight;
Still in thy precepts and thy fear,
Till life's last hour, to persevere.

727 L. M. MONTGOMERY.

On opening a Place of Worship.

HERE, in thy name, eternal God,
We build this earthly house for thee;
O choose it for thy fixed abode,
And guard it long from error free.

2 Here, when thy people seek thy face,
And dying sinners pray to live,
Hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling-place,
And when thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

3 Here, when thy messengers proclaim
The blessed gospel of thy Son,
Still by the power of his great name
Be mighty signs and wonders done.

4 When children's voices raise the song,
Hosanna! to their heavenly King,
Let heaven with earth the strain prolong,
Hosanna! let the angels sing.

5 But will, indeed, Jehovah deign
Here to abide, no transient guest?
Here will our great Redeemer reign,
And here the Holy Spirit rest?

6 Thy glory never hence depart!
Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone;
Thy kingdom come to every heart,
In every bosom fix thy throne.

728 7s. MONTGOMERY.

LORD of Hosts, to thee we raise
Here a house of prayer and praise:
Thou thy people's hearts prepare
Here to meet for praise and prayer.

2 Let the living here be fed
With thy word, the heavenly bread;

Here, in hope of glory blest,
May the dead be laid to rest.

3 Here to thee a temple stand
While the sea shall gird the land;
Here reveal thy mercy sure
While the sun and moon endure.

4 Hallelujah! Earth and sky
To the joyful sound reply;
Hallelujah! Hence ascend
Prayer and praise till time shall end.

729 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

AND will the great eternal God
On earth establish his abode?
And will he, from his heavenly throne,
Avow our temples for his own?

2 We bring the tribute of our praise,
And sing that condescending grace
Which to our notes will lend an ear,
And call us, sinful mortals, near.

3 These walls we to thy honor raise:
Long may they echo with thy praise;
And thou, descending, fill the place
With choicest tokens of thy grace.

4 Here let the great Redeemer reign,
With all the graces of his train;
While power divine his word attends,
To conquer foes and cheer his friends.

5 And in the great decisive day,
When God the nations shall survey,
May it before the world appear
That crowds were born to glory here.

Miscellaneous.

730 12s. & 11s. HEBER.

Funeral of a departed Saint.

THOU art gone to the grave; but we will not deplore thee,
Though sorrow and darkness encompass the tomb:
The Saviour hath passed through its portals before thee,
And the lamp of his love is thy guide through the gloom.

2 Thou art gone to the grave: we no longer behold thee,
Nor tread the rough paths of the world by thy side;
But the wide arms of mercy are spread to enfold thee;
And sinners may hope, since the Saviour hath died.

3 Thou art gone to the grave; and, its mansion forsaking,
Perchance thy weak spirit in doubt lingered long;
But the sunshine of heaven beamed bright on thy waking,
And the sound thou didst hear was the seraphim's song.

4 Thou art gone to the grave; but we will not deplore thee,
Since God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide:
He gave thee, he took thee, and he will restore thee;
And death has no sting since the Saviour hath died.

731 C. M. MONT. COL.

Reflections at the End of the Year.

AND now, my soul, another year
Of thy short life is past;
I cannot long continue here,
And this may be my last.

2 Much of my dubious life is gone,
Nor will return again;
And swift my passing moments run,
The few that yet remain.

3 Awake, my soul! with utmost care
Thy true condition learn:
What are thy hopes?—how sure? how fair?
What is thy great concern?

4 Behold, another year begins:
Set out afresh for heaven;
Seek pardon for thy former sins,
In Christ so freely given.

5 Devoutly yield thyself to God,
And on his grace depend;
With zeal pursue the heavenly road,
Nor doubt a happy end.

732 7s. NEWTON.

WHILE with ceaseless course the sun
Hasted through the former year,
Many souls their race have run,
Never more to meet us here:
Fixed in an eternal state,
They have done with all below;
We a little longer wait;
But how little, none can know.

2 Spared to see another year,
Let thy blessing meet us here;
Come, thy dying work revive,
Bid thy drooping garden thrive:
Sun of righteousness, arise!
Warm our hearts, and bless our eyes:
Let our prayer thy pity move;
Make this year a time of love.

3 Thanks for mercies past receive,
Pardon of our sins renew;
Teach us, henceforth, how to live
With eternity in view;
Bless thy word to old and young;
Fill us with a Saviour's love;
When our life's short race is run,
May we dwell with thee above.

733 L. M. DODDRIDGE.

The Seasons.

THE flowery spring, at God's command,
Perfumes the air and paints the land;
The summer rays with vigor shine,
To raise the corn and cheer the vine.

2 His hand in autumn richly pours,
Through all her coasts, redundant stores;
And winters, softened by his care,
No more the face of horror wear.

3 The changing seasons, months, and days
Demand successive songs of praise;
And be the cheerful homage paid
With morning light and evening shade.

4 And O, may each harmonious tongue
In worlds unknown the praise prolong,
And in those brighter courts adore,
Where days and years revolve no more.

734 C. M. STEELE.

Spring.

WHEN verdure clothes the fertile vale,
And blossoms deck the spray,
And fragrance breathes in every gale,
How sweet the vernal day!

2 Hark! how the feathered warblers sing!
'Tis nature's cheerful voice:
Soft music hails the lovely spring,
And woods and fields rejoice.

3 O God of nature and of grace,
Thy heavenly gifts impart;
Then shall my meditation trace
Spring blooming in my heart.

4 Inspired to praise, I then shall join
Glad nature's cheerful song;
And love and gratitude divine
Attune my joyful tongue.

735 S. M. PRATT'S COL.

GREAT God, at thy command
Seasons in order rise:
Thy power and love in concert reign
Through earth, and seas, and skies.

2 How balmy is the air!
How warm the sun's bright beams!
While, to refresh the ground, the rains
Descend in gentle streams.

3 With grateful praise we own
Thy providential hand,
While grass, and herbs, and waving corn
Adorn and bless the land.

4 But greater still the gift
Of thine incarnate Son;
By him forgiveness, peace, and joy
Through endless ages run.

736 C. M. PRATT'S COL.

Harvest.

TO praise the bounteous Lord of all,
Wake, all our thankful powers:
He calls, and at his call come forth
The smiling harvest hours.

2 His covenant with the earth he keeps;
His goodness we will sing:
Summer and winter know their time,
And harvest crowns the spring.

3 Teach us, O gracious God, to sow
The seeds of righteousness;
Shine on our souls, and with thy beams
The ripening harvest bless.

737 11s. KIRKHAM.

The Promises precious.

HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

2 In every condition—in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad; on the land, on the sea,
"As thy days may demand, shall thy strength
ever be."

3 "Fear not; I am with thee; O be not dismayed:
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee
to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

4 "When through the deep waters I call thee
to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

5 "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.

6 "E'en down to old age, all my people shall
prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be
borne.

7 "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,
I'll never—no, never—no, never forsake."

738 11s. & 9s. C. WESLEY.

Ecstasy of the new-born Soul.

HOW happy are they who their Saviour obey,
And have laid up their treasures above!
Tongue cannot express the sweet comfort and
peace
Of a soul in its earliest love!

2 That comfort was mine when the favor divine
I first found in the blood of the Lamb:

When my heart it believed, what a joy I received!
What a heaven in Jesus's name!

3 'Twas a heaven below my Redeemer to know;
And the angels could do nothing more
Than to fall at his feet, and the story repeat,
And the Lover of sinners adore.

4 Jesus all the day long was my joy and my song:
O that all his salvation might see!
He hath loved me, I cried; he hath suffered and died,
To redeem a poor rebel like me!

5 On the wings of his love I was carried above
All sin, and temptation, and pain;
I could not believe that I ever should grieve,
That I ever should suffer again.

6 O the rapturous height of that holy delight
Which I felt in the life-giving blood!
Of my Saviour possessed, I was perfectly blest,
As if filled with the fulness of God.

739 11s.

Heaven the Christian's Home.

MID scenes of confusion and creature complaints,
How sweet to my soul is communion with saints!
To find at the banquet of mercy there's room,
And feel, in the presence of Jesus, at home!

2 Sweet bonds, that unite all the children of peace,
And thrice-precious Jesus, whose love cannot cease!

Though oft from thy presence in sadness I roam,
I long to behold thee in glory at home.

3 I sigh from this body of sin to be free,
Which hinders my joy and communion with thee;
Though now my temptations like billows may foam,
All, all will be peace when I'm with thee at home.

4 While here in the valley of conflict I stay,
O give me submission and strength as my day:
In all my afflictions, to thee would I come,
Rejoicing in hope of my glorious home.

5 Whate'er thou deniest, O give me thy grace,
The Spirit's sure witness, and smiles of thy face;
Inspire me with patience to wait at thy throne,
And find even now a sweet foretaste of home.

6 I long, dearest Lord, in thy beauties to shine;
No more as an exile in sorrow to pine;
And in thy fair image arise from the tomb,
With glorified millions, to praise thee *at home.*

740 7s.

Converting Grace.

SAVED by grace, I live to tell
What the love of Christ has done:
He redeemed my soul from hell,
Of a rebel made a son:
O! I tremble still to think
How secure I lived in sin;
Sporting on destruction's brink,
Yet preserved from falling in.

2 In a kind, propitious hour,
To my heart the Saviour spoke;
Touched me by his Spirit's power,
And my dangerous slumber broke.
Then I saw and owned my guilt:
Soon my gracious Lord replied,
"Fear not; I my blood have spilt:
'Twas for such as thee I died."

3 Shame and wonder, joy and love,
All at once possessed my heart:
Can I hope thy grace to prove,
After acting such a part?
"Thou hast greatly sinned," he said,
"But I freely all forgive:
I myself thy debt have paid,
Now I bid thee rise and live."

4 Come, my fellow-sinners, try;
Jesus' heart is full of love:
O that you, as well as I,
May his wondrous mercy prove!
He has sent me to declare
All is ready, all is free:
Why should any soul despair,
When he saved a wretch like me?

741 P. M.

The dying Saint.

WHAT'S this that steals, that steals upon my frame?
Is it death, is it death?
That soon will quench, will quench this vital flame—
Is it death, is it death?
If this be death, I soon shall be
From every pain and sorrow free;
I shall the King of Glory see:
All is well, all is well.

2 Weep not, my friends; my friends, weep not
for me;
All is well, all is well:
My sins are pardoned, pardoned—I am free—
All is well, all is well:
There's not a cloud that doth arise
To hide my Jesus from my eyes;
I soon shall mount the upper skies:
All is well, all is well.

3 Tune, tune your harps, your harps, ye saints
in glory;
All is well, all is well:
I will rehearse, rehearse the pleasing story,
All is well, all is well:
Bright angels are from glory come;
They're round my bed, they're in my room;
They wait to waft my spirit home:
All is well, all is well.

4 Hark, hark! my Lord, my Lord and Master
calls me;
All is well, all is well:
I soon shall see, shall see his face in glory,
All is well, all is well:
Farewell, my friends; adieu, adieu;
I can no longer stay with you;
My glittering crown appears in view:
All is well, all is well.

5 Hail, hail! all hail! all hail, ye blood-washed
throng,
Saved by grace, saved by grace:
I come to join, to join your rapturous song,
Saved by grace, saved by grace:
All, all is peace and joy divine,
And heaven and glory now are mine;
Sing hallelujah to the Lamb:
All is well, all is well.

742 11s. & 12s.

Christ a Rock.

IN seasons of grief to my God I'll repair,
When my heart is o'erwhelmed with sorrow and care:
From the ends of the earth unto thee will I cry,
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.

2 When Satan, my foe, comes in like a flood,
To drive my poor soul from the fountain of good,
I'll pray to the Saviour who kindly did die,
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.

3 And when I have ended my pilgrimage here,
In Jesus' pure righteousness let me appear:
In the sweilings of Jordan on thee I'll rely,
And look to the Rock that is higher than I.

4 And when the last trumpet shall sound through the skies,
When the dead from the dust of the earth shall arise,
With millions I'll join, far above yonder sky,
To praise that dear Rock that is higher than I.

743 8, 7 & 4. NEWTON.

"Lord, revive us."

SAVIOUR, visit thy plantation;
Grant us, Lord, a gracious rain:
All will come to desolation
Unless thou return again:
Lord, revive us!
Human help is all in vain.

2 Once, O Lord, thy garden flourished;
Every part was gay and green;

All its plants by thee were nourished;
How delightful was the scene!
Lord, revive us!
On thy mighty power we lean.

3 Keep no longer at a distance;
Smile upon us from on high,
Lest, for want of thine assistance,
Every plant should droop and die:
Lord, revive us!
Hear in heaven our earnest cry.

4 Let each one esteemed thy servant
Break the bonds of earthly care;
Let our mutual love be fervent;
Help us to prevail in prayer:
Lord, revive us!
Let us now the blessing share.

744 6, 4 & 7.

The happy Land.

THERE is a happy land,
Far, far away,
Where saints in glory stand,
Bright, bright as day:
O how they sweetly sing,
Worthy is our Saviour King:
Loud let his praises ring,
Praise, praise for aye!

2 Come to that happy land,
Come, come away:
Why will ye doubting stand,
Why still delay?
O, we shall happy be
When, from sin and sorrow free,
Lord, we shall live with thee,
Blest, blest for aye!

3 Bright, in that happy land,
Beams every eye;
Kept by a Father's hand,
Love cannot die.
O, then, to glory run;
Be a crown and kingdom won;
And bright above the sun
We reign for aye!

745 P. M.

The Family Bible.

HOW painfully pleasing the fond recollection
Of youthful emotion and innocent joy,
When blest with parental advice and affection,
Surrounded with mercies and peace from on high:
I still view the chairs of my father and mother,
The seats of their offspring, as ranged on each hand,
And the richest of books, which excels every other,
The Family Bible that lay on the stand:
The old-fashioned Bible, the dear, blessed Bible,
The Family Bible that lay on the stand.

2 The Bible, that volume of God's inspiration,
At morn and at evening could yield us delight;
And the prayer of our sire was a sweet invocation
For mercy by day and for safety at night;
And our hymns of thanksgiving, with harmony swelling
All warm from the hearts of the family band,
Half raised us from earth to that rapturous dwelling
Described in the Bible that lay on the stand:

The old-fashioned Bible, the dear, blessed
Bible,
The Family Bible that lay on the stand.

3 Ye scenes of enjoyment, long have we been
parted:
My hope almost gone, and my parents no
more,
In sorrow and sadness I live broken-hearted,
And wander alone on a far-distant shore.
Yet why should I doubt a dear Saviour's pro-
tection,
Forgetful of gifts from his bountiful hand?
O let me with patience receive his correction,
And think of the Bible that lay on the stand:
The old-fashioned Bible, the dear, blessed
Bible,
The Family Bible that lay on the stand.

746 10s. & 11s.

Pleasures of Religion.

O TELL me no more of this vain world's store:
The time for such trifles with me now is o'er:
A country I've found, where true joys abound:
To dwell I'm determined, on that happy ground.

2 The souls that believe, in paradise live,
And me in that number will Jesus receive.
My soul, don't delay; he calls thee away:
Rise, follow the Saviour, and bless the glad
day.

3 No mortal doth know what he can bestow,
What light, strength, and comfort: go after
him, go.
Lo! onward I move to a country above:
None guesses how wondrous my journey will
prove.

4 Great spoils I shall win from death, hell, and
sin;
Midst outward affliction shall feel Christ
within;
And when I'm to die, "Receive me," I'll cry,
For Jesus hath loved me, I cannot tell why.

5 But still I do find that we are so joined,
He'll not live in glory and leave me behind.
So this is the race I'm running, through grace,
Henceforth, till admitted to see my Lord's face.

6 And now I'm in care my neighbors may
share
Those blessings: to seek them will none of you
dare?
In bondage, O why, and death will you lie,
When one here assures you free grace is so
nigh?

747 11s.

Christ precious.

O JESUS, my Saviour, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the pleasure of earth I resign:
Thou art my rich treasure, my joy, and my
love;
Nothing richer's possessed by the angels above.

2 Thy Spirit first taught me to know I was
blind,
Then taught me the way of salvation to find;
And when I was sinking in gloomy despair,
My Jesus relieved me, and bade me not fear.

3 In vain I attempt to describe what I feel:
The language of mortals here ever must fail.
My Jesus is precious: my soul's in a flame:
I am raised into raptures while praising his
name.

4 I find him in singing; he is present in prayer;
In sweet meditation he always is near;
My constant companion—may we never part!
All glory to Jesus, he dwells in my heart.

5 If ever I loved thee, 'tis now, my dear Lord:
I love thy dear children, thy ways, and thy word;
I love all creation; I love sinners too,
For Jesus has died to redeem them from woe.

6 When happy in Jesus, I cannot forbear,
Though sinners despise me, his love to declare;
'Tis so overwhelming, enraptured I'd fly,
And praise him in mansions celestial on high.

748 8s. & 7s.

Autumn.

HAIL, ye sighing sons of sorrow,
Learn with me your certain doom;
Learn with me your fate to-morrow—
Dead, perhaps laid in the tomb.
See all nature fading, dying;
Silent, all things seem to mourn:
Life from vegetation flying,
Calls to mind the mouldering urn.

2 Lo! in yonder forest standing,
Lofty cedars, how they nod!
Scenes of nature, how surprising!
Read in nature, nature's God.
While the annual frosts are cropping
Leaves and tendrils from the trees,
So our friends are yearly dropping—
We are like to one of these.

3 Hollow winds about me roaring,
Noisy waters round me rise,
While I sit my fate deploring,
Tears fast streaming from mine eyes.

What to me is autumn's treasure,
Since I know no earthly joy?
Long I've lost all youthful pleasure—
Time will health and youth destroy.

4 Former friends, how oft I've sought them,
Just to cheer a troubled mind!
Now they're gone, like leaves of autumn
Driven before the dreary wind.
When a few more days are wasted,
And a few more scenes are o'er,
When a few more griefs I've tasted,
I shall rise to fall no more.

5 Fast my sun of life's declining;
Soon 'twill set in endless night;
But my hopes, so brightly shining,
Rise to fairer worlds of light.
Cease this trembling, mourning, sighing;
Death shall burst this sullen gloom;
Then my spirit, fluttering, flying,
Shall be borne beyond the tomb.

749 L. M.

The good old Way.

LIFT up your heads, Immanuel's friends,
And taste the pleasure Jesus sends:
Let nothing cause you to delay,
But hasten on the good old way.

Chorus.

And I'll sing hallelujah,
And glory be to God on high;
And I'll sing hallelujah—
There's glory beaming through the sky.

2 Our conflicts here, though great they be,
Will not prevent our victory,

If we but watch, and strive, and pray,
Like soldiers, in the good old way.
And I'll sing, etc.

3 O good old way! how sweet thou art!
May none of us from thee depart;
But may our actions always say,
We're marching in the good old way.
And I'll sing, etc.

4 Though Satan may his powers employ,
Our peace and comfort to destroy,
Yet never fear; we'll gain the day,
And shout and sing the good old way.
And I'll sing, etc.

5 And when on Pisgah's top we stand,
And view by faith the promised land,
Then we may sing, and shout, and pray,
And march along the good old way.
And I'll sing, etc.

6 Ye valiant souls, for heaven contend;
Remember glory's at the end;
Our God will wipe all tears away
When we have run the good old way.
And I'll sing, etc.

7 Then far above this mortal shore
We'll meet with those who've gone before,
And shout to think we've gained the day
By marching in the good old way.
And I'll sing, etc.

750 5s. & 11s. C. WESLEY.

Newness of Life.

COME, let us anew
Our journey pursue,
Roll round with the year,
And never stand still till the Master appear:

His adorable will
Let us gladly fulfil,
And our talents improve
By the patience of hope and the labor of love.

2 Our life is a dream;
Our time, as a stream,
Glides swiftly away,
And the fugitive moment refuses to stay:
The arrow is flown,
The moment is gone;
The millennial year
Rushes on to our view, and eternity's here.

3 O that each in the day
Of his coming may say,
"I have fought my way through,
I have finished the work thou didst give me to do!"
O that each from his Lord
May receive the glad word,
"Well and faithfully done!
Enter into my joy and sit down on my throne!"

751 6s. & 4s.

Leaning on Jesus.

MY faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me when I pray,
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire:

As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A burning fire.

3 When life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide:
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Saviour, then in love
Fear and distress remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

752 C. M. SUTTON.

The Christian's Hope.

HAIL, sweetest, dearest tie, that binds
Our glowing hearts in one!
Hail, sacred hope, that tunes our minds
To harmony divine!
It is the hope, the blissful hope,
Which Jesus' grace has given;
The hope, when days and years are past,
We all shall meet in heaven.
We all shall meet in heaven at last,
We all shall meet in heaven;
The hope, when days and years are past,
We all shall meet in heaven.

2 What though the northern wintry blast
Shall howl around the cot?
What though beneath an eastern sun
Be cast the distant lot?
Yet still we share the blissful hope
Which Jesus' grace has given,
The hope, when days and years are past,
We all shall meet in heaven.
We all shall meet in heaven at last,
We all shall meet in heaven;
The hope, when days and years are past,
We all shall meet in heaven.

3 From Burmah's shore, from Afric's strand,
From India's burning plain,
From Europe, from Columbia's land,
We hope to meet again:
It is the hope, the blissful hope,
Which Jesus' grace has given;
The hope, when days and years are past,
We all shall meet in heaven.
We all shall meet in heaven at last,
We all shall meet in heaven;
The hope, when days and years are past,
We all shall meet in heaven.

4 No lingering look, no parting sigh
Our future meeting knows;
There friendship beams from every eye,
And hope immortal grows:
O sacred hope, O blissful hope,
Which Jesus' grace has given!
The hope, when days and years are past,
We all shall meet in heaven.
We all shall meet in heaven at last,
We all shall meet in heaven;
The hope, when days and years are past,
We all shall meet in heaven.

753 L. M. STEELE.

Eternity anticipated.

ETERNITY is just at hand;
And shall I waste my ebbing sand,
And careless view departing day,
And throw my inch of time away?

2 Eternity! tremendous sound!
To guilty souls a dreadful wound;
But O! if Christ and heaven be mine,
How sweet the accents! how divine!

3 Be this my chief, my only care,
My high pursuit, my ardent prayer—
An interest in the Saviour's blood,
My pardon sealed, and peace with God.

4 But should my brightest hopes be vain—
The rising doubts, how sharp their pain!
My fears, O gracious God, remove;
Confirm my title to thy love.

5 Search, Lord, O search my inmost heart,
And light, and hope, and joy impart;
From guilt and error set me free,
And guide me safe to heaven and thee.

754 8s. & 7s. ROBINSON.

Grateful Recollections.

COME, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount—O! fix me on it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord; take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

755 7s. A. J. Baird.

The Penitent.

POOR and helpless, Lord, I come,
Blind and sinful, to thy throne:
All my life from thee I've strayed,
Of myself a rebel made.

2 Late I heard thy voice of grace,
Turned to see thy smiling face:
Justice drove my soul away,
Mercy called me yet to stay.

3 Jesus, canst thou bid me live?
Canst thou all my sins forgive?
O, I've sinned against thy love,
Oft against thy Spirit strove.

4 Mercy, mercy can there be—
Mercy for a wretch like me?
None, I know, but Jesus' love
Can my load of guilt remove.

5 Darkness gathers o'er my heart:
Mine is sure the sinner's part!
Hope seems gone, and sorrows rise:
Prospects die, and comfort flies.

6 Yet I hear thy blessed word
Whispered by thy Spirit, Lord:
"All thy works are vain," it saith:
"Jesus saves alone through faith.

7 "Troubled soul, on Jesus rest:
O believe, and thou art blest:
'Twas for such as thee he died:
See his hands, his feet, his side!"

8 O what comfort here I find!
O what rapture fills my mind!
Jesus, all I give to thee:
Help me, Lord, to follow thee.

756 8s. & 7s. GRANT.

Taking up the Cross.

JESUS, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee:
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition—
God and heaven are still my own!

2 Let the world despise and leave me—
They have left my Saviour too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me—
Thou art not, like them, untrue;
And while thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate, and friends disown me;
Show thy face, and all is bright.

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3 Go, then, earthly fame and treasure:
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain:
In thy service pain is pleasure—
With thy favor loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba, Father;
I have set my heart on thee:
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather—
All must work for good to me.

4 Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to thy breast:
Life with trials hard may press me—
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
O, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While thy love is left to me:
O, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with thee!

5 Soul, then know thy full salvation:
Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care:
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee:
Think what Father's smiles are thine:
Think that Jesus died to win thee:
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

6 Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thine earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

757 10s. & 11s. MOORE.

The Disconsolate comforted.

COME, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come, at the mercy-seat fervently kneel;

Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

2 Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure,
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying,
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot cure.

3 Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, boundless in love:
Come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but Heaven can remove.

758 6s. & 5s.

When shall we meet again?

WHEN shall we meet again,
Meet ne'er to sever?
When will peace wreathe her chain
Round us for ever?
Our hearts will ne'er repose
Safe from the blast that blows
In this dark vale of woes—
Never—no, never!

2 When shall love freely flow
Pure as life's river?
When shall sweet friendship glow
Changeless for ever?
Where joys celestial thrill,
Where bliss each heart shall fill,
And fears of parting chill
Never—no, never!

3 Up to that world of light
Take us, dear Saviour:
May we all there unite,
Happy for ever:
Where kindred spirits dwell,
There may our music swell,
And time our joys dispel
Never—no, never!

4 Soon shall we meet again,
Meet ne'er to sever:
Soon will peace wreathe her chain
Round us for ever:
Our hearts shall then repose
Secure from worldly woes;
Our songs of praise shall close
Never—no, never!

759 C. M. WATTS.

Martyrs glorified.

"THESE glorious minds, how bright they shine!
Whence all their white array?
How came they to the happy seats
Of everlasting day?"

2 From torturing pains to endless joys
On fiery wheels they rode,
And strangely washed their raiment white
In Jesus' dying-blood.

3 Now they approach th' eternal God,
And bow before his throne;
Their warbling harps and sacred songs
Adore the Holy One.

4 The unveiled glories of his face
Among his saints reside,
While the rich treasure of his grace
Sees all their wants supplied.

5 Tormenting thirst shall leave their souls,
And hunger flee as fast:
The fruit of life's immortal tree
Shall be their sweet repast.

6 The Lamb shall lead his heavenly flock
Where living fountains rise;
And love divine shall wipe away
The sorrows of their eyes.

760 10s. & 11s.

Birth of Christ.

HAIL the blest morn! see the great Mediator
Down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger:
Lo! for his guard the bright angels attend.

2 Bright in the east, lo! the Son of the Morning
Dawns on our darkness, and lends us his aid;
While his pure light, the horizon adorning,
Guides where our infant Redeemer is laid.

3 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops 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.

4 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Eden and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

5 Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure:
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

761 P. M.

Rejoicing in Hope.

OUR bondage here shall end by and by:
From Egypt's yoke set free,
Hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we'll return by and by.

2 Our Deliverer will come by and by,
And our sorrows have an end
With our threescore years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day, by and by.

3 Though our enemies are strong, we'll go on;
Though our hearts dissolve with fear,
Lo! Sinai's God is near:
While the fiery pillar moves, we'll go on.

4 By Marah's bitter streams, we'll go on;
Though Becca's vale be dry,
And the land yield no supply,
To a land of corn and wine we'll go on.

5 And when to Jordan's flood we are come,
Jehovah rules the tide,
And the waters he'll divide,
And the ransomed host shall shout, We are come.

6 Then friends shall meet again who have loved;
Our embraces shall be sweet
At the dear Redeemer's feet,
When we meet to part no more, who have loved.

7 Then, with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice,
Shouting glory to our King,
Till the vaults of heaven shall ring,
And through all eternity we'll rejoice.

762 L. M. H. K. White.

WHEN, marshalled on the nightly plain,
The glittering hosts bestud the sky,
One star alone, of all the train,
Can fix the sinner's wandering eye.

2 Hark! hark! to God the chorus breaks
From every host, from every gem;
But one alone the Saviour speaks—
It is the Star of Bethlehem.

3 Once on the raging seas I rode;
The storm was loud, the night was dark,
The ocean yawned, and rudely blowed
The wind that tossed my foundering bark.

4 Deep horror then my vitals froze;
Death-struck, I ceased the tide to stem;
When suddenly a star arose—
It was the Star of Bethlehem.

5 It was my guide, my light, my all;
It bade my dark forebodings cease;
And, through the storm and dangerous thrall,
It led me to the port of peace.

6 Now, safely moored, my perils o'er,
I'll sing, first in night's diadem,
For ever and for evermore,
The Star, the Star of Bethlehem.

763 7s. Mrs. Masters.

Pleasures of Religion.

'TIS religion that can give
Sweetest pleasures while we live:
'Tis religion can supply
Solid comfort when we die.

2 After death its joys shall be
Lasting as eternity:
Be the living God my friend,
Then my joys shall never end.

764 8s. & 9s.

Our buried Friends.

MY buried friends can I forget?
Or must the grave eternal sever?
They linger in my memory yet,
And in my heart they'll live for ever.
They loved me once with love sincere,
And never did their love deceive me;
But often in my conflicts here
They rallied quickly to relieve me.

2 I fain would weep—but what of tears?
No tears of mine could e'er recall them;
Nor would I wish that grovelling cares,
Cares like to mine, should e'er befall them.
They rest in realms of light and love;
They dwell upon the mount of glory;
They bask in beams of bliss above,
And shout to tell their happy story.

3 I heard them bid the world adieu;
I saw them on the rolling billow:
Their far-off home appeared in view,
While yet they pressed a dying-pillow.
I heard the parting pilgrim tell,
While passing Jordan's stormy river,
"Adieu to earth, for all is well;
Now all is well with me for ever."

4 O how I long to join their wing,
And range their fields of blooming flowers!
Come, holy watchers, come and bring
A mourner to your blissful bowers.

I'd speed with rapture on my way,
  Nor would I pause at Jordan's river;
With songs I'd enter endless day,
  And live with my loved friends for ever.

765 7s. & 6s.

Longing to see Jesus.

O WHEN shall I see Jesus,
  And reign with him above,
And drink the flowing fountain
  Of everlasting love?
When shall I be delivered
  From this vain world of sin,
And with my blessed Jesus
  Drink endless pleasures in?

2 But now I am a soldier:
  My Captain's gone before:
He's given me my orders,
  And tells me not to fear;
And if I hold out faithful,
  A crown of life he'll give,
And all his valiant soldiers
  Eternal life shall have.

3 Through grace I am determined
  To conquer, though I die;
And then away to Jesus
  On wings of love I'll fly.
Farewell to sin and sorrow,
  I bid them all adieu;
And you, my friends, prove faithful,
  And on your way pursue.

4 And if you meet with troubles
  And trials on the way,
Then cast your care on Jesus,
  And don't forget to pray:

Gird on the heavenly armor
Of faith, and hope, and love,
And when your race is ended,
You'll reign with him above.

5 O do not be discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge,
He'll not refuse to lend;
Neither will he upbraid you,
Though often you request:
He'll give you grace to conquer,
And take you home to rest.

766 L. M. C. WESLEY.

Trust and Confidence.

AWAY, my unbelieving fear!
Let fear in me no more have place:
My Saviour doth not yet appear;
He hides the brightness of his face:
But shall I therefore let him go,
And basely to the tempter yield?
No, in the strength of Jesus, no!
I never will give up my shield.

2 Although the vine its fruit deny;
Although the olive yield no oil;
The withering fig tree droop and die,
The field illude the tiller's toil;
The empty stall no herd afford,
And perish all the bleating race;
Yet I will triumph in the Lord,
The God of my salvation praise.

3 Away, each unbelieving fear!
Let fear to cheering hope give place;
My Saviour will at length appear,
And show the brightness of his face.

Though now my prospects all be crossed,
My blooming hopes cut off I see,
Yet will I in my Saviour trust,
And glory that he died for me.

4 In hope—believing against hope—
His promised mercy will I claim;
His gracious word shall bear me up
To seek salvation in his name.
Soon, my dear Saviour, bring it nigh!
My soul shall then outstrip the wind,
On wings of love mount up on high,
And leave the world and sin behind.

767 11s.

Social Worshippers parting.

FAREWELL, loving Christians; the time is at hand
When we must be parted from this social band:
Our several engagements do call us away—
Separation is needful, and we must obey.

2 Farewell, my dear brethren; farewell for a while:
We'll soon meet again, if kind Providence smile;
But when we are parted and scattered abroad,
We'll pray for each other when wrestling with God.

3 Farewell, faithful soldiers; you'll soon be discharged:
The war's almost over, the crown is enlarged:
With singing and praising, though Jordan may roar,
You'll enter fair Canaan, and rest on the shore.

4 Farewell, ye young converts, who've listed
for war:
Sore trials await you, but Jesus is near:
Although you must travel this dark wilderness,
Your Captain's before you—he'll lead you to
rest.

5 Farewell, seeking mourners, ye broken in
heart:
O, go to the Saviour, and choose the good part;
He's full of compassion, and mighty to save:
His arms are extended—your souls he'll re-
ceive.

6 Farewell, careless sinners: for you I do
mourn,
To think of your danger, and great unconcern:
You've heard of the judgment where all must
appear—
O, there you'll stand trembling with torment-
ing fear.

7 Your frolics and pastimes, in which you de-
light,
Will serve to torment you in that dread affright;
You'll think of the sermons that you've heard
in vain,
When hope's gone for ever of hearing again.

8 Farewell, fellow-travellers; farewell, all
around:
Perhaps we'll not meet till the last trump shall
sound:
To meet you in glory I give you my hand,
The Saviour to praise in a pure social band.

768 C. M.

Fellowship with God.

FROM all that's mortal, all that's vain,
And from this earthly clod,

Arise, my soul, and strive to gain
Some fellowship with God.

2 Say, what is there below the sky,
Or all the paths thou'st trod,
Can suit thy wishes or thy joys
Like fellowship with God?

3 Not life, nor all the toys of art,
Nor pleasure's flowery road,
Can to my soul such bliss impart
As fellowship with God.

4 Nor health, nor friendship here below,
Nor wealth, that golden load,
Can such delights and comforts show
As fellowship with God.

5 When I, in love, am made to bear
Affliction's needful rod,
Light, sweet, and kind the strokes appear,
Through fellowship with God.

6 In fierce temptation's fiery blast,
And dark distraction's road,
I'm happy, if I can but taste
Some fellowship with God.

7 And when the icy arms of death
Shall chill my flowing blood,
With joy I'll yield my latest breath,
In fellowship with God.

8 When I at last to heaven ascend,
And gain that blest abode,
There an eternity I'll spend
In fellowship with God.

DOXOLOGIES.

C. M.

LET God the Father, and the Son,
And Spirit be adored,
Where there are works to make him known,
Or saints to love the Lord.

C. M.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

C. M. D.

THE God of mercy be adored,
Who calls our souls from death,
Who saves by his redeeming Word
And new-creating Breath.
To praise the Father, and the Son,
And Spirit, all divine,
The One in Three, and Three in One,
Let saints and angels join.

L. M.

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

L. M.

TO God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honor, praise, and glory given
By all on earth and all in heaven.

C. P. M.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Be praise amid the heavenly host,
And in the Church below;
From whom all creatures draw their breath,
By whom redemption blessed the earth,
From whom all comforts flow.

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O FATHER Almighty, to thee be addressed,
With Christ and the Spirit, one God ever blest,
All glory and worship from earth and from heaven,
As was, and is now, and shall ever be given.

H. M.

TO God the Father's throne
Your highest honors raise;
Glory to God the Son;
To God the Spirit praise:
With all our powers,
Eternal King,
Thy name we sing,
While faith adores.

S. M.

TO the Eternal Three,
In will and essence One,
Be universal homage paid,
And equal honors done.

S. M. WATTS.

GIVE to the Father praise,
Give glory to the Son;
And to the Spirit of his grace
Be equal honor done.

S. M.

YE angels round the throne,
And saints that dwell below,
Adore the Father, praise the Son,
And bless the Spirit too.

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SING we to our God above
Praise eternal as his love:
Praise him, all ye heavenly host—
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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MAY the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

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GLORY be to God the Father,
Glory to the eternal Son;
Sound aloud the Spirit's praises;
Join the elders round the throne;
Hallelujah!
Hail the glorious Three in One.

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TO Father, Son, and Spirit ever blest,
Eternal praise and worship be addressed;
From age to age, ye saints, his name adore,
And spread his fame till time shall be no more.

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