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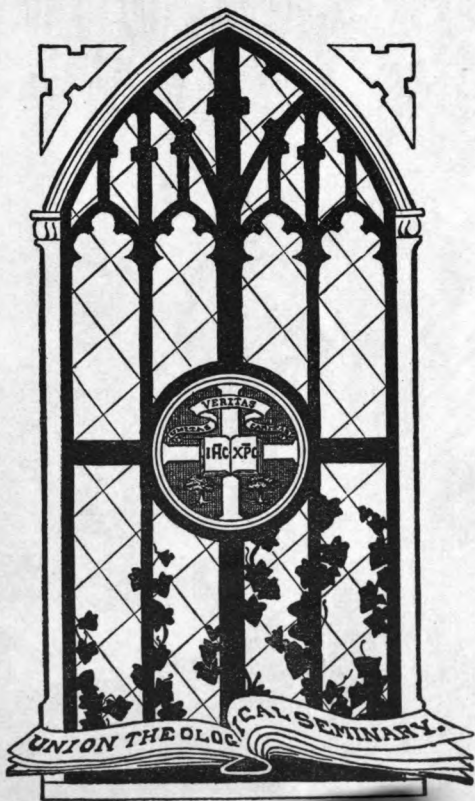


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PREFATORY NOTE.

UNLESS the experience of others in the ministry has differed greatly from our own, many have seriously felt the want of some convenient hand-book for use at funerals. To meet this want is the aim of this little volume. It consists of four parts.

The first part embraces selections of Scripture passages arranged under the various heads indicated in the table of contents. First, come those relating to the divine Sovereignty, that in wisdom and righteousness disposes of human life and comforts. Then follow others on the brevity of life, the certainty of death, and the woes of the Great Sufferer. After these come Scriptures adapted to the various ages and conditions of the departed, followed by others on affliction, resignation and consolation, closing with the resurrection and heaven.

In the *second* and *third parts* some of these passages are grouped together in more formal and compact funeral services, for use at the house of mourning and at the grave. These may be used entire, or with such additions or omissions as the judgment may dictate or the occasion require.

The fourth part includes brief passages from the poets, adapted to various occasions, to be used at will in connection with the Scriptures.

The book is small, so as to be easily carried and conveniently handled. We trust that it may be welcomed as an aid in the ever-recurring solemnities to which we are called in the families of our often and sorely-smitten people.

W. P. BREED.

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PART I.

GENERAL SELECTIONS.

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HAND-BOOK FOR FUNERALS.

DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY.

THE Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD's thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein *is*.

Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone: thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshipeth thee.

He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

The heavens *are* thine, the earth *also is* thine: *as for* the world and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight, *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor?

Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

For of him, and through him, and to

him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

BREVITY OF LIFE.

MAN *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* none abiding.

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

My days are swifter than a post: they flee away.

They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle *that* hasteth to the prey.

The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no *more*: thine eyes *are* upon me, and I *am* not.

As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no *more*.

He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

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For we *are but of* yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth *are* a shadow.

Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

Behold, thou hast made my days *as* a handbreadth; and mine age *is* as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state *is* altogether vanity. Selah.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.

The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood: they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

LORD, what *is* man, that thou takest know-

ledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

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

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Truly, *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, *there is* but a step between me and death.

THE CERTAINTY OF DEATH.

IT is appointed unto men once to die.

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of a hireling?

Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass:

For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground:

Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?

As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up;

So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

When a few years are come, then I shall go the way *whence* I shall not return.

For I know *that* thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches :

None of *them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him :

(For the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever :)

That he should still live for ever, *and* not see corruption.

What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no discharge in *that* war.



THE MAN OF SORROWS.

AS many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men :

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

He hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many.

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.



FUNERAL OF THE AGED.

THEN Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died, and was gathered unto his people.

And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third *generation*: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die; and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

So Joseph died, *being* a hundred and ten

years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.



FUNERAL OF THE AGED SAINT.

MARK the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that man is* peace.

Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

And *even* to *your* old age I *am* he; and *even* to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

FUNERAL OF A FATHER.

AND Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which *is* beyond Jordan; and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This *is* a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which *is* beyond Jordan.



FUNERAL OF A HUSBAND.

NOW it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-le-

hem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelt there about ten years.

And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.

So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is this Naomi?*

And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

I went out full, and the LORD hath

brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive; and let thy widows trust in me.



FUNERAL OF A WIFE.

THE word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke:

So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

I *am* a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

And after this, Abraham buried Sarah

his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre.



FUNERAL OF A BROTHER.

I AM distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.

Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God which should come into the world.

And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

And said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see.

Jesus wept.

Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

FUNERAL OF A YOUNG MAN.

AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am.*

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

And the king said unto Cush, *Is the young man Absalom safe?* And Cush answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do *thee* hurt, be as *that* young man *is.*

And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom! my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

And they fell *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

And it came to pass the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her.



FUNERAL OF A YOUNG CHILD.

AND they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when *his* disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them.

But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said,

Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro. Behold, I was left alone:

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,

In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

And she went, and sat her down over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bow-shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lifted up her voice, and wept.

And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

And the elders of his house arose, *and went* to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshiped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

And he said unto his father, My head, my head! And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* well.

Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.

So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite:

Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well.

FUNERAL OF A PUBLIC MAN.

AND Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

And David said to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the bier.

And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

And the king lamented over Abner.

And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the sun be down.

And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?



HUMAN AFFLICTION.

ALTHOUGH affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;

Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged: and *though* I forbear, what am I eased?

Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members *are* as a shadow.

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that *were* with him:

And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

And said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see.

Jesus wept.

THE AFFLICTIONS OF SAINTS.

MANY *are* the afflictions of the righteous :
but the LORD delivereth him out of
them all.

These things I have spoken unto you,
that in me ye might have peace. In the
world ye shall have tribulation : but be of
good cheer ; I have overcome the world.

For out of much affliction and anguish of
heart I wrote unto you with many tears ;

Of the Jews five times received I forty
stripes save one.

Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was
I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night
and a day I have been in the deep ;

In journeyings often, *in* perils of waters,
in perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own*
countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in*
perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness,
in perils in the sea, *in* perils among false
brethren ;

In weariness and painfulness, in watch-
ings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings
often, in cold and nakedness.

And others had trial of *cruel* mockings
and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and
imprisonment :

They were stoned, they were sawn asun-
der, were tempted, were slain with the

sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Of whom the world was not worthy: they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and dens and caves of the earth.



SUPPLICATION IN SORROW.

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to

me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul.



AFFLICTIONS SANCTIFIED.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*; *that* I may know how frail I *am*.

So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have seen evil.

They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, where \dot{e} n they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* my firstborn.

And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he *was* God.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God.

And they remembered that God *was* their Rock, and the high God their Redeemer.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake.

It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

Sorrow *is* better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

And I will cause you to pass under the

rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, *so* the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried:

they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.



SYMPATHY IN SORROW.

A FRIEND loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

To him that is afflicted pity *should be showed* from his friend.

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; *and* them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him, and to comfort him.

And when they lifted up their eyes afar

off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.



PIOUS RESIGNATION.

THEN Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped.

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it*.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.



HOLY CONFIDENCE.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea ;

Though the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion : in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me ; he shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me : therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy : I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou *art* with me ; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

For we know that, if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven :

If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord :

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

I know *that* my Redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth :

And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God :

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to be com-

pared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fullness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God

is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me:

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.



ADMONITION.

REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain :

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened.

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low ;

Also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which is high*, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail : because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets ;

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern :

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

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might ; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; *and* them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who* is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name:



CONSOLATION.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints.

Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

He that is our God *is* the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord *belong* the issues from death.

For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favor *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust.

As for man, his days *are* as grass: as a flower of the field, *so* he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is

gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The righteous hath hope in his death.

The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms:

He will swallow up death in victory; and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me: because the LORD hath anointed me to preach

good tidings unto the meek ; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound* ; to comfort all that mourn ;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness ; that they might be called Trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the Angel of his presence saved them : in his love and in his pity he redeemed them ; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

Fear thou not ; for I *am* with thee : be not dismayed ; for I *am* thy God : I will strengthen thee ; yea, I will help thee : yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee : when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned ; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations :

That the trial of your faith, being much

more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law:

That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity.

For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in

us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Who *is* among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh *in* darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down.

Thou shalt forget *thy* misery, and remember *it* as waters *that* pass away:

And *thine* age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

And thou shalt be secure, because there is

hope; yea, thou shalt dig *about thee*, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make *thee* afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.

The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep,

that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,

and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten :

Thou tellest my wanderings : put thou my tears into thy bottle : *are they* not in thy book ?

Let not your heart be troubled : ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions : if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself ; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.



THE RESURRECTION.

AND I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them : and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands ; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life : and I will raise him up at the last day.

Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present *us* with you.

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in

glory : it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power :

It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul ; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural ; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man *is* of the earth, earthy : the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy : and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God ; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery ; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump : for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

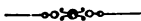
So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.



HEAVEN.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

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

And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he showed me a pure river of water

of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

And every creature which is in heaven,

and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four *and* twenty elders fell down and worshiped him that liveth for ever and ever.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God.

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest.

And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them; and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

PART II.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

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FUNERAL SERVICES.

I.

BENEATH our feet and o'er our head
Is equal warning given :
Beneath us lie the countless dead,
Above us is the heaven.

Death rides on every passing breeze,
And lurks in every flower ;
Each season has its own disease,
Its peril every hour.

THOU, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone ; thou
hast made heaven, the heaven of heav-
ens, with all their host, the earth, and all
things that *are* therein, the seas, and all that
is therein, and thou preservest them all ; and
the host of heaven worshipeth thee.

Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few
days, and full of trouble.

He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut
down : he fleeth also as a shadow, and con-
tinueth not.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth ; be-
cause thou didst *it*.

Remove thy stroke away from me : I am
consumed by the blow of thine hand.

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him, and to comfort him.

And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the Most High.

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into

the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name.

Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle *that* hasteth to the prey.

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Truly the light *is* sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun:

But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh *is* vanity.

Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; all *is* vanity.

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

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

Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*; *that* I may know how frail I *am*.

So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

[Here may be read, as the occasion may call, the selections adapted to the funeral of the aged, the young man or the public man.]



II.

How blest the righteous when he dies!
When sinks the weary soul to rest,
How mildly beam the closing eyes,
How gently heaves the expiring breast!

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.

O THE depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

For a thousand years in thy sight *are but*

as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? *are not* his days also like the days of a hireling?

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

As many were astonished at thee; his vis-

age was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men :

[Here may be read, as the occasion may demand, the selections appropriate to the death of an aged saint, a father, husband, wife, etc., as the case may be.]

Woe is me now ! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow ; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous : but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones : not one of them is broken.

And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment :

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword : they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins ; being destitute, afflicted, tormented ;

Of whom the world was not worthy : they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

O LORD, be gracious unto us ; we have waited for thee : be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

My grace is sufficient for thee : for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my

infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped,

And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other

creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest: as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

The spirit of the LORD GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God: to comfort all that mourn;

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called Trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his

temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Bury the dead, and weep
 In stillness o'er the loss;
 Bury the dead; in Christ they sleep
 Who bore on earth the cross.



III.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am. Behold thou hast made my days as a hand breadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee; verily, every man at his best estate is altogether vanity. All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. They are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth. Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither. The Lord

gave and the Lord hath taken away ; blessed be the name of the Lord.

I am the resurrection and the life [saith the Lord] ; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain; it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this

mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep; that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them. They shall

hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

FUNERAL OF A YOUNG CHILD.

It is well! nor would we our babe recall,
And soothing and sweet are the tears that fall;
But a few brief pains on *his* mother's breast,
And we lay *him* down in *his* holy rest,
Ere the world its snares around *him* threw,
Or its sins and its cares *he* ever knew.

THE voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,

In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when *his* disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them.

But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones ; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro. Behold, I was left alone ;

David therefore besought God for the child ; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

And the elders of his house arose, *and went* to him, to raise him up from the earth : but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead : for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice : how will he then vex himself if we tell him that the child is dead ?

But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead : therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead ? And they said, He is dead.

Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshiped : then he came to his

own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

Then said his servants unto him, What thing *is* this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to

him to day? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* well.

Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.

So she went and came unto the man of God to Mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yon-der is* that Shunammite:

Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well.

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped, and said:

The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God is

the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

From the group of little faces
 One is gone:
 In the old familiar places,
 Sad and lone,
 Father, mother, meek-eyed brother,
 Sit and moan.
 Weep not when ye tell the story
 Of the dead.
 'Tis a sunbeam joined the glory
 Overhead!
 "For of such sweet ones is heaven,"
 Jesus said.

PART III.

SERVICES AT THE GRAVE.

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AT THE GRAVE.

I.

How still and peaceful is the grave,
Where, life's vain tumults past,
The appointed house by heaven's decree
Receives us all at last!

Here servants, masters, poor and rich
Partake the same repose,
And here in peace the ashes mix
Of those who once were foes.

FOR I know *that* thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up;

So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.



II.

WHY do we mourn departing friends,
 And shake at death's alarms?
 'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
 To bear them to his arms.

The graves of all the saints he blest,
 And softened every bed ;
 Where should the dying members rest
 But with their dying Head?

AND when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock : and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.

And [Jesus] said, Where have ye laid him? 'They say unto him, Lord, come and see.

For I know *that* my Redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth :

And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God :

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another ; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth : Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors ; and their works do follow them.

POETIC SELECTIONS.

1.

PASSING AWAY.

FRRIEND after friend departs ;
Who has not lost a friend ?
There is no union here of hearts
That finds not here an end :
Were this vain world our only rest,
Living or dying none were blest.

Thus star by star declines,
Till all are passed away,
As morning high and higher shines,
To pure and perfect day ;
Nor sink those stars in empty night,
But hide themselves in heaven's own light.



2.

THE THORN-ROAD.

BY the thorn-road, and none other,
Is the mount of vision won ;
Tread it without shrinking, brother ;
Jesus trod it, press thou on !

3.

THE BELIEVER.

WHY do we mourn departing friends,
 And shake at death's alarms?
 'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
 To call them to his arms.

The graves of all the saints he blest,
 And softened every bed;
 Where should the dying members rest
 But with their dying Head?



4.

REST IN HEAVEN.

HIGH in yonder realms of light
 Dwell the raptured saints above;
 Far beyond our feeble sight,
 Happy in Immanuel's love.

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.



5.

BLESSED IN DEATH.

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!

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.

Farewell, conflicting hopes and fears,
 Where lights and shades alternate dwell;
 How bright the unchanging morn appears!
 Farewell, inconstant world, farewell!



6.

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN.

SHE hath escaped all danger now,
 Her pain and fighting all are fled;
 The crown of joy is on her brow,
 Eternal glories o'er her shed.

In golden robes, a queen, a bride,
 She standeth at her Sovereign's side;
 She sees his face unveiled and bright,
 A lesser light amid his light.



7.

THE SAINTED DEAD.

GOD calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
 What he has given:
 They live on earth in thought and deed as truly
 As in his heaven.



8.

ASLEEP IN JESUS.

ASLEEP in Jesus! blessed sleep,
 From which none ever wake to weep;
 A calm and undisturbed repose,
 Unbroken by the last of foes.

Asleep in Jesus! Oh how sweet
 To be for such a slumber meet!
 With holy confidence to sing
 That death has lost its venom'd sting!

9.

REST.

TWO hands upon the breast,
 And labor's done ;
 Two pale feet crossed in rest,
 The race is won.

Two eyes in slumber closed,
 And all tears cease ;
 Two lips where grief is mute,
 And wrath at peace.



10.

THE CHILD.

FROM adverse blasts and lowering storms
Her favored soul He bore,
 And with yon bright angelic forms
She lives to die no more.

Why should I vex my heart, or fast ?
 No more *she'll* visit me ;
 But I shall go to *her* at last,
 And there my darling see.



11.

THE YOUNG DAUGHTER.

SHE hath gone in the spring-time of life,
 Ere her sky had been dimmed by a cloud,
 While her heart with the rapture of love was yet rife
 And the hopes of her youth were unbowed.
 From the loving who loved her so well ;
 From the heart that had grown to her own ;
 From the sorrow which late o'er her young spirit fell,—
 Like a dream of the night she hath flown,
 And the earth now receives to its bosom its trust—
 Ashes to ashes and dust unto dust.

12.

THE INFANT.

IT is well ! nor would we our babe recall,
 And soothing and sweet are the tears that fall ;
 But a few brief pains on *his* mother's breast,
 And we lay *him* down in *his* holy rest,
 Ere the world its snares around *him* threw,
 Or its sins and its cares *he* ever knew.



13.

ONE OF THE CHILDREN.

FROM the group of little faces
 One is gone :
 In the old familiar places,
 Sad and lone,
 Father, mother, meek-eyed brother,
 Sit and moan.
 Weep not when ye tell the story
 Of the dead.
 'Tis a sunbeam joined the glory
 Overhead !
 "For of such sweet babes is heaven,"
 Jesus said.



14.

THE BABE.

SWEET babe no more, but seraph now,
 Before the throne behold *her* bow.
 To heavenly joys *her* spirit flies,
 Blest in the triumph of the skies,
 Adores the grace that brought her there
 Without a wish, without a care—
 That washed her soul in Calvary's stream,
 That shortened life's distressing dream.
 Short pain, short grief, dear babe, was thine,
 Now joys eternal and divine.

15.

BE READY.

BE ready! Many fall around,
 Our loved ones disappear;
 We know not when *our* call may come,
 Nor should we wait in fear;
 If *ready*, we can calmly rest:
 Living or dying we are blest.



16.

YET A LITTLE WHILE.

A FEW more struggles here,
 A few more partings o'er,
 A few more toils, a few more tears,
 And we shall weep no more.



17.

THE CHANGELESS HOME.

BEYOND the smiling and the weeping
 I shall be soon;
 Beyond the waking and the sleeping,
 Beyond the blooming and the fading,
 Beyond the shining and the shading,
 Beyond the hoping and the dreading,
 I shall be soon.
 Beyond the parting and the meeting,
 Beyond the farewell and the greeting,
 Beyond the pulse's fever-beating,
 I shall be soon!
 Love, rest and home,
 Sweet home!
 Lord, tarry not, but come!

18.

HEAVEN.

THERE is a land of pure delight
 Where saints immortal reign,
 Infinite day excludes the night,
 And pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides,
 And never-withering flowers :
 Death, like a narrow sea, divides
 This heavenly land from ours.

No shadows yonder ! All light and song ;
 Each day we wonder, and say, How long
 Shall time us sunder from that dear throng ?

No partings yonder ! Time and space never
 Again shall sunder, hearts cannot sever ;
 Dearer and fonder, hands clasp for ever !



19.

REUNION IN HEAVEN.

WE turn the pages that they read,
 Their written words we linger o'er ;
 Yet in the sun they cast no shade,
 No voice is heard, no sign is made,
 No step is on the conscious floor ;
 Yet love will dream and hope will trust,
 Since He who knows our need is just,
 That somehow, somewhere, meet we must !

“ Not as a child shall you again behold her,
 For when with raptures wild
 In your embraces you again enfold her
 She will not be a child ;
 But a fair maiden in her Father's mansion,
 Clothed with celestial grace,
 And beautified with all the soul's expansion,
 Shall you behold her face.”

20.

AT THE GRAVE.

UNVEIL thy bosom, faithful tomb,
Take this new treasure to thy trust,
And give these sacred relics room
To slumber in thy silent dust.

Nor pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear,
Invades thy bounds; no mortal woes
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here
While angels watch the soft repose.



21.

BURY the dead, and weep
In stillness o'er the loss;
Bury the dead; in Christ they sleep
Who bore on earth his cross:

Nor pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear,
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here,
And from this grave this dust shall rise
In Christ's own image to the skies!



22.

AT THE GRAVE OF A BABE.

WOULD we could sleep as *he*,
So stainless and so calm, at rest with thee,
And only wake in immortality!

Bear us with such away,
O God,
To that eternal, holier, happier day!



23.

REST, dear one, rest! Though tender ties are riven,
Flowers above thy pillow bloom;
Thou'lt meet us, dear one, at the gate of heaven
When we have laid *our* bodies in the tomb!

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