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PREFACE.

in the following Collection, were wrote upon the Scheme of the Mystick Divines. And these, 'tis own'd, we had once in great Veneration, as the best Explainers of the Gospel of CHRIST. But we are now convinced that we therein greatly err'd: not knowing the Scriptures, neither the Power of GOD. And because this is an Error which many serious Minds are sooner or later exposed to, and which indeed most easily besets those, who seek the LORD JESUS in Sincerity; we believe ourselves indispensably obliged, in the Presence of GOD and Angels, and Men, to declare wherein

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we apprehend those Writers, Not to teach the Truth as it is in Jesus.

2. And first, we apprehend them to lay Another Foundation. They are carefull indeed to pull down our oven Works, and to prove, that by the Deeds of the Law shall no flesh be justified. But why is this? Only, to establish our own Righteousness in the place of our own Works. They speak largely and well, against expecting to be accepted of GODfor our Virtuous Actions: And then teach, That we are to be accepted, For our Virtuous Habits or Tempers. Still the Ground of our Acceptance is placed in ourselves. The Difference is only this: Common Writers suppose we are to be justified, for the Sake of our Outward Righteousness. These suppose we are to be justified, for the Sake of our Inward Righteousness: Whereas in truth, we are no more justified, for the sake of one than of the other. For neither our own Inward nor Outward Righteoufness, is the Ground of our Justification. Holiness of Heart, as well as Holiness of Life, is not the Cause, but the Effect of

it. The Sole Cause of our Acceptance with GOD (or, That for the Sake of which on the Account of which we are accepted) is the Rightcousiness and the Death of CHRIST, who fulfilled GOD's Law, and died in our Stead. And even the Condition of it, is not (as they suppose) our Holiness either of Heart or Lise: But our Faith Alone; Faith contradiftinguish'd from Holiness as well as from Good Works. Other Foundation therefore can no Man lay, without being an Adversary to CHRIST and his Gospel, than Faith Alone, Faith, though necessarily producing both, yet not including either Good Works, or Holiness.

3. But supposing them to have laid the Foundation right, the Manner of building thereon which they advise, is quite opposite to that prescribed by CHRIST. He commands to build up one another. They advise, "To the Desert, to the Desert, " and GOD will build you up." Numberless are the Commendations that occur in all their Writings, not of Retirement intermix'd with Conversation, but of an intire Seclusion from Men, (perhaps for

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Months or Years) in order to purify the Soul. Whereas, according to the Judgment of our Lord, and the Writings of his Apostles, it is only ruben rue are knit together, that we have Nourishment from Him, and increase with the Increase of God. Neither is there any time, when the weakest Member can say to the strongest, or the strongest to the weakest, "I have no need of Thee." Accordingly our Bleffed Lord, when his Disciples were in their weakest State, sent them forth, not alone, but Two by Two. When they were strengthen'd a little, not by Solitude, but by abiding with bim and one another, he commanded them to wait, not separate but being assembled together, for the Promise of the Father. And they were all with one Accord in one Place, when they received the Gift of the Holy Ghaft. Express mention is made in the same Chapter, that when there were added unto them Three Thousand Souls, all that believed were together, and continued stedfastly not only in the Apostles Doctrine but also in fellowship and in breaking of Bread and in praying with one Accord. Agreeable

greeable to which is the Account the Great Apostle gives, of the Manner which he had been taught of GOD, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the edifying of the Body of Christ, even to the end of the World. And according to St. Paul, all rebo reill ever come, in the Unity of the Faith, unto a perfect Man, unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fulness of Christ, must together grow up into him. From whom the whole Body fitly join'd together and compacted (or strengthen'd) by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual Working in the Measure of every part, maketh Increase of the Body, unto the Edifying of itself in Love. Ephesians iv. 15, 16.

4. So reidely distant is the Manner of Building up Souls in CHRIST taught by St. Paul, from that taught by the Mysticks! Nor do they differ as to the Foundation, or the Manner of Building thereon, more than they do with Regard to the Superstructure. For the Religion these Authors reou'd edify us in, is Solitary

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tary Religion. If Thou wilt be Perfect, say they, "trouble not thyself a"bout Outward Works. It is better to
"work Virtues in the Will. He hath
"attain'd the True Resignation, who
"bath estranged himself from all Out"ward Works, that GOD may work
"inwardly in him, without any turning
"to Outward Things. These are the
"true Worshipters, who worship GOD,
"in Spirit and in Truth." For Contemplation is with them, the fulfilling
of the Law, even a Contemplation that
"consists in a Cessation of all Works."

of CHRIST. Solitary Religion is not to be found there. "Holy Solitaries" is a Phrase no more consistent with the Gospel of CHRIST knows of no Religion, but Social; no Holiness but Social Heliness. Taith working by Love, is the length and breadth and depth and height of Christian Persection. This Commandment have we from Christ Commandment have we from Christ Brother also: And that we manifest our Love,

by doing good unto all Men; especially to them that are of the Household of Faith. And in truth, who-soever loveth his Brethren not in Word only, but as CHRIST loved him, cannot but be zealous of Good Works. He seels in his Soul a burning, restless Desire, of stending and being spent for them. My Father, will he say, worketh hitherto and I work, And at all possible Opportunities, he is, like his Master, going about doing good.

6. This then is the Way: Walk Ye in it, whosever Ye are that have believed in his Name. Ye know, Other Foundation can no Man lay, than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ. Ye feel that by Grace Ye are saved thro' Faith; saved from Sin, by CHRIST form'd in your Hearts, and from Fear, by his Spirit bearing Witness with your Spirit, that Ye are the Sons of God. Ye are taught of GOD, not to forsake the assembling of yourselves together, as the Manner of some is; but to instruct, admonish, exhort, reprove, comfort, consirm and every Way build up one another. Ye

have an Unction from the Holy One, that teacheth you to renounce any other or higher Perfection, than Faith working by Love, Faith zealous of Good Works, Faith as it hath opportunity doing good unto all Men. As Ye have therefore received Jesus Christ the Lord, fo Walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in Him, and stablish'd in the Faith and abounding therein more and more. Only, beware lest any Man spoil you thro' Philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of Men, after the rudiments of the World, and not after Christ. For Ye are complete in Him. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last. Only continue in Him, grounded and settled and be not moved away from the Hope of the Gospel: And when Christ, who is our Life, shall appear, then shall Ye also appear with him in Glory!

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PART I.

Eupolis' Hymn to the Creator.

With unfading Beauties bright,
Fulness, Goodness, rolling round
Thy own fair Orb without a Bound:
Whether Thee thy Supplicants call
Truth, or Good, or One, or All,
Ei or Iao; Thee we hail
Essence that can never fail,
Grecian or Barbaric Name,
Thy stedsaft Being still the same.

Thee, when Morning greets the Skies With rosy Cheeks and humid Eyes; Thee, when sweet-declining Day Sinks in purple Waves away; Thee will I sing, O Parent Fove And teach the World to praise and love.

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Yonder:

Yonder azure Vault on high,
Yonder blue, low, liquid Sky,
Earth on its firm Basis plac'd,
And with circling Waves embrac'd,
All, Creating Pow'r confess,
All their mighty Maker bless.
Thou shak'st all Nature with thy Nod,
Sea, Earth and Air confess the God:
Yet does thy pow'rful Hand sustain
Both Earth and Heaven, both Firm and Main.

Scarce can our daring Thought arise.
To thy Pavilion in the Skies;
Nor can Plato's self declare
The Bliss, the Joy, the Rapture there.
Barren above Thou dost not reign,
But circled with a glorious Train,
The Sons of God, the Sons of Light,
Ever joying in thy Sight:
(For Thee their filver Harps are strung,)
Ever beauteous, ever young,
Angelic Forms their Voices raise,
And thro' Heav'n's Arch resound thy Praise.

The Feather'd Souls that swim the Air, And bathe in liquid Ether there, The Lark, Precentor of their Choir Leading them higher still and higher, Listen and learn; th' angelic Notes Repeating in their warbling Throats: And ere to soft Repose they go, Teach them to their Lords below: On the green Turf, their mossy Nest, The Ev'ning Anthem swells their Breast. Thus like thy Golden Chain from high, Thy Praise unites the Earth and Sky.

Source

On his burning Axles run;
The Stars like Dust around him sly,
And shew the Area of the Sky.
He drives so swift his Race above,
Mortals can't perceive him move:
So smooth his Course, oblique or strait,
Olympus shakes not with his Weight.
As the Queen of solemn Night
Fills at his Vase her Orb of Light,
Imparted Lustre; Thus we see,
The solar Virtue shines by Thee.

Eiresione we'll no more, Imaginary Pow'r, adore; Since Oil, and Wool, and chearing Wine, And Life-sustaining Bread is thine.

Thy Herbage, O Great Pan, sustains The Flocks that graze our Attic Plains; The Olive, with fresh Verdure crown'd, Rifes pregnant from the Ground; At thy Command it shoots and springs, And a thousand Blessings brings. Minerva, only is thy Mind, Wisdom, and Bounty to Mankind. The fragrant Thyme, the bloomy Rose, Herb and Flow'r and Shrub that grows On Thessalian Tempe's Plain, Or where the rich Sabeans reign, That treat the Taste or Smell or Sight, For Food, for Med'cine or Delight; Planted by thy Parent Care, Spring and smile and flourish there.

O ye Nurses of soft Dreams, Reedy Brooks and winding Streams,

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Or murm'ring o'er the Pebbles sheen, Or sliding thro' the Meadows green, Or where thro' matted Sedge you creep, Travelling to your Parent Deep: Sound his Praise, by whom you rose, That Sea, which neither ebbs nor slows.

O ye immortal Woods and Groves, Which the enamour'd Student loves; Beneath whose venerable shade, For Thought and friendly Converse made, Fam'd Hecadem, old Hero, lies, Whose Shrine is shaded from the Skies, And thro' the Gloom of silent Night Projects from far its trembling Light; You, whose Roots descend as low, As high in Air your Branches grow; Your leafy Arms to Heav'n extend, Bend your Heads, in Homage bend: Cedars and Pines that wave above, And the Oak belov'd of Jove.

Omen, Monster, Prodigy,
Or nothing are, or fove from Thee!
Whether various Nature play,
Or re-invers'd thy Will obey,
And to Rebel Man declare
Famine, Plague or Wasteful War.
Laugh, ye Profane, who dare despise
The threatning Vengeance of the Skies,
Whilst the Pious, on his Guard,
Undismay'd is still prepar'd:
Life or Death, his Mind's at rest,
Since what Thou send'st must needs be best,

No Evil can from Thee proceed: 'Tis only Suffer'd, not Decreed.
Darkness is not from the Sun,
Nor mount the Shades till he is gone:
Then does Night obscene arise
From Erebus, and fill the Skies,
Fantastic Forms the Air invade,
Daughters of Nothing and of Shade.

Can we forget thy Guardian Care, Slow to punish, prone to spare! Thou brak'st the haughty Persian's Pride, That dar'd old Ocean's Pow'r deride; Their Shipwrecks strew'd th' Eubean Wave, At Marathon they found a Grave. O ye blest Greeks who there expir'd, For Greece with pious Ardor sir'd, What Shrines or Altars shall we raise To secure your Endless Praise? Or need we Monuments supply, To rescue what can never die!

And yet a Greater Hero far (Unless Great Socrates could err)
Shall rise to bless some future Day,
And teach to live, and teach to pray.
Come, Unknown Instructor, come!
Our leaping Hearts shall make Thee room;
Thou with Fove our Vows shalt share,
Of Fove and Thee We are the Care.

O Father King, whose heav'nly Face Shines serene on All thy Race, We thy Magnisicence adore, And thy well-known Aid implore: Nor vainly for thy Help we call; Nor can we want: For thou art All!

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Solitude. From the Latin.

COLITUDE! where shall I find Thee, pleasing to the thoughtful Mind! Sweet Delights to Thee belong, Untafted by the vulgar Throng. Weary of Vice and Noise I slee, Sweetest Comforter, to Thee. Here the Mild and Holy Dove Peace inspires and Joy and Love. Thy unmolested, silent Shade No tumultuous Sounds invade: No Stain of Guilt is feen in Thee, To foil thy spotless Purity. Here the smiling Fields around Softest Harmony resound. Here with Angel Quires combin'd, The Lord of his own peaceful Mind Glides thro' Life, from Business far, And noify Strife, and eating Care. Here retir'd from Pomp and State ('The envy'd Torment of the Great) Innocent he leads his Days, Far from giddy Thirst of Praise. Here his Accounts with studious Care Preparing for the last great Bar, He weeps the Stains of Guilt away, And ripens for Eternal Day.

Hoarded Wealth desire who please, Tow'rs and gilded Palaces. Fraudless Silence may I find, Solitude and Peace of Mind;

HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

To all the bufy World unknown, Seen and lov'd by God alone.

Ye Rich, ye Learn'd, ye Great, confess. This in Life is Happiness, To live (unknown to all abroad)
To myself only and my Goo.

The Mystery of Life.

I.

SO many Years I've seen the Sun,
And call'd these Eyes and Hands my own,
A thousand little Acts I've done
And Childhood have and Manhood known:
O what is Life! and this dull Round
To tread, why was a Spirit bound?

II.

So many airy Draughts and Lines,
And warm Excursions of the Mind,
Have fill'd my Soul with great Designs,
While Practice grovel'd far behind:
O what is Thought! and where withdraw
The Glories which my Fancy saw?

III.

So many tender Joys and Woes

Have on my quiv'ring Soul had Pow'r;
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IV.

So many human Souls Divine,
Some at one Interview display'd,
Some oft and freely mixt with mine,
In lasting Bonds my Heart have laid:
O what is Friendship! why imprest
On my weak, wretched, dying Breast?

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So many wondrous Gleams of Light,
And gentle Ardors from above,
Have made me sit, like Seraph bright,
Some Moments on a Throne of Love:
O what is Virtue! why had I,
Who am so low, a Taste so high?

VI.

Ere long, when Sov'reign Wisdom wills,
My Soul an unknown Path shall tread,
And strangely leave, who strangely sills
This Frame, and wast me to the Dead:
O what is Death?—'tis Life's last Shore,
Where Vanities are vain no more;
Where all Pursuits their Goal obtain,
And Life is all retouch'd again;
Where in their bright Result shall rise
Thoughts, Virtues, Friendships, Griefs and Joys.

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As K not, who ended here his Span?

His Name, Reproach and Praise, was Man.
Did no great Deeds adorn his Course?

No Deed of His, but shew'd him worse:
One Thing was great, which God supply'd,
He suffer'd Human Life—and Dy'd.

What Points of Knowledge did he gain?

That Life was facred all—and Vain:
Sacred how high, and vain how low?

He knew not here, but dy'd to know.

VIRTUE. Altered from Herbert.

I.

SWEET Day, so cool, so calm, so bright,
The Bridal of the Earth and Sky:
The Dew shall weep thy Fall to Night,
For Thou with all thy Sweets must die!

II.

Sweet Rose, so fragrant and so brave,
Dazling the rash Beholder's Eye:
Thy Root is ever in its Grave,
And Thou with all thy Sweets must die!

TH.

Sweet Spring, so beauteous and so gay,
Storehouse, where Sweets unnumber'd lie:
Not long thy fading Glories stay,
But Thou with all thy Sweets must die!

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TO HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

IV.

Only a Sweet and Virtuous Mind, When Nature all in Ruins lies, When Earth and Heav'n a Period find, Begins a Life that never dies!

Upon list'ning to the Vibrations of a Clock.

Instructive Sound! I'm now convinc'd by Thee Time in its Womb may bear Infinity. How the past Moment dies, and throbs no more! What Worlds of Parts compose the rolling Hour! The least of these a serious Care demands; For the they're little, yet they're Golden Sands: By some great Deeds distinguish'd all in Heav'n, For the same End to me by Number giv'n! Cease, Man, to lavish Sums thou ne'er hast told! Angels, the' Deathless, dare not be so bold!

Doomsday. From Herbert.

F.

COME to Judgment, come away "! (Hark, I hear the Angel fay, Summoning the Dust to rise)

"Haste, resume, and lift your Eyes;

" Hear, ye Sons of Adam, hear,

Man, before thy God appear!"

II.

Come to Judgment, come away! This the Last, the Dreadful Day. Sov'reign Author, Judge of all, Dust obeys thy quick'ning Call, Dust no other Voice will heed: Thine the Trump that wakes the Dead.

III.

Come to Judgment, come away! Lingring Man no longer stay; Thee let Earth at length restore, Pris'ner in her Womb no more; Burst the Barriers of the Tomb, Rise to meet thy instant Doom!

IV.

Come to Judgment, come away! Wide disperst howe'er ye stray, Lost in Fire, or Air, or Main, Kindred Atoms meet again; Sepulchred where'er ye rest, Mix'd with Fish, or Bird, or Beast.

V.

Come to Judgment, come away!
Help, O CHRIST, thy Work's Decay:
Man is out of Order hurl'd,
Parcel'd out to all the World;
Lord, thy broken Concert raise,
And the Musick shall be Praise.

SPIRITUAL SLUMBER. From the German.

I.

Thou, who all things canst controul, Chase this dead Slumber from my Soul; With Joy and Fear, with Love and Awe Give me to keep thy perfect Law.

II.

O may one Beam of thy blest Light Pierce thro', dispel the Shades of Night: Touch my cold Breast with heav'nly Fire, With holy, conq'ring Zeal inspire.

III.

For Zeal I sigh, for Zeal I pant; Yet heavy is my Soul and faint: With Steps unwav'ring, undismay'd Give me in all thy Paths to tread.

IV.

With out-stretch'd Hands, and streaming Eyes Oft I begin to grasp the Prize; I groan, I strive, I watch, I pray; But ah! how soon it dies away!

V.

The deadly Slumber soon I feel
Afresh upon my Spirit steal:
Rise, Lord; stir up thy quick'ning Pow'r,
And wake me that I sleep no more.

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VI.

Single of Heart O may I be, Nothing may I desire but Thee: Far, far from me the World remove, And all that holds me from thy Love!

ZEAL.

I.

DEAD as I am, and cold my Breast, Untouch'd by Thee, Celestial Zeal, How shall I sing th' unwonted Guest? How paint the Joys I cannot seel?

II.

Affist me Thou, at whose Command The Heart exults, from Earth set free! 'Tis Thine to raise the drooping Hand, Thine to confirm the seeble Knee.

III.

'Tis Zeal must end this inward Strife, Give me to know That Warmth Divine! Thro' all my Verse, thro' all my Life The Active Principle shall shine.

IV.

Where shall we find its high Abode?
To Heav'n the Sacred Ray aspires,
With ardent Love embraces God,
Parent and Object of its Fires.

14 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

V.

There its peculiar Influence known
In Breasts Seraphic learns to glow;
Yet darted from th' Eternal Throne,
It sheds a chearing Light below.

VI.

Thro' Earth diffus'd, the Active Flame Intensely for God's Glory burns, And always mindful whence it came, To Heav'n in ev'ry Wish returns.

VII.

Yet vain the fierce Enthusiast's Aim With This to sanctify his Cause; To skreen beneath this Awful Name The persecuting Sword he draws.

VIII.

In vain the mad Fanatick's Dreams
To This mysteriously pretend;
On Fancy built, his airy Schemes
Or slight the Means, or drop the End.

IX.

Where Zeal holds on its even Course,
Blind Rage, and Bigotry retires;
Knowledge assists, not checks its Force,
And Prudence guides, not damps its Fires.

X.

Resistless then it wins its Way;
Yet deigns in humble Hearts to dwell:
The humble Hearts confess its Sway,
And pleas'd the strange Expansion seel.

XI.

Superior far to mortal Things, In grateful Extasy they own, (Such antedated Heav'n it brings,) That Zeal and Happiness are one.

XII.

Now vary'd Deaths their Terrors spread,
Now threat'ning Thousands rage—In vain!
Nor Tortures can arrest its Speed,
Nor Worlds its Energy restrain.

XIII.

That Energy, which quells the Strong,
Which cloaths with Strength the abject Weak,
Looses the stamm'ring Infant's Tongue,
And bids the Sons of Thunder speak.

XIV.

While Zeal its heav'nly Influence sheds, What Light o'er Moses' Visage plays! It wings th' immortal Prophet's Steeds, And brightens fervent Stephen's Face.

XV.

Come then, bright Flame, my Breast inspire; To me, to me be Thou but giv'n, Like them I'll mount my Car of Fire, Or view from Earth an op'ning Heav'n.

XVI.

Come then, if mighty to redeem,

CHRIST purchas'd thee with Blood Divine:

Come, Holy Zeal! For Thou thro' Him,

JESUS Himself thro' Thee is Mine!

On Reading Mons, de Renty's Life.

With brighter Day, and bolder Raptures blest: Sense now no more precludes the distant Thought, And naked Souls now feel the God they fought, But thy great Soul, which walk'd with God on Earth Can scarce be nearer by that second Birth: By Change of Place dull Bodies may improve, But Spirits to their Bliss advance by Love. Thy Change insensible brought no Surprize, Inur'd to Innocence and Paradife: For Earth, not Heav'n, thou thro' a Glass didst) view,

The Glass was Love; and Love no Evil knew, But in all Places only Heav'n did shew.

Canst Thou Love more, when from a Body freed, Which so much Life, so little had of Need? So pure, it seem'd for This alone design'd, To usher forth the Virtues of the Mind! From Nature's Chain, from Earthly Dross set free, One only Appetite remained in Thee: That Appetite it mourn'd but once deny'd, For when it ceas'd from serving God, it dy'd.

VANITY. From Herbert.

HE fleet Astron'mer travels o'er The Spheres with his sagacious Mind, Their Stations views from Door to Door, As if to purchase he design'd:

Hymns and Sacred Poems.

Thro' all their circling Orbs he goes, And all their mazy Wandrings knows.

II.

The nimble Diver with his Side

Cuts thro' the working Waves his Way, To fetch the Pearl which God did hide

On purpose from the View of Day, That He might save his Life, and hers Whose Pride the costly Danger wears.

III.

The subtle Chymist can divest

Gay Nature of her various Hue; Stript of her thousand Forms, confest

She stands, and naked to his View:
At Distance other Suitors stand:

At Distance other Suitors stand; Her inmost Stores wait his Command.

IV.

What has not Man sought out and found,

But God? Who yet his glorious Law

Plants in us; mellowing the Ground

With Show'rs and Frost, with Love and Awe.

Poor, busy, foolish Man! For Death

In Fire, and Air, and Sea, and Land,

Thro' Heav'n above, and Earth beneath

Thou scek'st; but missest Life at hand.

FAREWELL to the World.

From the French.

I.

WORLD adieu, Thou real Cheat!.
Oft have thy deceitful Charms

17

18 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

Fill'd my Heart with fond Conceit, Foolish Hopes and false Alarms: Now I see as clear as Day, How thy Follies pass away.

II.

Vain thy entertaining Sights,
False thy Promises renew'd,
All the Pomp of thy Delights.
Does but flatter and delude:
Thee I quit for Heav'n above,
Object of the noblest Love.

III.

Farewell Honour's empty Pride!
Thy own nice, uncertain Gust,
If the least Mischance betide,
Lays thee lower than the Dust:
Worldly Honours end in Gall,
Rise to Day, to Morrow fall.

IV.

Foolish Vanity farewell,
More inconstant than the Wave!
Where thy soothing Fancies dwell,
Purest Tempers they deprave:
He, to whom I fly, from Thee
Jesus Christ shall set me free.

V.

Never shall my wand'ring Mind Follow after fleeting Toys, Since in God alone I find Solid and substantial Joys: Joys that never overpast, Thro' Eternity shall last.

VI.

Lord, how happy is a Heart
After Thee while it aspires!
True and faithful as Thou art,
Thou shalt answer its Desires:
It shall see the glorious Scene
Of thy Everlasting Reign.

GIDDINESS. From Herbert.

I.

O What a Thing is Man! from Rest How widely distant, and from Pow'r! Some twenty sev'ral Men at least He seems, he is, each sev'ral Hour.

II.

Heav'n his fole Treasure now he loves;
But let a tempting Thought creep in,
His Coward Soul he soon reproves,
That starts t'admit a pleasing Sin.

III.

Eager he rushes now to War,
Inglorious now dissolves in Ease:
Wealth now engrosses all his Care;
And lavish now he scorns Increase.

IV.

A stately Dome he raises now:
But soon the Dome his Change shall feel;
See, level lies its lofty Brow,
Crush'd by the Whirlwind of his Will.

O what

20 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

V.

O what were Man, if his Attire Still vary'd with his varying Mind!

If we his ev'ry new Desire Stamp'd on his alt'ring Form could find.

VI.

Could each one see his Neighbour's Heart,
Brethren and Social made in vain,
All would disband and range apart,
And Man detest the Monster Man.

VII.

If God refuse our Heart to turn, Vain will his first Creation be:

O make us daily! Or we spurn
Our own Salvation, Lord, and Thee!

To a FRIEND in LOVE.

The only Tribute pitying Love can pay. The only Tribute pitying Love can pay. The vain the Hope thine Anguish to asswage, Charm down Desire, or calm fierce Passion's Rage; Yet still permit me in thy Griefs to grieve, Relief to offer, if I can't relieve; Near thy sick Couch with fond Concern t' attend, And reach out Cordials to my Dying Friend.

Poor hapless Youth! what Words can ease thy Pain,
When Reason pleads, and Wisdom cries in vain!

Can feeble Verse impetuous Nature guide, Or stem the Force of blind Affection's Tide? If Reason checks, or Duty disallows,

Reason, you cry, and Duty are my Foes:

"Religion's Dictates ineffectual prove,

"And God Himfelf's Impertinence in Love.

What art Thou, Love? Thou strange mysterious III,

Whom none aright can know, tho' all can feel. From careless Sloth thy duli Existence flows, And feeds the Fountain whence itself arose: Silent its Waves with baleful Influence roll, Damp the young Mind, and fink th' aspiring Soul Poison its Virtues, all its Pow'rs restrain, And blast the Promise of the future Man. To Thee, curst Fiend, the captive Wretch con-

fign'd,

" His Passions rampant, and his Reason blind, Reason, Heav'n's great Vicegerent, dares disown, And place a Foolish Idol in its Throne: Or wildly raise his frantic Raptures higher, And pour out Blasphemies at thy Desire. At thy Desire he bids a Creature shine, He decks a Worm with Attributes Divine; Hers to Angelic Beauties dares prefer, Angels are painted fair to look like Her! Before her Shrine the lowly Suppliant laid, Adores the Idol that Himself has made: From her Almighty Breath his Doom receives, Dies by her Frown, as by her Smile he lives. Supreme she reigns in all-sufficient State, To her he bows, from her expects his Fate, "Heay'n in her Love, Damnation in her Hate. He rears unhallow'd Altars to her Name, Where Lust lights up a black, polluted Flame;

Where Sighs impure, as impious Incense rise, his Heart the Sacrifice: And thus God's Sacred Word his Horrid Pray'r fupplies.

²⁶ Center of All Perfection, Source of Blifs,

In whom thy Creaure lives and moves and is,

Save, or I perish! hear my humble Pray'r,

Spare thy poor Servant—O in Mercy spare.

Thou art my Joy, on Thee depends my Trust,

" Hide not thy Face, nor frown me into Dust.

Send forth thy Breath, and rais'd again I see

" My Joy, my Life, my Final Bliss in Thee.

For Thee I Am: for Thee I All resign,

Be Thou my One thing Needful, Ever Minc!

But O forbear, presumptuous Muse forbear, Nor wound with Rant profane the Christian Ear: A just Abhorrence in my Friend I see, He starts from Love, when Love's Idolatry.

"Give me thy Heart," if the Creator cries,

"Tis giv'n the Creature," What bold Wretch replies?

Not so my Friend—he wakes, he breaths again, And "Reason takes once more the slacken'd Rein." In vain rebellious Nature claims a Part, When Heav'n requires, he gives up All his Heart: (" For Love Divine no Partnership allows, "And Heav'n averse rejects divided Vows) Fixt tho' she be, he rends the Idol thence, Nor lets her Pow'r exceed Omnipotence. Commands his God, "Cut off th' offending "Hand?"

He hears, Obedient to his God's Command: "Pluck out thine Eye," let the Redeemer fay; He tears, and casts the bleeding Orb away. Victorious Victorious now to Nobler Joys aspires, His Bosom, touch'd with more than Earthly Fires: He leaves rough Passion for calm Virtue's Road, Gives Earth for Heav'n, and quits a Worm for God.

1 TIM. v. 6.

She that liveth in Pleasure, is Dead while She liveth.

Her God forgetting, by her God forgot! Stranger to Truth, unknowing to obey, In Error nurst, and disciplin'd to stray; Swoln with Self-will, and principled with Pride, Sense all her Good, and Passion all her Guide: Pleasure its Tide, and Flatt'ry lends its Breath, And smoothly wast her to Eternal Death!

A Goddess Here, she sees her Vot'ries meet, Crowd to her Shrine, and tremble at her Feet; She hears their Vows, Believes their Life and Death Hangs on the Wrath and Mercy of her Breath; Supreme in fancy'd State she reigns her Hour, And glories in her Plenitude of Pow'r: Herself the Only Object worth her Care, Since all the kneeling World was made for Her.

For Her, Creation all its Stores displays, The Silkworms labour, and the Diamonds blaze: Air, Earth, and Sea conspire to tempt her Taste, And ransack'd Nature surnishes the Feast. Life's gaudiest Pride attracts her willing Eyes, And Balls, and Theaters, and Courts arise:

Italian

24 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

Italian Songsters pant her Ear to please, Bid the first Cries of infant Reason cease, Save ker from Thought, and lull her Soul to Peace.

Deep funk in Sense th' imprison'd Soul remains, Nor knows its Fall from God, nor feels its Chains:

Unconscious still, sleeps on in Error's Night, Nor strives to rise, nor struggles into Light: Heav'n-born in vain, degen'rate cleaves to Earth, (No Pangs experienc'd of the Second Birth) She only Faln, yet Unawaken'd found, While All th' enthrall'd Creation groans around.

JOHN XV. 18, 19.

I.

WHERE has my flumb'ring Spirit been, So late emerging into Light?
So imperceptible, within,
The Weight of this Egyptian Night!

II.

Where have they hid the WORLD so long, So late presented to my View? Wretch! tho' myself increas'd the Throng, Myself a Part I never knew.

III.

Secure beneath its Shade I sat,

To me were all its Favours shown:
I could not taste its Scorn or Hate;
Alas, it ever lov'd its Own!

Jesus, if half discerning now, From Thee I gain this glimm'ring Light, Retouch my Eyes, anoint them Thou, And grant me to receive my Sight.

O may I of thy Grace obtain The World with other Eyes to see: Its Judgments false, its Pleasures vain, Its Friendship Enmity with Thee.

VI.

Delusive World, thy Hour is past, The Folly of thy Wisdom show! It cannot now retard my Haste, I leave thee for the Holy Few.

No! Thou blind Leader of the Blind, I bow my Neck to Thee no more; I cast thy Glories all behind, And flight thy Smiles, and dare thy Pow'r.

VIII.

Excluded from my Saviour's Pray'r, Stain'd, yet not hallow'd, with his Blood, Shalt Thou my fond Affection share, Shalt Thou divide my Heart with God?

- IX.

No! Tho' it rouze thy utmost Rage, Eternal Enmity I vow: Tho' Hell with thine its Pow'rs engage, Prepar'd I meet your Onset now.

Load

26 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

Load me with Scorn, Reproach and Shame 3
My patient Master's Portion give;
As evil still cast out my Name,
Nor suffer such a Wretch to live.

Set to thy Seal that I am His;
Vile as my Lord I long to be:
My Hope, my Crown, my Glory this,
Dying to conquer Sin and Thee!

HYMN to CONTEMPT.

T.

Elcome, Contempt! Stern, faithful Guide, Unpleasing, healthful Food! Hail pride-sprung Antidote of Pride, Hail Evil turn'd to Good!

Thee when with awful Pomp array'd Ill-judging Mortals see,
Perverse they sly with coward Speed,
To Guilt they sly from Thee.

Yet if One haply longing stands
To choose a Nobler Part,
Ardent from Sin's ensnaring Bands
To vindicate his Heart:

IV.

Present to end the doubtful Strife, Thy Aid he soon shall feel; Consirm'd by Thee, tho' warm in Life, Bid the vain World farewell.

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Thro' Thee he treads the shining Way That Saints and Martyrs trod, Shakes off the Frailty of his Clay, And wings his Soul for GoD.

VI.

His Portion Thou, he burns no more, With fond Desire to please; The fierce, distracting Conslict's o'er And all his Thoughts are Peace.

VII.

Sent by Almighty Pity down,
To Thee alone 'tis giv'n
With glorious Infamy to crown
The Favourites of Heav'n.

VIII.

With Thee Heav'n's Fav'rite Son, when made Incarnate, deign'd t' abide;
To Thee he meekly bow'd his Head,
He bow'd his Head, and dy'd.

· IX.

And shall I still the Cup decline,
His Suff'rings disesteem,
Disdain to make this Portion mine
When sanctify'd by Him?

28 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

X.

Or firm thro' Him and undifmay'd, Thy sharpest Darts abide? Sharp as the Thorns that tore his Head, The Spear that pierc'd his Side.

XI.

Yes—fince with Thee my Lot is cast,
I bless my God's Decree,
Embrace with Joy what He embrac'd,
And live and die with Thee!

XII.

So when before th' Angelic Host To each his Lot is giv'n, Thy Name shall be in Glory lost, And Mine be found in Heav'n!

The AGONY. From Herbert.

I.

Fathom'd the Depths of States and Kings, O'er Earth and Heav'n explor'd his Way:
Yet there are Two vast spacious things,
To measure which doth more behove,
Yet few that sound them! Sin and Love,

11.

Who would know Sin, let him repair
To Calvary: There shall he see
A Man so pain'd, that all his Hair,
His Skin, his Garments bloody be!

III.

Wouldst thou know Love? behold the God; The Man, who for thy Ransom dy'd: Go taste the sacred Fount that slow'd Fast-streaming from his wounded Side! Love, is that Liquor most divine, God feels as Blood, but I as Winc.

The THANKSGIVING. From the same.

O King of Grief, (how strange and true The Name, to Jesus only due!)
How, Saviour, shall I Grieve for Thee?
Who in All Griefs preventest me.

H.

Then let me vie with Thee in Love, And try who there shall Conq'ror prove. Giv'st Thou me Wealth? I will restore All back unto Thee by the Poor.

III.

Giv'st Thou me Honour? All shall see The Honour doth belong to Thee: A Bosom-Friend? If false he prove To Thee, I will tear thence his Love.

IV.

Thee shall my Musick find: each String Shall have his Attribute to Sing;

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30 Hymns and Sacred Poems.

And ev'ry Note accord in Thee, To prove one GoD, one Harmony.

V.

Giv'st Thou me Knowledge? It shall still Search out thy Ways, thy Works, thy Will: Yea I will search thy Book, nor move Till I have found therein thy Love.

VI.

Thy Love I will turn back on Thee:
O my dear Saviour, Victory!
Then for thy Passion, I for That
Will do—alas, I know not what!

The REPRIZAL. From the same.

I.

Thy mighty Passion mocks my Skill:
Tho' I die for Thee, I'm behind;
My Sins deserve the Death to feel.

II.

O were I innocent, that I
Might bring Thee Off'rings pure and free!
Still my Attempt thy Wounds defy,
For they require me dead for Thee.

III.

Yet will I share the Conquest too:
Tho' I can do against Thee nought,
In Thee, O Lord, I will subdue
The Man that once against Thee fought!
MATTINS.

MATTINS. From the same.

Cannot open, Lord, mine Eyes, But Thou art ready still to claim My Morning Soul in Sacrifice: Thine then the foll'wing Day I am,

My God, what is a Human Heart? Silver or Gold, or precious Stone; Or Star, or Rainbow; or a Part Of All, or all thy World in One?

My God what is a Human Heart? Thou foft'nest it with heav'nly Dew, Thou pour'st upon it all thy Art, As all thy Business were to woo.

To serve his God, is Man's Estate; This glorious Task asks all his Care: He did not Earth and Heav'n create, But may know Him by whom they are.

Teach me at last thy Love to know ----That This new Light which now I see May both the Work and Workman show: A Sun-beam lifts me then to Thee!

EMPLOYMENT. From the same.

I.

HE Flow'r now blooms, now hangs its Head, So fleets my shortliv'd Day!

O may my useful Fragrance spread

Before I fade away!

II.

What the' the Throne I then should fill At the Great Day, were mine? The Sweetness, which thy gracious Skill Diffus'd, its Praise were Thine.

III.

Let me not languish then, and spend A Life dead to thy Praise, As is the Dust to which I tend By sure tho slow Decays!

IV.

All things are bufy round but I:
Nor Honey with the Bees,
Nor Scent with Flow'rs, nor Husbandry
Have I to water these.

V.

I am no Link of thy great Chain,
A cumbrous, fruitless Weed:
O mend my Musick! Give one Strain
Ev'n to my useless Reed!

The Elixir. From the same.

T.

TEACH me, my God and King, In All things Thee to see; And what I do in any Thing, To do it as for Thee!

II.

To scorn the Senses' Sway, While still to Thee I tend: In all I do, be Thou the Way, In all be Thou the End.

III.

A Man that looks on Glass, On That may fix his Eye; Or unoppos'd may thro' it pass, And Heav'n behind descry.

IV.

All may of Thee partake:
Nothing so small can be,
But draws, when acted for thy Sake,
Greatness and Worth from Thee.

V.

If done t'obey thy Laws, Ev'n Servile Labours shine; Hallow'd is Toil, if this the Cause, The meanest Work Divine.

VI.

Th' Elixir This, the Stone
That All converts to Gold:
For that which God for His doth own,
Cannot for less be told.

GRACE before MEAT.

POuntain of Being, Source of Good!

At whose Almighty Breath

The Creature proves our Bane or Food,

Dispensing Life or Death:

Thee we address with humble Fear,
Vouchsafe thy Gifts to crown;
Father of All, thy Children hear,
And send a Blessing down.

III.

O may our Souls for ever pine Thy Grace to taste and see; Athirst for Righteousness Divine, And hungry after Thee!

IV.

For this we lift our longing Eyes,
We wait the gracious Word;
Speak—and our Hearts from Earth shall rise,
And feed upon the Lord.

Another.

T.

Fond of Created Good; Father, our Helplesness we own, And trembling taste our Food.

11.

Trembling we taste: for ah! no more To Thee the Creatures lead; Chang'd they exert a Fatal Pow'r, And poison while they feed.

III.

Curst for the Sake of wretched Man, They now engross him whole, With pleasing Force on Earth detain, And sensualize his Soul.

IV.

Grov'ling on Earth we still must lie Till Christ the Curse repeal; Till Christ descending from on high Insected Nature heal.

V.

Come then, our Heav'nly Adam, come? Thy healing Influence give; Hallow our Food, reverse our Doom, And bid us eat and live.

VI.

The Bondage of Corruption break!

For this our Spirits groam;

Thy only Will we fain would feek;

O fave us from our own.

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VII.

Turn the full Stream of Nature's Tide:

Let all our Actions tend °

To Thee their Source; thy Love the Guide,

Thy Glory be the End.

VIII.

Earth then a Scale to Heav'n shall be, Sense shall point out the Road; The Creatures then shall lead to Thee, And all we taste be Goo!

GRACE after MEAT.

T.

BEing of Beings, God of Love, To Thee our Hearts we raise; Thy all-sustaining Pow'r we prove. And gladly sing thy Praise.

H.

Thine, wholly thine we pant to be,
Our Sacrifice receive;
Made, and preserv'd, and sav'd by Thee,
To Thee Ourselves we give.

III.

Heav'nward our ev'ry Wish aspires:
For all thy Mercy's Store
The sole Return thy Love requires,
Is that we ask for more.

IV.

For more we ask, we open then
Our Hearts t'embrace thy Will:
Turn and beget us, Lord, again,
With all thy Fulness fill!

V.

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.

On Clemens Alexandrinus's Description of a Perfect Christian.

THERE from afar the finish'd Height Of Holiness is seen:
But O what heavy Tracts of Toil,
What Deserts lie between?

If.

Man for the Simple Life Divine What will it cost to break; Ere Pleasure soft and wily Pride No more within him speak?

III.

What lingring Anguish must corrode The Root of Nature's Joy?

What secret Shame and dire Deseats.
The Pride of Heart destroy?

IV.

Learn Thou the whole of Mortal State In Stilness to sustain;

Nor footh with false Delights of Earth Whom God has doom'd to Pain.

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Thy Mind now Multitude of Thoughts, Now Stupor shall distress;

The Venom of each latent Vice Wild Images impress.

VI.

Yet darkly fafe with God thy Soul His Arm still onward bears, Till thro' each Tempest on her Face A Peace beneath appears.

VII.

Tis in that Peace we see and act

By Instincts from above;

With finer Taste of Wisdom fraught,

And mystic Pow'rs of Love.

VIII.

Yet ask not in mere Ease and Pomp Of Ghostly Gifts to shine: Till Death the Lownesses of Man, And decent Griefs are Thine.

AFFLICTION. From Herbert.

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WHEN first Thou didst entice my Heart.
To Thee, I thought the Service brave;

So many Joys I for my Part

Set down; besides what I might have Out of my Stock of natural Delights, Augmented by thy gracious Benefits.

II.

I view'd thy Furniture so fine, So gay, so rich; and All for Me! Strongly it spoke the Hand Divine,

And lur'd my ravish'd Soul to Thee. Such Stars I counted mine: both Heav'n and Earth Paid me my Wages in a World of Mirth.

III.

What Pleasures could I want who serv'd
A King, where Joys my Fellows were?
Still my fond Hopes no Place reserv'd
For pining Grief, or anxious Fear:
Thus did my simple Soul thy Yoke embrace,
And made her Youth and Fierceness seek thy Face.

IV.

At first Thou gav'st me Sweetnesses,
And strew'dst with Flow'rs the narrowWay:
Smoothly my Soul sunk down to Peace,
My ev'ry joyous Month was May.
But with my Years Sorrow did twist and grow.
And made a Party unawares for Woe.
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My Flesh chastis'd with tort'ring Pain My Soul, and Sickness clave my Bones; Pale Agues dwelt in ev'ry Vein,

And sadly tun'd my Breath to Groans. Sorrow was all my Soul; I scarce perceiv'd; But by the Pains I suffer'd, that I liv'd.

VI.

Health's flowly-lingring, vain Return

A far severer Loss attends;
Sudden my ravish'd Life I mourn,

I lose it in my dying Friends.

Defenceless now, my ev'ry Comfort fled, While Grief's whole Sea is empty'd on my Head,

VII.

How Thou wilt now thy Servant use.

Not one of all my Books can say.

On thy ignobler Works I muse,

And wish like them my God t'obey: Blest, could I emulate the lifeless Mass, Flow like the Stream, or flourish like the Grass,

VIII.

Yet must I, the oppress, submit Strongly my Mis'ry to sustain—Or I will now the Service quit,

And strait some other Master gain—Ah! my dear Lord, tho' I am clean forgot, Let me not love Thee, if I love Thee not!

FRAILTY. From the same.

ORD, how in Silence I despise The giddy Worldling's Snare! This Beauty, Riches, Honour, Toys Not worth a Moment's Care. Hence painted Dust, and gilded Clay! You have no Charms for Me: Delusive Breath, be far away! I waste no Thought on thee.

But when abroad at once I view Both the World's Hosts and Thine! These simple, sad, afflicted, few, These num'rous, gay and fine: Lost my Resclues, my Scorn is past, I boast my Strength no more; A willing Slave they bind me fast With unresisted Pow'r.

O brook not this; let not thy Foes Profane thy hallow'd Shrine: Thine is my Soul, by facred Vows Of strictest Union Thine! Hear then my just, tho' late Request, Once more the Captive free; Renew thy Image in my Breaft, And claim my Heart for Thee.

The Collar. From the same.

O more, I cry'd, shall Grief be mine, I will throw off the Load; No longer weep, and figh, and pine To find an Absent Gop.

II.

Free as the Muse, my Wishes move, Thro' Nature's Wilds they roam: Loose as the Wind, ye Wand'rers rove, And bring me Pleasure home!

Still shall I urge with endless Toil, Yet not obtain my Suit? Still shall I plant th' ungrateful Soil, Yet never taste the Fruit?

IV.

Not so, my Heart! — for Fruit there is, Seize it with eager Haste; Riot in Joys, dissolve in Bliss, And pamper ev'ry Taste.

On Right and Wrong thy Thoughts no more In cold Dispute employ; Forfake thy Cell, the Bounds pass o'er, And give a Loofe to Joy.

VI.

Conscience and Reason's Pow'r deride, Let stronger Nature draw, Self be thy End, and Sense thy Guide, And Appetite thy Law.

VII.

Away, ye Shades, while light I rife, I tread you all beneath! Grasp the dear Hours my Youth supplies, Nor idly dream of Death.

VIII.

Whoe'er enslav'd to Grief and Pain, Yet starts from Pleasure's Road, Still let him weep, and still complain, And sink beneath his Load—

IX.

But as I rav'd, and grew more wild And fierce at ev'ry Word, Methought I heard One calling "Child!" And I reply'd—" My Lord!"

GRACE. From the same.

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MY Stock lies dead, and no Increase Does thy Past Gifts improve:

O let thy Graces without cease Drop gently from above.

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II.

If still the Sun should hide his Face,
Earth would a Dungeon prove,
Thy Works Night's Captives: O let Grace
Drop gently from above.

III.

The Dew unfought each Morning falls,
Less bounteous is thy Dove?
The Dew for which my Spirit calls,
Drop gently from above.

IV.

Death is still digging like a Mole My Grave, where'er I move; Let Grace work too, and on my Soul Drop gently from above.

V.

Sin is still spreading o'er my Heart A Hardness void of Love; Let suppling Grace, to cross her Art, Drop gently from above.

VI.

O come; for Thou dost know the Way!
Or if Thou wilt not move,
Translate me, where I need not say
Drop gently from above.

GRATEFULNESS. From the same.

I.

THOU, who hast giv'n so much to me,
O give a grateful Heart:
See how thy Beggar works on Thee
By acceptable Art!

II.

He makes thy Gifts occasion more; And says, if here he's crost, All Thou hast giv'n him heretofore. Thyself, and All is lost.

III.

But Thou didst reckon, when at first Our Wants thy Aid did crave, What it would come to at the worst Such needy Worms to save.

IV.

Perpetual Knockings at thy Door,
Tears fullying all thy Rooms;
Gift upon Gift; much would have more,
And still thy Suppliant comes.

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Yet thy unweary'd Love went on;
Allow'd us all our Noise;
Nay Thou hast dignify'd a Groan,
And made a Sigh thy Joys.

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VI.

Wherefore I cry, and cry again, Nor canst Thou quiet be, Till my repeated Suit obtain A Thankful Heart from Thee.

VII.

Hear then, and Thankfulness impart Continual as thy Grace; O add to all thy Gifts a Heart Whose Pulse may be thy Praise!

The METHOD. From the same.

Ament, unhappy Heart, lament!

Since God refuses still

To hear thy Pray'r, some Discontent
Unknown must cool his Will.

II.

Doubtless thy heav'nly Father could Give All thy Suit does move; For He is Pow'r: And sure He would Give All; for He is Love.

III.

Go then the secret Cause explore, Go search thy inmost Soul: Let Earth divide thy Care no more, Since Heav'n requires the Whole,

IV.

Ha! What do I here written see? It tells me "Yesterday Cold I prefer'd my careless Plea, And only seem'd to Pray".

V.

But stay—What read I written there? "Something I would have done; His Spirit mov'd me to forbear, Yet boldly I went on."

VI.

Then bend once more thy Knees and pray, Once more lift up thy Voice: Seek Pardon first; and God will say Again, Glad Heart, rejoice."

Grieve not the Holy Spirit. From the same.

AND art thou griev'd, O Sacred Dove, When I despise or cross thy Love? Griev'd for a Worm; when ev'ry Tread Crushes, and leaves the Reptile dead!

II.

Then Mirth be ever banish'd hence, Since Thou art pain'd by my Offence; I sin not to my Grief alone, The Comforter within doth groan.

Then

III.

Then weep my Eyes, for God doth grieve! Weep, foolish Heart, and weeping live: Tears for the Living Mourner plead, But ne'er avail the hopeless Dead.

Lord, I adjudge myself to Grief, To endless Tears without Relief: Yet O! t'exact thy Due forbear, And spare a feeble Creature, spare!

Still if I wail not, (still to wail Nature denies, and Flesh would fail) Lord, pardon—for thy Son makes good My Want of Tears, with Store of Blood.

The SIGH. From the same.

MY Heart did heave, and there came forth

By that I knew that Thou wast in the Grief, (Making a Golden Sceptre of thy Rod)

To guide and govern it to my Relief. Hadst Thou not had a more than equal Part, Sure the unruly Sigh had broke my Heart,

But fince thy Will my Bounds of Life assign'd, Thou know'st my Frame: and if a single Sigh Ask so much Breath, what then remains behind! Why! if some Years of Life together fly,

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The swiftly-wasting Sigh then only is A Gale to bring me sooner to my Blus!

III.

Thy Life on Earth was Grief: to this Thou still Art constant, while thy suff'ring Majesty Touch'd with my Mis'ry, seels whate'er I feel, Adopts my Woes, and daily grieves in me. Thy Death was but begun on Calvary; Thou ev'ry Hour dost in thy Members die!

The Flower. From the same:

I.

WHILE sad my Heart, and blasted mourns, How chearing, Lord, are thy Returns, How sweet the Life, the Joys they bring! Grief in thy Presence melts away. Refresh'd I hail the gladsome Day, As Flow'rs salute the rising Spring.

II.

Who would have thought my wither'd Heart Again should feel thy sov'reign Art,

A kindly Warmth again should know? Late like the Flow'r, whose drooping Head Sinks down, and seeks its native Bed To see the Mother-Root below.

III.

These are thy Wonders, Lord of Pow'r, Killing and Quick'ning! One short Hour Lists up to Heav'n, and sinks to Hell:

GO. HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

Thy Will supreme disposes All; We prove thy Justice in our Fall, Thy Mercy in our Rise we feel.

IV.

O that my Latest Change were o'er!
O were I plac'd where Sin no more
With its Attendant Grief, could come!
Stranger to Change, I then should rise
Amidst the Plants of Paradise,
And flourish in Eternal Bloom.

V.

Many a Spring fince here I grew,
I seem'd my Verdure to renew,
And higher still to rise and higher:
Water'd by Tears, and fan'd by Sighs,
I pour'd my Fragrance thro' the Skies,
And heav'nward ever seem'd t' aspire.

VI.

But while I grow, as Heav'n were mine, Thine Anger comes, and I decline; Faded my Bloom, my Glory lost: Who can the deadly Cold sustain, Or stand beneath the chilling Pain When blasted by thine Anger's Frost?

VII.

And now in Age I bud again,
Once more I feel the Vernal Rain,
Tho' dead so oft I live and write:
Sure I but dream! It cannot be
That I, my God, that I am He
On whom thy Tempests fell all Night!

VIII.

These are thy Wonders, Lord of Love, Thy Mercy thus delights to prove

We are but Flow'rs that bloom and die! Soon as This saving Truth we see, Within thy Garden plac'd by Thee, Time we survive, and Death defy.

DESERTION. From the same.

I.

JOY of my Soul, when Thou art gone, And I (which cannot be) Alone; (It cannot, Lord! for I on Thee Depend, and Thou abid'st in me.)

II

But when Thou dost the Sense repress. Th' extatic Influence of thy Grace; Seem to desert thy lov'd Abode, And leave me sunk beneath my Load:

III.

O what a Damp and deadly Shade, What Horrors then my Soul invade! Less ghastly low'rs the gloomiest Night Than the Eclipse that veils thy Light.

IV.

O do not, do not thus withdraw, Lest Sin surprize me void of Awe, And when Thou dost but shine less clear, Say boldly, That Thou art not here.

Thore

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V.

Thou, Lord, and only Thou canst tell How dead the Life which then I seel; Pursu'd by Sin's insulting Boast, That "I may seek — but Thou art lost!"

VI.

I half believe (the deadly Cold Does all my Pow'rs so fast infold) That Sin says true. But while I grieve, Again I see thy Face, and Live!

ATRUE HYMN. From the same.

I.

My Heart was musing all the Day, Fain would it speak; yet only this, "My Joy, my Life, my Crown," could say

II.

Few as they are, and void of Art,
Yet slight not, Lord, these humble Words.
Fine is that Hymn which speaks the Heart,
The Heart that to the Lines accords.

III.

He, who requires his Creature's Time, And all his Soul, and Strength and Mind, Complains, if Heartless flows the Rhyme, What makes the Hymn is still behind:

IV.

The scanty Verse Himself supplies, Let but the fervent Heart be mov'd ; And when it fays with longing Sighs "O could I love!" God writeth "Lov'd!"

The TEMPER. From the same.

O Lord, how gladly would my Rhymes Engrave thy Love in Steel, If what my Soul doth feel sometimes, My Soul might ever feel!

Tho' there were forty Heav'ns or more Sometimes I mount them all; Sometimes I hardly reach a Score, Sometimes to Hell I fall.

Rack me not to such vast Extent; These Lengths belong to Thee; The World's too little for thy Tent, A Grave too big for me.

IV.

O mete not Arms with Man, nor stretch A Worm from Heav'n to Hell! Strive not with Dust, nor let a Wretch: Thy Pow'r Almighty feel.

V.

Yet take thy Way: thy Way is best; Grant or deny me Ease:
This is but tuning of my Breast,
To make the Musick please.

VI.

Rife I to Heav'n, or fink to Dust,
In both, thy Hands appear;
Thy Pow'r and Love, my Love and Trust
Make One Place Ev'ry where I

The same.

That swelled so late with mighty Joy?

Lord, if Thou needs must use thy Dart,

Spare thy own Gifts, and Sin destroy.

II.

The Greater World knows no Decay;
But thy Diviner World of Grace
A new Creator ev'ry Day
Thou suddenly dost rear or rase.

III.

Set up thy Kingdom in my Heart,
That all my Pow'rs thy Sway may own:
For ah! my Lord, if Thou depart,
Strait rebel Nature mounts thy Throne.

IV.

Tho' Heav'n be mov'd, may I remain Stedfast, and centred firm on Thee: Here six thy Court, and still maintain A standing Majesty in me!

BITTER-SWEET. From the same.

A H. mv dear, angry Lord,
Since Thou dost love, yet strike,
Cast down, and yet thy Help afford,
Sure I will do the like.

II.

I will complain, yet praise, Bewail, and yet approve, And all my mournful, joyful Days I will lament, and love.

A HYMN for MIDNIGHT.

WHILE Midnight Shades the Earth o'erspread,
And veil the Bosom of the Deep,
Nature reclines her weary Head,
And Care respires and Sorrows sleep:
My Soul still aims at Nobler Rest,
Aspiring to her Saviour's Breast.

II.

Aid me, ye hov'ring Spirits near,
Angels and Ministers of Grace;
Who ever, while you guard us here,
Behold your Heav'nly Father's Face!
Gently my raptur'd Soul convey
To Regions of Eternal Day.

III.

Fain would I leave this Earth below. Of Pain and Sin the dark Abode; Where shadowy Joy, or solid Woe Allures, or tears me from my GoD: Doubtful and Insecure of Bliss,

Since Death alone confirms me His.

IV.

Till then, to Sorrow born I sigh,
And gasp, and languish after Home;
Upward I send my streaming Eye,
Expecting till the Bridegroom come:
Come quickly, Lord! Thy own receive,
Now let me see thy Face, and live.

V.

Absent from Thee, my exil'd Soul
Deep in a Fleshly Dungeon groans;
Around me Clouds of Darkness roll,
And lab'ring Silence speaks my Moans:
Come quickly, Lord! Thy Face display,
And look my Midnight into Day.

VI.

Error and Sin, and Death are o'er
If Thou reverse the Creature's Doom;
Sad, Rachel weeps her Loss no more,
If Thou the God, the Saviour come:

Of Thee possess, in Thee we prove The Light, the Life, the Heav'n of Love.

After considering some of his Friends.

W HY do the Deeds of happier Men Into a Mind return, Which can, opprest by Bands of Sloth, With no fuch Ardors burn?

God of my Life and all my Pow'rs, The Everlasting Friend! Shall Life so favour'd in its Dawn, Be fruitleis in its End?

III.

To Thee, O'Lord, my tender Years A trembling Duty paid, With Glimpses of the mighty God? Delighted and afraid.

IV.

From Parents' Eye, and Paths of Men, Thy Touch I ran to meet; It swell'd the Hymn, and seal'd the Pray'r, 'Twas calm, and strange, and sweet!

Oft when beneath the Work of Sin Trembling and dark I stood, And felt the Edge of eager Thought, And felt the kindling Blood:

VI.

Thy Dew came down—my Heart was Thine, It knew nor Doubt nor Strife; Cool now and peaceful as the Grave, And strong to Second Life.

VII.

Full of Myself I oft forsook
The Now, the Truth, and Thee,
For sanguine Hope, or sensual Gust,
Or earth-born Sophistry:

VIII.

The Folly thriv'd, and came in Sight: Too gross for Life to bear; I smote the Breast for Man too base, I smote—and God was there!

IX.

Still will I hope for Voice and Strength To glorify thy Name; Tho' I must die to all that's Mine, And suffer All my Shame.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE.

TO speak for God, to sound Religion's Praise, Of sacred Passions the wise Warmth to raise; T' insuse the Contrite wish to Conquest nigh, And point the Steps mysterious as they lie; To seize the Wretch in sull Career of Lust, And sooth the silent Sorrows of the Just:

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Who would not bless for This the Gift of Speech. And in the Tongue's Beneficence be rich?

But who must talk? Not the mere modern Sage Who suits the soften'd Gospel to the Age; Who ne'er to raise degen'rate Practice strives, But brings the Precept down to Christian's Lives. Not He, who Maxims from cold Reading took, And never saw Himself but thro' a Book: Not He, who Hasty in the Morn of Grace, Soon sinks extinguish'd as a Comet's Blaze. Not He, who strains in Scripture-phrase t' abound Deaf to the Sense, who stuns us with the Sound: But He, who Silence loves; and never dealt In the false Commerce of a Truth Unselt.

Guilty you speak, if subtle from within
Blows on your Words the Self-admiring Sin:
If unresolv'd to choose the Better Part,
Your forward Tongue belies your languid Heart,
But then speak safely, when your peaceful Mind-Above Self-seeking blest, on God reclin'd,
Feels Him at once suggest unlabour'd Sense,
And ope a Sluce of sweet Benevolence.
Some high Behasts of Heav'n you then fulfil,
Sprung from his Light your Words, and issuing
by his Will.

Nor yet expect so Mystically long,
Till Certain Inspiration loose your Tongue:
Express the Precept runs, "Do good to all;"
Nor adds, "Whene'er you find an inward Call."
'Tis God commands: no farther Motive seek,
Speak or without, or with Reluctance speak:
To Love's Habitual Sense by Acts aspire,
And kindle, till you catch the Gospel-Fire.

Discoveries

60 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

Discoveries immature of Truth decline,
Nor prostitute the Gospel Pearl to Swine.
Beware, too rashly how you speak the whole,
The Vileness, or the Treasures of your Soul.
If spurn'd by some, where weak on Earth you lie,
If judg'd a Cheat or Dreamer, where you sty;
Here the Sublimer Strain, th' exerted Air
Forego; you're at the Bar, not in the Chair.

To the pert Reas'ner if you speak at all,
Speak what within his Cognizance may fall:
Expose not Truths Divine to Reason's Rack,
Give him his own belov'd Ideas back,
Your Notions till they look like His, dilute;
Blind he must be—but save him from Dispute!
But when we're turn'd of Reason's noontide Glare,
And Things begin to shew us what they are,
More free to such your true Conceptions tell;
Yet graft them on the Arts where they excel.
If sprightly Sentiments detain their Taste;
If Paths of various Learning they have trac'd;
If their cool Judgment longs, yet sears to fix:
Fire, Erudition, Hesitation mix.

All Rules are dead: 'tis from the Heart you draw The living Lustre, and unerring Law. A State of Thinking in your Manner show, Nor fiercely soaring, nor supinely low: Others their Lightness and each inward Fault Quench in the Stilness of your deeper Thought, Let all your Gestures fixt Attention draw, And wide around disfuse infectious Awe; Present with God by Recollection seem, Yet present, by your Chearfulness, with Them.

Without Elation Christian Glories paint,
Nor by fond am'rous Phrase assume the Saint.
Greet not frail Men with Compliments untrue,
With smiles to Peace confirm'd and Conquest due,
There are who watch t'adore the Dawn of Grace,
And pamper the young Proselyte with Praise:
Kind, humble Souls! They with a right good Will
Admire his Progress—till he stands stock still.

Speak but to Thirsty Minds of things Divine, Who strong for Thought, are free in yours to join. The Busy from his Channel parts with Pain, The Lanquid loaths an Elevated Strain: With these you aim but at good-natur'd Chat, Where all, except the Love, is low and stat.

Not one Address will diff'rent Tempers sit. The Grave and Gay, the Heavy and the Wit. Wits will sift you; and most Conviction sind Where least 'tis urg'd, and seems the least design'd. Slow Minds are merely passive; and forget Truths not inculcated: to these repeat, Avow your Counsel, nor abstain from Heat.

Some gentle Souls, to gay Indiff'rence true,
Nor hope, nor fear, nor think the more for you.
Let Love turn Babbler here, and Caution sleep,
Blush not for shallow Speech, nor muse for deep;
These to your Humour, not your Sense attend,
'Tis not th' Advice that sways them, but the
Friend.

Others have large Recesses in their Breast, With pensive Process all they hear digest: Here well-weigh'd Words with wary Foresight sow, For all you say will sink, and ev'ry Seed will grow.

62 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

At first Acquaintance press each Truth severe, Stir the whole Odium of your Character: Let harshest Doctrines all your Words engross, And Nature bleeding on the Daily Cross. Then to yourself th' Ascetic Rule enjoin, To others stoop surprizingly benign; Pitying, if from Themselves with Pain they Part, If stubborn Nature long holds out the Heart. Their Outworks now are gain'd; forbear to press The more you urge them, you prevail the less; Let Speech lay by its Roughness to oblige, Your speaking Life will carry on the Siege: Ry your Example struck, to God they strive To live, no longer to Themselves alive.

To positive Adepts insidious yield,
T' ensure the Conquest, seem to quit the Field:
Large in your Grants; be their Opinion shown:
Approve, amend—and wind it to your own.
Couch in your Hints, if more resign'd they hear,
Both what they will be soon, and what they are:
Pleasing These Words now to their conscious Breast,
Th' anticipating Voice hereafter blest.

In Souls just wak'd the Paths of Light to choose, Convictions keen, and Zeal of Pray'r insuse.

Let them love Rules; till freed from Passion's Reign,

Till blameless Moral Rectitude they gain.

But lest reform'd from each Extremer Ill, They should but Civilize old Nature still, The lostier Charms and Energy display Of Virtue model'd by the Godhead's Ray; The Lineaments Divine, Perfection's Plan, And all the Grandeur of the Inner Man.

Commences

Commences thus the Agonizing Strife
Previous to Nature's Death, and second Life:
Struck by their own inclement piercing Eye,
Their feeble Virtues blush, subside and die;
They view the Scheme that mimick Nature made,
A fancy'd Goodness, and Religion's Shade;
With angry Scorn they now reject the whole,
Unchang'd their Heart, undeify'd their Soul;
Till Indignation sleeps away to Faith,
And God's own Pow'r and Peace take root in sacred Wrath.

Aim less to Teach than Love. The Work begun In Words, is crown'd by artless Warmth alone. Love to your Friend a Second Office owes, Yourself and Him before Heav'ns Footstool throws: You place his Form as Suppliant by your Side, (A helpless Worm, for whom the Saviour dy'd) Into his Soul call down th' Eternal Beam, And longing ask to spend, and to be spent for Him.

Man's Medley. From Herbert.

HARK how the Woods with Musick ring, How sweet the feather'd Minstrels sing! They have Their Joys, and Man has His: Yet, if we judge our State aright, The present is not Man's Delight, Hereafter brings his Perfect Blis.

This Life belongs to Things of Sense, Justly to this They make Pretence;

64 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

Angels possess the Next by Birth:
Man, grov'ling glorious Man alone
Angel and Brute unites in one,
While this Hand Heav'n, that touches Earth.

III.

Glorious in Soul, he mounts and flies, Grov'ling in Flesh, he sinks and dies:
His Treasure holds in Earth confin'd—
The Body's Calls forbid to hear,
Born to regard with list'ning Earth
The Dictates of his nobler Mind.

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Not but his gracious Master here
Allows and bids him taste the Cheer:
As Birds, that drinking lift their Head,
Thankful like them he bids him drink,
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While of Two Winters He complains,
The Brute Creation feels but One:
Round, and Within him Tempests roll;
Frost chills his Veins, and Thought his Soul;
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VI.

Yet ev'n the sharpest heaviest Grief May with it bring its own Relief,
If right his State the Suff'rer weighs: Happy the Man, who finds the Art To turn, by Thankfulness of Heart,
His double Pains to double Praise!

MISERY.

Misery. From the same.

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Η.

How canst Thou brook his Foolishness? When heedless of the Voice Divine, Himself alone he seeks to please, And carnal Joys prefers to Thine, Eager thro' Nature's Wilds to rove, Nor aw'd by Fear, nor charm'd by Lové.

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Wayward they haste, while Nature leads, T' escape Thee; but thy Gracious Dove

Still mildly o'er their Folly spreads

The Wings of his expanded Love: Thou bring'st them back, nor suff'rest those Who Would be, to Remain thy Foes.

VI.

My God, thy Name Man cannot praise, All Brightness Thou, all Purity! The Sun in his Meridian Blaze

Is Darknefs, if compar'd to Thee. O how shall finful Worms proclaim, Shall Man presume to speak thy Name?

Man cannot serve Thee: All his Care Engross'd by grov'ling Appetite, Is fixt on Earth; his Treasure there, His Portion, and his base Delight: He starts from Virtue's thorny Road, Alive to Sin, but dead to God!

Ah foolish Man, where are thine Eyes? Lost in a Crowd of Earthly Cares: Thy Indolence neglects to rife,

While Husks to Heav'n thy Soul prefers; Careless the starry Crown to seize, By Pleasure bound, or lull'd by Ease.

To God, thro' all Creation's Bounds Th' unconscious Kinds their Homage bring; His Praise thro' Ev'ry Grove resounds, Nor know the Warblers whom they fing:

But

But Man, Lord of the Creatures, knows The Source from whence their Being flows.

X.

He owns a God—but eyes him not,
But lets his mad Disorders reign:
They make his Life a constant Blot,
And Blood Divine an Off'ring vain.
Ah Wretch! thy Heart unsearchable,
Thy Ways mysterious who can tell!

XI.

Perfect at first, and blest his State,
Man in his Maker's Image shone;
In Innocence divinely great
He liv'd; he liv'd to God alone:
His Heart was Love, his Pulse was Praise,
And Light and Glory deck'd his Face.

XII.

But alter'd now and faln he is,
Immerst in Flesh, and dead within;
Dead to the Taste of native Bliss,
And ever sinking into Sin:
Nay by his wretched Self undone.
Such is Man's State—and such my own!

The SINNER. From the same.

WHEN all the Secrets of my Heart
With Horror, Lord, I see,
Thine is, I find, the smallest Part,
Tho' All be due to Thee.

68 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

Thy Footsteps scarce appear within, But Lusts a countless Crowd; Th'immense Circumserence is Sin, A. Point is all my Good.

II.

O break my Bonds, let Sin enthrall My struggling Soul no more; Hear thy fall'n Creature's feeble Call,

Hear thy fall'n Creature's feeble Call, Thine Image O restore!

And tho' my Heart senseless and hard

To Thee can scarcely groan, Yet O remember, gracious Lord, Thou once didst write in Stone!

REPENTANCE. From the same.

I:

ORD, I confess my Sin is great, Great is my Sin! O gently treat Thy tender Flow'r, thy fading Bloom, Whose Life's still aiming at a Tomb.

II.

Have Mercy, Lord! Lo I confess I feel, I mourn my Foolishness: O spare me, whom thy Hands have made, A with ring Leaf, a fleeting Shade.

III.

Sweeten at length this bitter Bowl Which Thou hast pour'd into my Soul! O tarry not! If still Thou stay, Here sets in Death my short-liv'd Day.

IV.

When Thou for Sin rebukest Man, His drooping Heart is fill'd with Pain; Blasted his Strength, his Beauty too Confumes away as Morning Dew.

When wilt Thou Sin and Grief destroy That all the broken Bones may joy; And at thy all-reviving Word Dead Sinners rise, and praise the Lord?

COMPLAINING. From the same.

HOU, Lord, my Pow'r and Wisdom art, O do not then reject my Heart! Thy Clay that weeps, thy Dust I am That calls, O put me not to Shame!

Thy Glories, Lord, in all things shine, Thine is the Deed, the Praise is Thine: A feeble helples Creature I Do at thy Pleasure live or die.

Art Thou All Justice? — shews thy Word Thro' Ev'ry Page an Angry Lord? Am I all Tears? — Is this to live? Is all my Business here, to grieve?

70 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

IV.

Fill not my Life's short Hour with Pain: Or, O contract the Wretched Span; So shall I mount from Sorrow free, And find Relief and Heav'n in Thee!

Home. From the same.

I.

While Thou dost ever, ever stay!
Fixt in my Soul I feel thy Dart,
Groaning I feel it Night and Day:
Come, Lord, and shew Thyself to me,
Or take, O take me up to Thee!

II.

Canst Thou with-hold thy healing Grace, So kindly lavish of thy Blood; When swiftly trickling down thy Face, For Me the purple Current slow'd! Come Lord, and shew, &c.

III.

When Man was lost, LOVE look'd about, To see what Help in Earth or Sky: In vain; for none appear'd without, The Help did in thy Bosom lie! Come, Lord, &c.

IV.

There lay thy Son: but left his Rest Thraldom and Mis'ry to remove From those, who Glory once possest, But wantonly abus'd thy Love. Come, Lord, &c.

He came ---- O my Redeemer dear! And canst Thou after this be strange? Not yet within my Heart appear! Can Love like Thine or fail or change? Come Lord, &c.

VI.

But if Thou tarrieft, why must I? My God, what is this World to me! This World of Woe ---- hence let them fly, The Clouds that part my Soul and Thee. Come, Lord, &c.

VII.

Why should this weary World delight, Or Sense th'immortal Spirit bind? Why should frail Beauty's Charms invite, The trifling Charms of Womankind? Come, Lord, &c.

VIII.

A Sigh Thou breath'st into my Heart, And earthly Joys I view with Scorn: Far from my Soul, ye Dreams depart, Nor mock me with your vain Return! Come, Lord, &c.

72 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

IX.

Sorrow and Sin, and Loss and Pain Are all that here on Earth we see; Restless we pant for Ease in vain, In vain ---- till Ease we find in Thee. Come, Lord, &c.

X.

Idly we talk of Harvests here,

Eternity our Harvest is:

Grace brings the great Sabbatic Year,

When ripen'd into Glorious Bliss.

Come, Lord, &c.

XI.

O loose this Frame, Life's Knot untie,
That my free Soul may use her Wing;
Now pinion'd with Mortality,
A weak, entangled, wretched Thing!
Come, Lord, &c.

XII.

Why should I longer stay and groan? The most of me to Heav'n is sted: My Thoughts and Joys are thither gone; To all below I now am dead. Come, Lord, &c.

XIII.

Come, dearest Lord! my Soul's Desire
With eager Pantings gasps for Home:
Thee, Thee my restless Hopes require;
My Flesh and Spirit bid Thee come!
Come, Lord, and shew Thyself to me,
Or take, O take me up to Thee!

Longing. From the same.

WITH bending Knees, and aking Eyes, Weary and faint, to Thee my Cries, To Thee my Tears, my Groans I fend: O when shall my Complainings end?

Wither'd my Heart, like barren Ground Accurst of God; my Head turns round, My Throat is hoarse: I faint, I fall, Yet falling still for Pity call.

Eternal Streams of Pity flow From Thee their Source to Earth below: Mothers are kind, because Thou art, Thy Tenderness o'erslows their Heart.

IV.

LORD of my Soul, bow down thine Ear, Hear, Bowels of Compassion, hear! O give not to the Winds my Pray'r: Thy Name, thy hallow'd Name is there!

Look on my Sorrows, mark them well, The Shame, the Pangs, the Fires I feel: Consider, LORD; thine Ear incline! Thy Son hath made my Suff'rings Thine.

VI.

Thou, JESU, on th'accursed Tree Didst bow thy Dying Head for me; Incline it now! Who made the Ear, Shall he, shall He forget to hear!

VII.

See thy poor Dust, in Pity see, It stirs, it creeps, it aims at Thee! Haste, save it from the greedy Tomb! Come!—Ev'ry Atom bids Thee come!

VIII.

Tis Thine to help! Forget me not! O be thy Mercy ne'er forgot! Lock'd is thy Ear! Yet still my Plea May speed: for Mercy keeps the Key.

IX.

Thou tarriest, while I sink, I die, And fall to Nothing! Thou on high Scest me Undone. Yet am I stil'd By Thee (lost as I am) thy Child!

X.

Didst Thou for This forsake thy Throne? Where are thy Ancient Mercies gone? Why should my Pain my Guilt survive, And Sin be dead, yet Sorrow live?

XI.

Yet Sin is dead; And yet abide Thy Promises; they speak, they chide: They in thy Bosom pour my Tears, And my Complaints present as Theirs.

XII.

Hear, Jesu! hear my broken Heart! Broken so long, that ev'ry Part Hath got a Tongue that ne'er shall cease, Till Thou pronounce "Depart in Peace."

XIII.

My Love, my Saviour, hear my Cry; By these thy Feet at which I lie! Pluck out thy Dart! Regard my Sighs; Now heal my Soul, or now it dies.

The SEARCH. From the same.

XXIHITHER, O whither art Thou fled, My Saviour and my Love? My Searches are my daily Bread, Yet unsuccessful prove.

My Knees on Earth, on Heav'n mine Eye Is fixt; and yet the Sphere,

And yet the Center both deny That Thou, my God, art there.

Yet can I mark that Herbs below Their fragrant Greens display, As if to meet Thee They did know, While wither'd I decay.

Yet can I mark how Stars above With conscious Lustre shine,

Their Glories borrowing from thy Love, While I in Darkness pine.

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76 Flymns and Sacred Poems.

III.

I fent a Sigh to feek Thee out,
Drawn from my Heart in Pain,
Wing'd like an Arrow; but my Scout
Return'd alas! in vain.
Another from my endless Store
I turn'd into a Groan,
Because the Search was dumb before:
But all alas! was one.

IV.

Where is my God? What fecret Place
Still holds, and hides Thee still?
What Covert dares eclipse thy Face?—
Is it thy Awful Will?
O let not That thy Presence bound:
Rather let Walls of Brass,
Let Seas and Mountains gird Thee round,
And I thro' all will pass.

V.

Thy Will so vast a Distance is,
Remotest Points combine,
East touches West, compared to this,
And Heav'n and Hell conjoin.
Take then these Bars, these Lengths away,
Turn and restore my Soul:
Thy Love Omnipotent display,
Approach! and make me whole.

VI.

When Thou, my Lord, my God art nigh, Nor Life, nor Death can move, Nor deepest Hell, nor Pow'rs on high Can part me from thy Love.

HY-MNS and SACRED POEMS. 72

For as thy Absence passes far The widest Distance known, Thy Presence brings my Soul so near, That Thou and I are One!

DISCIPLINE. From the same.

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O Throw away thy Rod, O throw away thy Wrath! My Gracious Saviour and my God, O take the gentle Path.

H.

Thou feeft, my Heart's Desire Still unto Thee is bent:
Still does my longing Soul aspire
To an entire Consent.

III.

Not ev'n a Word or Look Do I approve or own, But by the Model of thy Book, Thy facred Book alone.

IV.

Altho' I fail, I weep;
Altho' I halt in pace,
Yet still with trembling Steps I creep.
Unto the Throne of Grace.

V.

O then let Wrath remove:
For Love will do the Deed!
Love will the Conquest gain; with Love:
Ev'n stony Hearts will bleed.

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78 HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

VI.

For Love is swift of Foot, Love is a Man of War; Love can resistless Arrows shoot, And hit the Mark from far.

VII.

Who can escape his Bow? That which hath wrought on Thee, Which brought the King of Glory low, Must surely work on me.

VIII.

O throw away thy Rod;
What tho' Man Frailties hath?
Thou art my-Saviour and my Gon!
O throw away thy Wrath!

DIVINE LOVE. From the German.

T.

THOU hidden Love of God, whose Height, Whose Depth unfathonr'd no Man knows, I see from far thy beauteous Light, Inly I sight for thy Repose.

My Heart is pain'd, not can it be At Rest, till it finds Rest in Thee.

II.

Thy secret Voice invites me still
The Sweetness of thy Yoke to prove;
And fain I would; but the my Will
Be fixt, yet wide my Passions rove.
Yet Hindrances strew all the Way;
I aim at Thee, yet from Thee stray.

III.

'Tis Mercy all, that Thou hast brought My Mind to feek her Peace in Thee! Yet while I seek, but find Thee not, No Peace my wandring Soul shall see-O when shall all my Wandrings end, And all my Steps to Thee-ward tend?

Is there a Thing beneath the Sun, That strives with Thee my Heart to share? Ah tear it thence, and reign alone, The Lord of ev'ry Motion there: Then shall my Heart from Earth be free, When it has found Repose in Thee.

O hide this SELF from me, that I No more, but CHRIST in me may live! My vile Affections crucify, Nor let one darling Lust survive. In all things nothing may I fee, Nothing defire, or feek but Thee!

O LOVE, thy Sov'reign Aid impart, To save me from low-thoughted Care: Chase this Self-will thro' all my Hearts. Thro' all its latent Mazes there. Make me thy duteous Child, that I Ceaseless may Abba Father cry.

Ah no! ne'er will I backward turn: Thine wholly, thine alone I am!

So Hymns and Sacred Poems,

Thrice happy He, who views with Scorn Earth's Toys for Thee his constant Flame. O help, that I may never move From the blest Footsteps of thy Love!

VIII.

Each Moment draw from Earth away
My Heart, that lowly waits thy Call:
Speak to my inmost Soul, and say
I am thy Love, thy God, thy All!

To feel thy Love, thy God, thy All!
To feel thy Pow'r, to hear thy Voice,
To taste thy Love is all my Choice!

Written in the Beginning of a Recovery from Sickness.

EACE, flutt'ring Soul! the Storm is o'er, Ended at last the doubtless Strife:
Respiring now, the Cause explore
That bound thee to a wretched Life.

II.

When on the Margin of the Grave,
Why did I doubt my Saviour's Art?
Ah! why mistrust his Will to save?
What meant that Fault'ring of my Heart?

III.

'Twas not the searching Pain within That fill'd my coward Flesh with Fear; Nor Conscience of uncancel'd Sin; Nor Sense of Dissolution near.

IV.

Of Hope I felt no Joyful Ground, The Fruit of Righteoufness alone; Naked of Christ my Soul I found, And started from a God unknown.

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Corrupt my Will, nor half subdu'd, Could I his purer Presence bear? Unchang'd, unhallow'd, unrenew'd Could I before his Face appear?

VI

Father of Mercies, hear my Call!

Ere yet returns the Fatal Hour,

Repair my Loss, retrieve my Fall,

And raise me by thy quick'ning Pow'r.

VII

My Nature re-exchange for Thine;

Be Thou my Life, my Hope, my Gain;

Arm me in Panoply Divine,

And Death shall shake his Dart in vain.

VIII.

When I thy promis'd Christ have seen,
And class'd him in my Soul's Embrace,
Possest of my Salvation, Then—
Then, let me, Lord, depart in Peace!

After a Recovery from Sickness.

AND live I yet by Pow'r Divine?
And have I still my Course to run? Again brought back in its Decline The Shadow of my parting Sun?

Wondring I ask, Is This the Breast Struggling so late and torn with Pain! The Eyes that upward look'd for Rest, And dropt their weary Lids again!

The recent Horrors still appear: O may they never cease to awe! Still be the King of Terrors near, Whom late in all his Point I faw.

IV.

Torture and Sin prepar'd his Way, And pointed to a yawning Tomb! Darkness behind eclips'd the Day, And check'd my forward Hopes of Home.

My feeble Flesh refus'd to bear Its strong redoubled Agonies: When Mercy heard my speechless Pray'r, And saw me faintly gasp for Ease.

JESUS to my Deliv'rance slew, Where funk in mortal Pangs I lay: Pale Death his Ancient Cong'ror knew, And trembled, and ungrasp'd his Prey F

The Fever turn'd its backward Course, Arrested by Almighty Pow'r; Sudden expir'd its Fiery Force, And Anguish gnaw'd my Side no more.

VIII.

God of my Life, what just Return Can sinful Dust and Ashes give? I only Live my Sin to mourn, To love my God I only Live!

To Thee, benign and faving Pow'r I consecrate my lengthen'd Days; While mark'd with Blessings, ev'ry Hour Shall speak thy co-extended Praise.

How shall I teach the World to love, Unchang'd myself, unloos'd my Tongue ? Give me the Pow'r of Faith to prove, And Mercy shall be all my Song.

Be All my Added Life employ'd Thy Image in my Soul to see: Fill with Thyself the Mighty Void; Enlarge my Heart to compass Thee!

XII.

O give me, Saviour, give me more! Thy Mercies to my Soul reveal: Alas! I fee their endless Store, Yet O! I cannot, cannot feel!

XIII.

The Blessing of thy Love bestow:
For This my Cries shall never fail;
Wrestling I will not let Thee go,
I will not, till my Suit prevail.

XIV.

I'll weary Thee with my Complaint;— Here at thy Feet for ever lie, With longing fick, with groaning faint: O give me Love, or else I die!

XV.

Without this best, divinest Grace.
'Tis Death, 'tis worse than Death to live;
'Tis Hell to want thy Blissful Face,
And Saints in Thee their Heav'n receive.

XVI.

Come then, my Hope, my Life, my Lord, And fix in me thy lasting Home!

Be mindful of thy gracious Word,

Thou with thy promis'd Father, come!

XVII.

Prepare, and then possess my Heart,
O take me, seize me from above:
Thee Do I love, for God Thou art;
Thee Do I feel, for God is Love!

A PRAYER under Convictions.

I.

Whate'er thy Ev'ry Creature needs, Whose Goodness providently nigh Feeds the young Ravens when they cry; To Thee I look; my Heart prepare, Suggest, and hearken to my Pray'r.

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Since by Thy Light Myself I see:
Naked, and poor, and void of Thee,
Thine Eyes must all my Thoughts survey,
Preventing what my Lips would say:
Thou seest my Wants; for Help they call,
And ere I speak, Thou know'st them all.

III.

Thou know'st the Baseness of my Mind Wayward, and impotent and blind, Thou know'st how unsubdu'd my Will, Averse to Good, and prone to Ill: Thou know'st how wide my Passions rove, Nor check'd by Fear, nor charm'd by Love.

IV.

Fain would I know, as known by Thee,
And feel the Indigence I see;
Fain would I all my Vileness owr,
And deep beneath the Burden groan:
Abhor the Pride that lurks within,
Detest and loath myself and Sin.

V.

Ah give me, Lord, myself to seel, My total Misery reveal:
Ah give me, Lord, (I still would say).
A Heart to mourn, a Heart to pray;
My Business this, my only Care,
My Life, my ev'ry Breath be Pray'r.

VI.

Scarce I begin my sad Complaint,
When all my warmest Wishes faint;
Hardly I lift my weeping Eye,
When all my kindling Ardors die;
Nor Hopes nor Fears my Bosom move,
For still I cannot, cannot love.

VII.

Father, I want a thankful Heart; I want to taste how good Thou art, To plunge me in thy Mercy's Sea, And comprehend thy Love to me; The Breadth, and Length, and Depth, and Height Of Love divinely infinite.

VIII.

Father, I long my Soul to raise
And dwell for ever on thy Praise,
Thy Praise with Glorious Joy to tell,
In Extasy unspeakable;
While the Full Pow'r of FAITH I know,
And reign triumphant here below.

The 53^d Chapter of Isaian.

I. WHO hath believ'd the Tidings? Who? Or felt the Joys our Words impart?

Gladly confess'd our Record true,

And found the Saviour in his Heart?

Planted in Nature's barren Ground,

And cherish'd by Jehovah's Care, There shall th' Immortal Seed be found,

The Root Divine shall flourish there!

2. See the Desire of Nations comes; Nor outward Pomp bespeaks Him near,

A Veil of Flesh the God assumes,

A Servant's Form he stoops to wear;

He lays his every Glory by;

Ignobly low, obscurely mean,

Of Beauty void, in Reason's Eye, The Source of Loveliness is seen.

3. Rejected and despis'd of Men, A Man of Griefs, inur'd to Woe;

His only Intimate is Pain,

And Grief is all his Life below.

We saw, and from the irksome Sight

Disdainfully our Faces turn'd;

Hell follow'd Him with fierce Despight, And Earth the humble Object scorn'd.

4. Surely for Us He humbled was, And griev'd with Sorrows not his own: Of all his Woes were We the Cause,

We fill'd his Soul with Pangs unknown.

88. HYMNS and SACRED POEMS.

Yet Him th' Offender we esteem'd, Stricken by Heaven's vindictive Rod, Afflicted for Himself we deem'd, And punish'd by an Angry GoD.

5. But O! with our Transgressions stain'd,
For our Offence He wounded was;
Ours were the Sins that bruis'd and pain'd
And scourg'd, and nail'd Him to the Cross.
The Chastisement that bought our Peace,
To Sinners due, on him was laid:
Conscience be still! thy Terrors cease!
The Debt's discharg'd, the Ransom's paid.

6. What tho' we All as wandring Sheep Have left our God, and lov'd to stray, Refus'd his mild Commands to keep, And madly urg'd the downward Way; Father, on Him thy Bolt did fall, The Mortal Law thy Son fulfill'd, Thou laid'st on Him the Guilt of All; And by his Stripes we All are heal'd.

7. Accus'd his Mouth He open'd not,
He answer'd not by Wrongs opprest;
Pure tho' He was from sinful Spot
What Guilt He Silently confest!
Meek as a Lamb to Slaughter led,
A Sheep before his Shearers dumb
To suffer in the Sinner's stead
Behold the Spotless Victim come!

8. Who could his Heavenly Birth declare
When bound by Man he filent stood,
When Worms arraign'd Him at their Bar,
And doom'd to Death th' Eternal Goo!
Patient

Patient the Sufferings to sustain
The Vengeance to Transgressors due,
Guiltless He groan'd and died for Man:
Sinners rejoice, He died for you!

9. For your imputed Guilt he bled,
Made Sin a finful World to fave;
Meekly he funk among the Dead:
The Rich supplied an Honour'd Grave?
For O! devoid of Sin, and free
From Actual or Intail'd Offence,
No Sinner in Himself was He,
But pure and perfect Innocence.

With bruifing Chastisements pursu'd, Doom'd Him the Weight of Sin to feel, And sternly just requir'd his Blood. But lo! the Mortal Debt is paid, The costly Sacrifice is o'er, His Soul for Sin an Offering made Revives, and He shall die no more.

Scatter'd thro' all the Earth abroad,
Blest with His Immortality,
Begot by Him, and born of God.
Mead to his Church o'er all below
Long shall He here his Sons sustain;
Their bounding Hearts his Power shall know,
And bless the lov'd Messiah's Reign.

12. 'Twixt God and Them He still shall stand
The Children whom his Sire hath given,
Their

Their Cause shall prosper in his Hand While RIGHTEOUSNESS looks down from Heaven.

While pleas'd He counts the Ransom'd Race. And calls and draws them from above;

The Travail of his Soul surveys, And rests in his Redeeming Love.

13. Tis done! my Justice asks no more,
The Satisfaction's fully made:
Their Sins He in his Body bore;

Their Surety all the Debt has paid.

My Righteous Servant and my Son Shall each Believing Sinner clear,

And All, who stoop t'abjure their own, Shall in His Righteousness appear.

Them shall He claim His just Deserts
Them His Inheritance receive,
And many a contrite humble Heart
Will I for his Possession give.
Satan He thence shall chase away,

Assert his Right, his Foes o'ercome; Stronger than Hell, retrieve the Prey, And bear the Spoil triumphant Home.

15. For charg'd with all their Guilt he stood, Sinners from Suffering to redeem, For Them He pour'd out all his Blood,

Their Substitute, He died for Them. He died; and rose his Death to plead,

To testify Their Sins forgiven -

And still I hear Him interceed,
And still He makes Their Claim to Heaven!

HEB. XII. 2.

Looking unto JESUS, the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

WEARY of struggling with my Pain, Hopeless to burst my Nature's Chain, Hardly I give the Contest o'er, I seek to free myself no more.

From my own Works at last I cease, God that creates must seal my Peace; Fruitless my Toil and Vain my Care, And all my Fitness is Despair.

LORD, I despair myself to heal, lee my Sin, but cannot feel: I cannot, till thy Spirit blow, And bid th' Obedient Waters flow.

'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.

With simple Faith, to Thee I call. My Light, my Life, my Lord, my All: wait the Moving of the Pool; wait the Word that speaks me Whole.

VI.

Speak gracious Lord, my Sickness cure, Make my infected Nature pure; Peace, Righteousness and Joy impart, And pour Thyself into my Heart.

GAL. iii. 22...

The Scripture hath concluded all under Sin, that the Promise by Faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

I.

JESU, the Sinner's Friend, to Thee Lost and undone for Aid I slee, Weary of Earth, Myself, and Sin—Open thine Arms, and take me in.

II.

Pity and heal my fin-fick Soul,
'Tis Thou alone canst make me whole,
Fal'n, till in Me thine Image shine,
And curst I am till Thou art mine.

III.

Hear, Jesu, hear my helples Cry, O save a Wretch condemn'd to die! The Sentence in Myself I feel, And all my Nature teems with Hell.

IV.

When shall Concupiscence and Pride No more my tortur'd Heart divide! When shall this Agony be o'er, And the Old Adam rage no more!

$\mathbf{V}.$

Awake, the Woman's Conqu'ring Seed, Awake, and bruise the Serpent's Head, Tread down thy Foes, with Power controul The Beast and Devil in my Soul.

VI.

The Mansion for Thyself prepare, Dispose my Heart by Entring there! 'Tis This alone can make me clean, 'Tis This alone can cast out Sin.

VII.

Long have I vainly hop'd and strove To force my Hardness into Love, To give Thee all thy Laws require; And labour'd in the Purging Fire.

VIII.

A thousand specious Arts essay'd, Call'd the deep Mystic to my Aid: His boasted Skill the Brute refin'd, But left the subtler Fiend behind.

IX.

Frail, dark, impure, I still remain, Nor hope to break my Nature's Chain: The fond self-emptying Scheme is past, And lo! constrain'd I yield at last.

X.

At last I own it cannot be That I should fit Myself for Thee: Here then to Thee, I all resign, Thine is the Work, and only Thine.

XI:

No more to lift my Eyes I dare Abandon'd to a just Despair; I Have my Punishment in View. I Feel a thousand Hells my Due.

XII.

What shall I say thy Grace to move?
LORD I am Sin—but Thou art Love:
I give up every Plea beside
"LORD I am Damn'd—but Thou hast died!

XIII.

While groaning at thy Feet I fall Spurn me away, refuse my Call, If Love permit, contract thy Brow, And, if Thou canst, destroy me now!

Hoping for GRACE. From the German.

T.

Y Soul before Thee prostrate lies, To Thee her Source my Spirit slies, My Wants I mourn, my Chains I see: O let thy Presence set me free!

II.

Lost and undone, for Aid I cry; In thy Death, Saviour, let me die! Griev'd with thy Grief, pain'd with thy Pain, Ne'er may I feel Self-love again.

III.

Jesu, vouchsafe my Heart and Will With thy meek Lowliness to fill; No more her Pow'r let Nature boast, But in thy Will may mine be lost.

IV.

In Life's short Day let me yet more Of thy enliv'ning Pow'r implore: My Mind must deeper sink in Thee, My Foot stand firm from Wandring free.

V.

Ye Sons of Men, here nought avails Your Strength, here all your Wisdom fails; Who bids a finful Heart be clean? Thou only, LORD, supreme of Men.

VI.

And well I know thy tender Love; Thou never didst unfaithful prove: And well I know Thou stand'st by me, Pleas'd from Myself to set me free.

VII.

Still will I watch, and labour still To banish ev'ry Thought of Ill; Till Thou in thy good Time appear, And sav'st me from the Fowler's Snare.

Already

VIII.

Already springing Hope I seel; God will destroy the Pow'r of Hell: God from the Land of Wars and Pain Leads me, where Peace and Sasety reign.

IX.

One only Care my Soul shall know, Father, all thy Commands to do: Ah deep engrave it on my Breast, That I in Thee ev'n now am blest:

X.

When my warm'd Thoughts I fix on Thee, And plunge me in thy Mercy's Sea, Then ev'n on me thy Face shall shine, And quality this dead Heart of mine.

XI.

So ev'n in Storms my Zeal shall grow; So shall I thy Hid Sweetness know; And feel (what endless Age shall prove) That Thou, my Lord, my God, art Love!

The DAWNING. From Herbert.

AWAKE, fad Heart, whom Sorrows drown,
Lift up thine Eyes, and cease to mourn,
Unfold thy Forehead's settled Frown;
Thy Saviour, and thy Joys return.

Awake, sad drooping Heart, awake! No more lament, and pine, and cry: His Death Thou ever dost partake, Partake at last his Victory.

Arise; if thou dost not withstand, CHRIST's Resurrection Thine may be: O break not from the Gracious Hand Which, as it rifes, raises Thee.

Chear'd by thy Saviour's Sorrows rife; He griev'd, that Thou mayst cease to grieve; Dry with his Burial Cloths thine Eyes, He dy'd Himself, that Thou mayst live!

Маттн. v. 3.

Blessed are they that mounn.

JESU! my great High-priest above, J My Friend before the Throne of Love! If now for Me prevails thy Prayer, If now I find Thee pleading there; If Thou the Secret Wish convey, And sweetly prompt my Heart to pray, Hear; and my weak Petitions join, Almighty Advocate, to Thine!

II.

Fain would I know my utmost Ill, And groan my Nature's Weight to seel, To seel the Clouds that round me roll. The Night that hangs upon my Soul. The Darkness of my Carnal Mind, My Will perverse, my Passions blind, Scatter'd o'er all the Earth abroad, Immeasurably far from God.

III.

JESU! my Heart's Desire obtain,
My Earnest Suit present and gain,
My Fulness of Corruption show,
The Knowledge of Myself bestow;
A deeper Displicence at Sin,
A sharper Sense of Hell within,
A stronger Struggling to get free,
A keener Appetite for Thee.

IV.

For Thee my Spirit often pants,
Yet often in pursuing faints,
Drooping it soon neglects t'aspire,
To fan the ever-dying Fire:
No more thy Glory's Skirts are seen,
The World, the Creature steals between;
Heavenward no more my Wishes move,
And I forget that Thou art Love.

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O Sovereign Love, to Thee I cry; Give me Thyself, or else I die. Save me from Death, from Hell set free; Death, Hell, are but the Want of Thee.

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Quickned by thy imparted Flame, Sav'd, when possest of Thee, I am; My Life, my only Heav'n Thou art: And lo! I feel Thee in my Heart!

The CHANGE. From the German.

I.

JESU, whose Glory's streaming Rays,
J Tho' duteous to thy high Command
Not Seraph's view with open Face,
But veil'd before thy Presence stand:
How shall weak Eyes of Flesh, weigh'd down
With Sin, and dim with Error's Night,
Dare to behold thy awful Throne,
Or view thy unapproached Light?

II.

Restore my Sight! let thy free Grace
An Entrance to the Holiest give!
Open my Eyes of Faith! thy Face
So shall I see; yet seeing live.
Thy Golden Scepter from above
Reach forth: see my whole Heart I bow:
Say to my Soul, Thou art my Love,
My Chosen midst ten thousand Thou.

III.

Of a fick Heart with Pity view!

Hark how my Silence speaks; and cries,

Mercy, Thou God of Mercy, shew!

I know Thou canst not but be Good!

How shouldst Thou, Lord, thy Grace restrain?

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Thou, Lord, whose Blood so largely flow'd To save me from all Guilt and Pain.

IV.

Into thy gracious Hands I fall,

And with the Arms of Faith embrace!

O King of Glory, hear my Call!

O raise me, heal me by thy Grace!

-Now Righteous thro' thy Wounds I am:

No Condemnation now I dread: I taste Salvation in thy Name,

Alive in Thee my Living Head!

V.

Still let thy Wisdom be my Guide,

Nor take thy Light from me away:

Still with me let thy Grace abide,

That I from Thee may never stray.

Let thy Word richly in me dwell;

Thy Peace and Love my Portion be, My Joy t'endure, and do thy Will, Till perfect I am found in Thee I

VΙ.

Arm me with thy whole Armour, Lord, Support my Weakness with thy Might:

Gird on my Thigh thy conq'ring Sword, And shield me in the threat'ning Fight.

From Faith to Faith, from Grace to Grace, So in thy Strength shall I go on,

Till Heav'n and Earth flee from thy Face, And Glory end what Grace begun.

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SACRED POEMS.

PART II.

Christ the Friend of Sinners.

I.

THERE shall my wond'ring Soul begin!

How shall I All to Heaven aspire!

A Slave redeem'd from Death and Sin,

A Brand pluck'd from Eternal Fire,

How shall I equal Triumphs raise,

And sing my great Deliverer's Praise!

O how shall I the Goodness tell,
Father, which Thou to me hast show'd,
That I, a Child of Wrath, and Hell,
I should be call'd a Child of Goo!
Should know, should feel my Sins forgiven,
Blest with this Antepast of Heaven!

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III.

And shall I slight my Father's Love,
Or basely sear his Gifts to own?
Unmindful of his Favours prove?
Shall I the hallow'd Cross to shun
Resuse his Righteousness t' impart
By hiding it within my Heart?

IV.

No—tho' the Antient Dragon rage
And call forth all his Hosts to War,
Tho' Earth's self-righteous Sons engage;
Them, and their God alike I dare:
Jesus the Sinner's Friend proclaim,
Jesus, to Sinners still the same.

V.

Outcasts of Men, to You I call,
Harlots and Publicans, and Thieves!
He spreads his Arms t'embrace you all;
Sinners alone his Grace receives:
No Need of Him the Righteous have,
He came the Lost to seek and save!

VI.

Come all ye Magdalens in Lust,
Ye Russians sell in Murders old;
Repent, and live: despair and trust!
Jesus for you to Death was sold;
Tho' Hell protest, and Earth repine;
He died for Crimes like Yours—and Mine.

VII.

Come O my guilty Brethren come, Groaning beneath your Load of Sin!

His bleeding Heart shall make you room, His open Side shall take you in. He calls you Now, invites you home——
Come, O my guilty Brethren, come!

VIII.

For you the purple Current flow'd 'In Pardons from his wounded Side: Languish'd for you th' Eternal God, For you the Prince of Glory dy'd.

Believe; and all your Guilt's forgiven, Only Believe—and yours is Heaven.

On the Conversion of a Common Harlot.

LUKE XV. 10.

There is foy in the Presence of the Angels of God over one Sinner that repenteth.

SING ye Heavens, and Earth rejoice, Make to God a chearful Noise, He the Work alone hath done, He hath glorified his Son.

II.

Sons of God exulting rife Join the Triumph of the Skies, See the Prodigal is come, Shout to bear the Wanderer home!

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III.

Strive in Joy with Angels strive, Dead She was, but now's alive, Loud repeat the glorious Sound, Lost She was, but now is found!

IV.

This through Ages all along, This be still the Joyous Song, Wide diffus'd o'er Earth abroad, Musick in the Ears of God.

V.

Rescued from the Fowler's Snare, Jesus spreads his Arms for Her, Jesu's Arms her sacred Fence:—— Come, ye Fiends, and pluck her thence!

VI.

Thence She never shall remove, Safe in His Redeeming Love: This the Purchase of his Groans! This the Soul he died for once!

VII.

Now the Gracious Father smiles, Now the Saviour boasts his Spoils; Now the Spirit grieves no more: 'Sing ye Heav'ns, and Earth adore!

Hallelujah.

Rom. iv. 5.

To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the Ungodly, his Faith is counted for Righteousness.

I.

I ORD, if to Me thy Grace hath given, A Spark of Life, a Taste of Heaven, The Gospel-pearl, the Woman's Seed, The Bruiser of the Serpent's Head;

II.

Why fleeps my Principle Divine? Why hastens not my Spark to shine? The Saviour in my Heart to move And all my Soul to flame with Love?

III.

Buried, o'erwhelm'd, and lost in Sin, And seemingly extinct within, Th' Immortal Seed unactive lies, The Heav'nly Adam sinks and dies:

IV.

Dies, and revives the Dying Flame. Cast down, but not destroy'd I am, 'Midst thousand Lusts I still respire, And tremble, unconsum'd in Fire.

V.

Suffer'd awhile to want my Gon, To groan beneath my Nature's Load, That All may own, that All may see Th' Ungodly justify'd in Me.

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Acts i. 4.

Wait for the Promise of the Father, which ye have heard of me.

I.

SAVIOUR of Men, how long shall I Forgotten at thy Footstool lie! Wash'd in the Fountain of thy Blood, Yet groaning still to be renew'd;

II.

A Miracle of Grace and Sin, Pardon'd, yet still alas unclean! Thy Righteousness is counted Mine: When will it in my Nature shine?

III.

Darksom I still remain and void, And painfully unlike my GoD, Till Thou dissufe a brighter Ray, And turn the Glimm'ring into Day.

IV.

Why didst Thou the First Gift impart, And sprinkle with thy Blood my Heart, But that my sprinkled Heart might prove, The Life and Liberty of Love?

V.

Why didst Thou bid my Terrors cease. And sweetly fill my Soul with Peace, But that my peaceful Soul might know The Joys that from Believing flow?

VI.

See then thy Ransom'd Servant, see, I hunger, Lord, I thirst for Thee! Feed me with Love, thy Spirit give, I gasp, in Him, in Thee to live.

VII.

The Promis'd Comforter impart, Open the Fountain in my Heart; There let Him flow with springing Joys, And into Life Eternal rise.

VIII.

There let Him ever, ever dwell, The Pledge, the Witness, and the Seal; I'll glory then in Sin Forgiven, In Christ my Life, my Love, my Heaven!

HYMN of THANKSGIVING tothe FATHER.

THEE, O my God and King,
My Father, Thee I fing!
Hear well-pleas'd the joyous Sound,
Praise from Earth and Heav'n receive;
Lost, I now in Christ am found,
Dead, by Faith in Christ I live.

Father, behold thy Son,
In CHRIST I am thy own.

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Stranger long to Thee and Rest, See the Prodigal is come: Open wide thine Arms and Breast, Take the weary Wand'rer home.

III.

Thine Eye observ'd from far,
Thy Pity look'd me near:
Me thy Bowels yearn'd to see,
Me thy Mercy ran to find,
Empty, poor, and void of Thee,
Hungry, sick, and faint, and blind.

IV.

Thou on my Neck didst fall,
Thy Kiss forgave me all:
Still the gracious Words I hear,
Words that made the Saviour mine,
Haste, for Him the Robe prepare,
His be Righteousness Divine!

Thee then, my God and King,
My Father, Thee I fing!
Hear well-pleas'd the joyous Sound,
Praise from Earth and Heav'n receive;
Lost, I now in Christ am found,
Dead, by Faith in Christ I live.

HYMN to the SON.

O Filial Deity,
Accept my New-born Cry!

See the Travail of thy Soul, Saviour, and be fatisfy'd; Take me now, possess me whole, Who for Me, for Me hast dy'd!

II.

Of Life Thou art the Tree,
My Immortality!
Feed this tender Branch of thine,
Ccaseless Influence derive,
Thou the true, the heav'nly Vine,
Grafted into Thee I live.

III.

Of Life the Fountain Thou, I know — I feel it Now! Faint and dead no more I droop: Thou art in me: Thy Supplies Ev'ry Moment springing up Into Life Eternal rise.

IV.

Thou the Good Shepherd art, From Thee I ne'er shall part: Thou my Keeper and my Guide, Make me still thy Tender Care, Gently lead me by thy Side, Sweetly in thy Bosom bear.

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Thou art my Daily Bread;
O CHRIST, Thou art my Head:
Motion, Virtue, Strength to Me,
Me thy Living Member flow;
Nourish'd I, and fed by Thee,
Up to Thee in all things grow.

VI.

Prophet, to me reveal
Thy Father's perfect Will.
Never Mortal spake like Thee,
Human Prophet like Divine;
Loud and strong their Voices be,
Small and still and inward Thine!

VII.

On Thee my Priest I call,
Thy Blood aton'd for all.
Still the Lamb as slain appears,
Still Thou stand'st before the Throne,
Ever off'ring up thy Pray'rs,
These presenting with thy own.

VIII.

JESU! Thou art my King,
From Thee my Strength I bring!
Shadow'd by thy mighty Hand,
Saviour, who shall pluck me thence?
Faith supports, by Faith I stand
Strong as thy Omnipotence.

IX.

O Filial Deity,
Accept my New-born Cry!
See the Travail of thy Soul,
Saviour, and be fatisfy'd;
Take me now, possess me whole,
Who for Me, for Me hast dy'd!

HYMN to the HOLY GHOST.

LIEAR, Holy Spirit, hear,
My Inward Comforter!
Loos'd by Thee my stamm'ring Tongue
First essays to praise Thee now,
This the New, the Joyful Song,
Hear it in thy Temple Thou!

II.

Long. o'er my Formles Soul-The dreary Waves did roll; Void I lay and sunk in Night: Thou, the overshadowing Dove,-Call'dst the Chaos into Light, Bad'st me Be, and live, and love.

III.

Thee I exult to Feel,
Thou in my Heart dost dwell:
There Thou bear'st thy Witness true,
Shed'st the Love of God abroad;
in Christ a Creature New,
I, ev'n I am Born of God!

IV.

Ere yet the Time was come
To fix in Me thy Home,
With me oft Thou didst reside:
Now, my God, Thou In me art!
Here Thou ever shalt abide;
One we are, no more to part.

V.

Fruit of the Saviour's Pray'r,
My Promis'd Comforter!
Thee the World cannot receive,
Thee they neither know nor fee,
Dead is all the Life they live,
Dark their Light, while void of Thee.

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Yet I partake thy Grace
Thro' Christ my Righteousness;
Mine the Gifts Thou dost impart,
Mine the Unction from above,
Pardon written on my Heart,
Light, and Life, and Joy, and Love.

Thy Gifts, Blest Paraclete,
I glory to repeat:
Sweetly Sure of Grace I am,
Pardon to my Soul apply'd,
Int'rest in the spotless Lamb;
Dead for All, for me He dy'd.

VIII.

Thou art Thyself the Seal;
I more than Pardon seel,
Peace, Unutterable Peace,
Joy that Ages ne'er can move,
Faith's Assurance, Hope's Increase,
All the Considence of Love!

IX.

Pledge of thy Promise giv'n, My An epast of Heav'n;

Earnest Thou of Joys Divine,
Joys Divine on Me bestow'd,
Heav'n and Christ, and All is mine,
All the Plenitude of God.

X.

Thou art My Inward Guide,
I ask no Help beside:
Arm of God, to Thee I call,
Weak as Helpless Infancy!
Weak I am—yet cannot fall
Stay'd by Faith, and led by Thee!

XI.

Hear, Holy Spirit, hear,
My Inward Comforter!
Loos'd by Thee my stamm'ring Tongue
First essays to praise Thee now;
This the New, the Joyful Song,
Hear it in thy Temple Thou!

PRAISE. From Herbert.

O King of Glory, King of Peace,
Thee only will I love:
Thee, that my Love may never cease,
Incessant will I move!

II

For Thou haft granted my Request,
For Thou my Cries hast heard,
Mark'd all the Workings of my Breast,
And hast in Mercy spar'd.

Wherefore

III.

Wherefore with all my Strength and Art Thy Mercy's Praise I sing; To Thee the Tribute of my Heart, My Soul, my All I bring.

IV.

What the ory Sins against me cry'd? Thou didst the Sinner spare: In vain th' Accuser still reply'd, For Love had charm'd thy Ear.

V.

Thee sev'n whole Days, not one in sev'n, Unweary'd will I praise, And in my Heart, a little Heav'n, Thy Throne triumphant raise.

VI.

Soften'd and vanquish'd by my Tears
Thou could'st no more withstand,
But when stern Justice call'd for Fears,
Disarm'd her listed Hand.

VII.

Small is it in this humble fort.
Thy Mercy's Pow'r to raise:
For ev'n Eternity's too short.
To utter all thy Praise.

The GLANCE. From the same.

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WHEN first thy gracious Eye's survey, Ev'n in the midst of Youth and Night, Mark'd me, where sunk in Sin I lay; I selt a strange unknown Delight.

II.

My Soul in all its Pow'rs renew'd Own'd the Divine Physician's Art, So swift the Healing Look bedew'd, Embalm'd, o'er-ran and fill'd my Heart.

III.

Since then I many a bitter Storm
Have felt, and feeling sure had dy'd,
Had the malicious Fatal Harm
Roll'd on its unmolested Tide:

IV.

But working still, within my Soul,
Thy sweet Original Joy remain'd;
Thy Love did all my Griefs controul,
Thy Love the Victory more than gain'd.

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If the first Glance, but open'd now And now seal'd up, so pow'rful prove, What wondrous Transports shall we know When glorying in thy full-ey'd Love!

VI.

When Thou shalt look us out of Pain, And raise us to thy Blissful Sight, With open Face strong to sustain The Blaze of thy unclouded Light!

Desiring to praise worthily. From the German.

I.

ONARCH of All, with lowly Fear To whom Heaven's Host their Voices raise, Even Earth and Dust thy Bounties share: Let Earth and Dust attempt thy Praise.

II.

Before thy Face, O Lord most High, Sinks all created Glory down: Yet be not wroth with me, that I Vile Worm, draw near thy awful Throne.

III.

Of all Thou the Beginning art, Of all things Thou alone the End: On Thee still fix my stedfast Heart; To Thee let all my Actions tend.

IV.

Thou, Lord, art Light: Thy Native Ray No Shade, no Variation knows— On my Dark Soul (Ye Clouds away) The Brightness of thy Face disclose.

Thou,

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Thou, Lord, art Love: from Thee pure Love Flows forth in unexhausted Streams; Let me its quickning Influence prove, Fill my whole Heart with Sacred Flames.

VI.

Thou, Lord, art Good, and Thou alone: With eager Hope, with warm Desire, Thee may I still my Portion own, To Thee in every Thought aspire.

VII.

So shall my every Power to Thee In Love, Thanks, Praise incessant rise, Yea my whole Soul and Flesh shall be One Holy, Living Sacrifice.

VIII.

Lord God of Armies, ceaseless Praise In Heaven thy Throne to Thee is given, Here as in Heaven thy Name we raise, For where thy Presence Shines, is Heaven.

FREE GRACE.

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AND can it be, that I should gain
An Int'rest in the Saviour's Blood!
Dy'd He for Me?—who caus'd his Pain!
For Me?—who Him to Death pursu'd.
Amazing Love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for Me?
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II.

"Tis Mystery all! th' Immortal dies!

Who can explore his strange Design?

In vain the first-born Seraph tries

To found the Depths of Love Divine.

'Tis Mercy all! Let Earth adore; Let Angel Minds enquire no more.

III.

He left his Father's Throne above, (So free, so infinite his Grace!)

Empty'd Himself of All but Love,

And bled for Adam's helples Race: 'Tis Mercy all, immense and free! For O my God! it found out Me!

IV.

Long my imprison d Spirit lay,

Fast bound in Sin and Nature's Night:

Thine Eye diffus'd a quick'ning Ray;

I woke; the Dungeon flam'd with Light; My Chains fell off, my Heart was free, I rose, went forth, and follow'd Thee.

V.

Still the small inward Voice I hear,

That whispers all my Sins forgiv'n;

Still the attoning Blood is near,

That quench'd the Wrath of hostile Heav'n: I feel the Life his Wounds impart: I feel my Saviour in my Heart.

VI.

No Condemnation now I dread,
Jesus, and all in Him, is Mine:

A live

Alive in Him, my Living Head, And cloath'd in Righteousness Divine, Bold I approach th'Eternal Throne, And claim the Crown, thro' Christ, my own.

The CALL. From Herbert.

OME, O my Way, my Truth, my Life!

A Way that gives us Breath,

A Truth that ends its Followers' Strife,

A Life that conquers Death!

Come, O my Light, my Feast, my Strength!
A Light that shews a Feast;
A Feast that still improves by Length,
A Strength that makes the Guest!

Come, O my Joy, my Love, my Heart!

A Joy that none can move;

A Love that none can ever part,

A Heart that joys in Love!

TRUE PRAISE. From the same.

WHEN first my seeble Verse essay'd,
Of heav'nly Joys to sing,
Fancy was summon'd to my Aid
Her choicest Stores to bring.

With

II.

With study'd Words each rising Thought I deck'd, with nicest Art, And shining Metaphors I sought To burnish ev'ry Part.

III.

Thousands of Notions swift did run, And fill'd my lab'ring Head; I blotted oft' what I begun, This was too flat, that dead.

IV.

To cloath the Sun, no Dress too fine
I thought, no Words too gay,
Much less the Realms that glorious shine
In one Eternal Day.

V.

Mean while I whisp'ring heard a Friend,
"Why all this vain Pretence?
"Love has a Sweetness ready penn'd,
"Take that, and save Expence.

The DIALOGUE. From the same.

SAVIOUR, if Thy precious Love Could be merited by mine, Faith these Mountains would remove; Faith would make me ever Thine: But when all my Care and Pains, Worth can ne'er create in Me,

Nought by me thy Fulness gains; Vain the Hope to purchase Thee.

II.

C. Cease, my Child, thy Worth to weigh, Give the needless Contest o'er:

Mine Thou art! while thus I say,

Yield Thee up, and ask no more.

What thy Estimate may be,

Only can by Him be told,

Who to ransom Wretched Thee,

Thee to gain, Himself was sold.

III.

S. But when All in Me is Sin,
How can I thy Grace obtain?
How presume Thyself to win?
God of Love, the Doubt explain—
Or if Thou the Means supply,
Lo! to Thee I All resign!
Make me, Lord, (I ask not why,
How, I ask not) ever Thine!

IV.

C. This I would—That humbly still
Thou submit to my Decree,
Blindly subjecting thy Will,
Meekly copying after Me:
That as I did leave my Throne;
Freely from my Glory part;
Die, to make thy Heart my own—
S. Ah! no more—Thou break'st my Heart!

Subjection to Christ. From the German.

TESU, to Thee my Heart I bow, Strange Flames far from my Soul remove; Fairest among ten thousand Thou, Be Thou my Lord, my Life, my Love.

All Heav'n Thou fill'st with pure Desire; O shine upon my frozen Breast; With sacred Warmth my Heart inspire, May I too thy hid Sweetness taste.

I see thy Garments roll'd in Blood, Thy streaming Head, thy Hands, thy Side: All hail, Thou Suff'ring, conquering Gon! Now Man shall live; for God hath dy'd.

IV.

O kill in Me this Rebel Sin, And triumph o'er my willing Breast: Restore thy Image, Lord, therein, And lead me to my Father's Rest.

Ye earthly Loves, be far away! Saviour, be Thou my Love alone; No more may Mine usurp the Sway, But in me thy great Will be done!

Yea Thou true Witness, spotless Lamb, All Things for Thee I count but Loss; My sole Desire, my constant Aim, My only Glory be thy Cross!

Renouncing all for Christ. From the French.

COME, Saviour Jesu, from above, Affist me with thy heav'nly Grace, Withdraw my Heart from worldly Love, And for Thyself prepare the Place.

O let thy facred Presence fill And fet my longing Spirit free, Which pants to have no other Will, But Night and Day to feast on Thee.

While in these Regions here below, No other Good will I pursue; I'll bid this World of Noise and Show With all its flatt'ring Snares adieu.

That Path with humble Speed I'll feek Wherein my Saviour's Footsteps shine, Nor will I hear, nor will I speak Of any other Love than thine.

V.

To Thee my Earnest Soul aspires,
To Thee I offer all my Vows,

Keep me from false and vain Desires, My God, my Saviour and my Spouse.

VI.

Henceforth may no profane Delight Divide this confecrated Soul; Posses it Thou, who hast the Right, As Lord and Master of the whole.

VII.

Wealth, Honour, Pleasure, or what else This short enduring World can give, Tempt as you will, my Heart repels, To Christ alone resolv'd to live.

VIII.

Thee I can love and Thee alone
With holy Peace and Inward Blis;
To find Thou tak'st me for thy own,
O what a Happiness is This!

IX.

Nor Heav'n nor Earth do I desire
But thy pure Love within my Breast,
This, this I always will require,
And freely give up all the rest.

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Thy Gifts, if call'd for, I relign,
Pleas'd to receive, pleas'd to restore;
Fifts are Thy Work; it shall be mine
The Giver only to adore.

The Invitation. From Herbert.

1.

COME hither All, whose grov'ling Taster Inslaves your Souls, and lays them waste; Save your Expence, and mend your Cheer: Here God Himself's prepar'd and drest, Himself vouchsafes to be your Feast. In whom: Alone all Dainties are.

II.

Come hither all, whom tempting Wine
Bows to your Father Belial's Shrine,
Sin all your Boast, and Sense your God:
Weep new for what you've drank amiss,
And lose your Taste for sensual Bliss
By drinking here your Saviour's Blood.

III.

Come hither all, whom searching Pain, Whom Conscience's loud Cries arraign Producing all your Sins to view:
Taste; and dismiss your Guilty Fear, O taste and see that God is here
To heal your Souls and Sin subdue.

IV.

Come hither all, whom Careless Joy Does with alluring Force destroy,

While loose ye range beyond your Bounds: True Joy is here, that passes quite And all your transient mean Delight Drowns, as a Flood the lower Grounds.

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Come

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Come hither all, whose Idol-Love, While fond the pleasing Pain ye prove, Raises your foolish Raptures high: True Love is here; whose dying Breath Gave Life to Us; who tasted Death, And tasting once no more can die.

VI.

LORD, I have now invited All,
And instant still the Guests shall call,
Still shall I All invite to Thee:
For, O my God, it seems but right
In mine, thy meanest Servant's Sight,
That where All Is, there All should be!

The BANQUET. From the same.

T.

Welcome, delicious Sacred Cheer,
Welcome, my God, my Saviour dear,
O with me, In me live and dwell!
Thine, Earthly Joy surpasses quite,
The Depths of thy supreme Delight
Not Angel Tongues can taste or tell.

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What Streams of Sweetness from the Bowl Surprize and deluge all my Soul,

Sweetness that is, and makes Divine! Surely from God's right Hand they flow, From thence deriv'd to Earth below

To chear us with Immortal Wine,

III.

Soon as I taste the Heav'nly Bread, What Manna o'er my Soul is shed, Manna that Angels never knew! Victorious Sweetness fills my Heart, Such as my God delights t' impart, Mighty to save, and Sin subdue.

V.

I had forgot my Heav'nly Birth,
My Soul degen'rate clave to Earth,
In Sense and Sin's base Pleasures drown'd;
When God assum'd Humanity,
And spilt his Sacred Blood for me,
To find me grov'ling on the Ground.

V.

Soon as his Love has rais'd me up,
He mingles Blessings in a Cup,
And sweetly meets my ravish'd Taste,
Joyous I now throw off my Load,
I cast my Sins and Care on God,
And Wine becomes a Wing at last.

VI.

Upborn on This, I mount, I fly;
Regaining swift my Native Sky,—
I wipe my streaming Eyes and see
Him, whom I seek, for whom I sue,
My God, my Saviour there I view,
Him, who has done so much for me!

VII.

O let thy wondrous Mercy's Praise Inspire and consecrate my Lays,

And

And take up all my Lines and Life; Thy Praise my ev'ry Breath employ: Be all my Business, all my Joy
To strive in This, and love the Strife!

Therefore with Angels, &c.

I.

ORD and God of Heav'nly Pow'rs, Theirs—yet Oh! benignly Ours, Glorious King, let Earth proclaim, Worms attempt to chant thy Name.

II.

Thee to laud in Songs Divine Angels and Archangels join; We with Them our Voices raise, Echoing thy Eternal Praise:

III.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Live by Heav'n and Earth ador'd! Full of Thee, they ever cry Glory be to God most High!

Glory be to Gop on high, &c.

GLORY be to God on high, God whose Glory fills the Sky: Peace on Earth to Man forgiv'n, Man the Well-belov'd of Heav'n!

Sov'reign Father, Heav'nly King! Thee we now presume to sing; Glad Thine Attributes confess, Glorious all and numberless.

III.

Hail! by all thy Works ador'd, Hail! the everlasting Lord! Thee with thankful Hearts we prove Lord of Pow'r, and God of Love.

IV.

CHRIST our LORD and God we own; CHRIST the Father's only Son! Lamb of God for Sinners flain, Saviour of offending Man!

Bow thine Ear, in Mercy bow, Hear, the World's Attonement Thou? JESU, in thy Name we pray, Take, O take our Sins away.

VI.

Pow'rful Advocate with GoD, Justify us by thy Blood! Bow thine Ear, in Mercy bow, Hear, the World's Attonement Thou!

VII.

Hear; for Thou, O CHRIST alone With thy Glorious Sire art One! One the Holy Ghost with Thee, One supreme Eternal Three.

HYMN

HYMN to CHRIST. Altered from Dr. Hickes's Reform'd Devotions.

T.

Led to thy Cradle by a Star,
Bring Gifts to Thee their God and King!
O guide us by thy Light, that we
The Way may find, and still to Thee
Our Hearts, our All for Tribute bring.

II.

Jesu, the pure, the spotless Lamb,
Who to the Temple humbly came
Duteous the Legal Rights to pay:
O make our proud, our stubborn Will
All thy wise, gracious Laws sulfil,
Whate'er rebellious Nature say.

III.

JESU, who on the fatal Wood
Pour'dst out thy Life's last Drop of Blood,
Nail'd to th' accursed shameful Cross:
O may we bless thy Love, and be
Ready, dear Lord, to bear for Thee
All Shame, all Grief, all Pain, all Loss.

IV.

JESU, who by thine own Love slain,
By thine own Pow'r took'st Life again,
And Conqueror from the Grave didst rise:
O may thy Death our Souls revive,
And ev'n on Earth a new Life give,
A glorious Life that never dies.

V.

Jesu, who to thy Heav'n again
Return'dst in Triumph, there to reign
Of Men and Angels Sov'reign King:
O may our parting Souls take Flight
Up to that Land of Joy and Light,
And there for ever grateful sing.

VI.

All Glory to the facred Three,

One undivided Deity,

All Honour, Pow'r, and Love and Praise 3 Still may thy blessed Name shine bright In Beams of uncreated Light, Crown'd with its own eternal Rays.

On the CRUCIFIXION.

I.

BEHOLD the Saviour of Mankind Nail'd to the shameful Tree! How vast the Love that Him inclin'd To bleed and die for Thee!

II.

Hark how he groans! while Nature shakes, And Earth's strong Pillars bend! The Temple's Veil in sunder breaks, The solid Marbles rend.

III.

Tis done! the precious Ransom's paid ;
Receive my Soul, he cries;
See where he bows his sacred Head!
He bows his Head and dies.

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IV.

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!

Part of the LXIII Chapter of Isaian, Altered from Mr. Norris.

I.

In more than human Majesty! Who is this mighty Hero, who, With glorious Terror on his Brow! His deep dy'd Crimson Robes outvie The Blushes of the Morning Sky: Lo, how triumphant he appears And Vict'ry in his Visage bears!

II.

How strong, how stately does he go! Pompous and solemn is his Pace, And sull of Majesty his Face, Who is this mighty Hero, who? 'Tis I, who to my Promise stand: I, who sin, Death, Hell, and the Grave Have soil'd with this all-conquering Hand: 'Tis I, the Lord mighty to save.

III.

Why wear'st Thou then this Crimson Dye; Say Thou all-conquering Hero, why?

Why do thy Garments look all red Like them that in the Wine fat tread? The Wine-press I alone have trod, That pond'rous Mass I ply'd alone: And with me to affist was none: A Task, worthy the Son of Gop!

IV.

Angels stood trembling at the Sight, Inrag'd, I put forth all my Might, And down the Engine prest; the Force Put frighted Nature out of Course; The Blood gush'd out, and checquer'd o'er My Garments with its deepest Gore. With glorious Stains bedeck'd I stood, And writ my Victory in Blood.

V

The Day, the fignal Day is come Vengeance of all my Foes to take; The Day, when Death shall have its Doom, And the dark Kingdom's Pow'rs shall shake. I look'd, who to affish stood by: Trembled Heav'n's Hosts nor ventur'd nigh: Ev'n to my Father did I look In Pain: My Father me forsook!

VI.

A while amaz'd I was to see
None to uphold or comfort me:
Then I arose in Might array'd,
And call'd my Fury to my Aid;
My single Arm the Battle won,
And strait th' acclaiming Hosts above
Hymn'd, in new Songs of Joy and Love,
Jehovah and his conquering Son.

The MAGNIFICAT.

I.

In God the Saviour joys my Heart:
Thou hast not my low State abhorr'd;
Now know I, Thou my Saviour art.

II.

Sorrow and Sighs are fled away,
Peace now I feel, and Joy and Rest:
Renew'd I hail the Festal Day,
Henceforth by endless Ages blest.

III.

Great are the Things which Thou has done, How holy is thy Name, O Lord! How wondrous is thy Mercy shewn To all that tremble at thy Word!

IV.

Thy conquiring Arm with Terror crown'd Appear'd the Humble to sustain:
And all the Sons of Pride have sound.
Their boasted Wisdom void and vain.

V.

The mighty from their native Sky,
Cast down Thou hast in Darkness bound:
And rais'd the Worms of Earth on high
With Majesty and Glory crown'd.

VI.

The Rich have pin'd amidst their Store,
Nor e'er the Way of Peace have trod;
Mean while the hungry Souls thy Pow'r
Fill'd with the Fulness of their God.

VII.

Come, Saviour, come, of old decreed!

Faithful and true be Thou confest:

By all Earth's Tribes in Abraham's Seed

Henceforth thro' endless Ages blest.

PSALM XLVI.

T.

ON God supreme our Hope depends, Whose omnipresent Sight Ev'n to the pathless Realms extends Of uncreated Night.

II.

Plung'd in th' Abys of deep Distress, To Him we rais'd our Cry: His Mercy bad our Sorrows cease, And fill'd our Tongue with Joy.

III.

Tho' Earth her ancient Seat forsake
By Pangs convulsive torn,
Tho' her self-balanc'd Fabrick shake,
And ruin'd Nature mourn:

IV.

Tho' Hills be in the Ocean lost With all their trembling Load, No Fear shall e'er disturb the Just, Or shake his Trust in God.

V.

Nations remote and Realms unknown In vain relist his Sway; For lo! Jehovah's Voice is shewn, And Earth shall melt away.

VI.

Let War's devouring Surges rise
And swell on ev'ry Side:
The Lord of Hosts our Safeguard is,
And Jacob's God our Guide.

PSALM CXIII.

I.

YE-Priests of God, whose happy Days Are spent in your Creator's Praise, Still more and more his Fame express! Ye pious Worshippers proclaim With Shouts of Joy his holy Name; Nor satisfy'd with praising, bless.

II.

Let God's high Praises still resound Beyond old Time's too scanty Bound,

And thro' eternal Ages pierce, From where the Sun first gilds the Streams To where he sets with purpled Beams, Thro' all the wide-stretch'd Universe.

III.

The various Tribes of Earth obey
Thy awful and imperial Sway;
Nor Earth thy Sov'reign Pow'r confines;
Above the Sun's all-chearing Light,
Above the Stars, and far more bright
Thy pure essential Glory shines.

IV.

What Mortal form'd of fading Clay,
What Native of eternal Day
Can with the God of Heav'n compare?
Yet Angels round thy glorious Throne
Thou stoop'st to view: Nor They alone;
Ev'n earth-born Men thy Goodness share.

V.

The Sinner, if in Thee he trust,
From Depths of Guilt and Shame Thou'lt
raise;
That he, in Peace and Safety plac'd,
With Pow'r and Love and Wildom grac'd,

May sing aloud his Saviour's Praise.

The Poor Thou liftest from the Dust;

PSALM CXVI.

I.

Thou, who when I did complain, Didst all my Griefs remove, O Saviour, do not now disdain My humble Praise and Love.

II.

Since Thou a pitying Ear didst give.
And hear me when I pray'd,
I'll call upon Thee while I live,
And never doubt thy Aid.

III.

Pale Death with all his ghaftly Train
My Soul encompast round,
Anguish and Sin, and Dread and Pain
On ev'ry Side I found.

IV.

To Thee, O Lord of Life, I pray'd, And did for Succour flee:
O fave (in my Distress I said)
The Soul that trusts in Thee!

V.
How good Thou art! How large thy Grace!
How eafy to forgive!
The helpless Thou delight'st to raise:
And by thy Love I live.

VI. Then

VI.

Then, O my Soul, be never more With anxious Thoughts distrest, God's bounteous Love doth Thee restore To Ease and Joy and Rest.

VII.

My Eyes no longer drown'd in Tears, My Feet from falling free, Redeem'd from Death, and guilty Fears O Lord, I'll live to Thee!

PSALM CXVII.

T.

YE Nations, who the Globe divide, Ye num'rous Nations scatter'd wide, To God your grateful Voices raise: To all his boundless Mercy's shown, His Truth to endless Ages known Require our endless Love and Praise.

II.

To Him who reigns enthron'd on high, To his dear Son, who deign'd to die Our Guilt and Errors to remove; To that blest Spirit who Grace imparts, Who rules in all Believing Hearts, Be ceaseless Glory, Praise and Love!

PRAYER. From Herbert.

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TIOW swiftly wasted in a Sigh,
Thou God that hear'st the Pray's,
Do our Requests invade the Sky,
And pierce thy bending Ear?

II.

My Suit is made, my Pray'r is o'er, If I but lift my Eye; Thou, Omnipresent, can'st no more Not hear, than Thou canst die.

III.

How shall we Thy great Arm reverces. Which gives this All to be, Connects the Center with the Sphere, And spans Infinity!

IV.

Whate'er our ardent Souls require,
Whate'er we wish is there;
Thy Pow'r exceeds our Scant Desire,
And chides our partial Pray'r.

V.

O how unbounded is Thy Love,
Which, when Thou could'st not die,
Descending from Thy Throne Above
Put on Mortality!

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VI.

Thou leav'st Thy Father's blissful Face Our Guilt and Curse t'assume, To burst the Bars that stopp'd Thy Grace, And make Thy Bounty Room.

VII.

Still then may Pray'r with me remain, This my Companion be; So shall I all my Wants obtain, Obtain all Heav'n in Thee.

TRUST in PROVIDENCE. From the German.

I.

COMMIT thou all thy Griefs
And Ways into his Hands;
To his fure Truth and tender Care,
Who Earth and Heav'n commands.

II.

Who points the Clouds their Course, Whom Winds and Seas obey; He shall direct thy wand'ring Feet, He shall prepare thy Way.

III.

Thou on the Lord rely,
So safe shalt thou go on;
Fix on his Work thy stedsast Eye,
So shall Thy Work be done.

IV.

No Profit can'ft thou gain
By felf-confuming Care;
To Him commend thy Cause, his Ear
Attends the softest Pray'r.

V.

Thy everlasting Truth,
Father, thy ceaseless Love
Sees all thy Children's Wants, and knows
What best for each will prove.

VI.

And whatfoe'er Thou will'st, Thou dost, O King of Kings; What thy unerring Wisdom chose Thy Pow'r to Being brings.

VII.

Thou ev'ry where hast Way,
And all things serve thy Might;
Thy ev'ry Act pure Blessing is,
Thy Path unfully'd Light.

VIII.

When Thou arisest, Lord, What shall thy Work withstand? When all thy Children want Thou giv'st, Who, who shall stay thy Hand?

· IX.

Give to the Winds thy Fears;
Hope, and be undifmay'd;
God hears thy Sighs, and counts thy Tears,
God shall lift up thy Head.

X.

Thro' Waves and Clouds and Storms He gently clears thy Way; Wait thou his Time, so shall this Night Soon end in joyous Day.

XI.

Still heavy is thy Heart?
Still fink thy Spirits down?
Cast off the Weight, let Fear depart,
And ev'ry Care be gone.

XII.

What tho' Thou rulest not?
Yet Heav'n and Earth and Hell
Proclaim, God sitteth on the Throne
And ruleth all things well!

XIII.

Leave to his Sov'reign Sway

To choose and to command;
So shalt thou wondring own, his Way
How wise, how strong his Hand.

XIV.

Far, far above thy Thought
His Counsel shall appear,
When fully He the Work hath wrought,
That caus'd thy needless Fear.

XV.

Thou seest our Weakness, Lord, Our Hearts are known to Thee; O lift Thou up the sinking Hand, Confirm the seeble Knee!

XVI.

Let us in Life, in Death,
Thy stedfast Truth declare,
And publish with our latest Breath
Thy Love and Guardian Care!

In Affiliction.

I.

TERNAL Beam of Light Divine,
Fountain of unexhausted Love,
In whom the FATHER's Glories shine,
Thro' Earth beneath, and Heav'n above!

IT.

JESU! the weary Wand'rer's Rest; Give me thy easy Yoke to bear, With stedfast Patience arm my Breast, With spotless Love and lowly Fear.

III.

Thankful I take the Cup from Thee, Prepar'd and mingled by thy Skill: Tho' bitter to the Taste it be, Pow'rful the wounded Soul to heal.

IV.

Be Thou, O Rock of Ages, nigh:
So shall each murm'ring Thought be gone,
And Grief, and Fear, and Care shall fly,
As Clouds before the Mid-day Sun.

V.

Speak to my warring Passions, "Peace;
Say to my trembling Heart, "Bestill:
Thy Pow'r my Strength and Fortress is,
For all Things serve Thy Sov'reign Will,

VI.

O Death, where is thy Sting? Where now Thy boasted Victory, O Grave? Who shall contend with God: Or Who Can hurt whom God delights to save?

In Affliction, or Pain.

From the German.

I.

THOU Lamb of God, Thou Prince of Peace, For Thee my thirsty Soul doth pine! My longing Soul implores Thy Grace, O make in me thy Likeness shine.

II.

With fraudless, even, humble Mind, Thy Will in all Things may I see: In Love be ev'ry Wish resign'd, And hallow'd my whole Heart to Thee.

III.

When Pain o'er my weak Flesh prevails,
With Lamb-like Patience arm my Breast;
When Grief my wounded Soul assails,
In lowly Meekness may I rest.

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IV.

Close by Thy Side still may I keep, Howe'er Life's various Current flow; With stedfast Eye mark ev'ry Step, And sollow Thee where'er Thou go.

V.

Thou, Lord, the dreadful Fight hast won; Alone Thou hast the Wine-press trod: In me Thy strength'ning Grace be shown, O may I conquer through Thy Blood!

VI.

So when on Sion Thou shalt stand,
And all Heav'n's Host adore their King,
Shall I be found at Thy Right Hand,
And free from Pain Thy Glories sing.

Another. From the same.

I.

ALL Glory to th' Eternal Three, Of Light and Love th' unfathom'd Sea! Whose boundless Pow'r, whose saving Grace, Reliev'd me in my deep Distress.

TT.

Still, Lord, from thy exhaustless Store Pure Blessing and Salvation show'r; Till Earth I leave, and soar away To Regions of unclouded Day.

III.

My Heart from all Pollution clean, O purge it, tho' with Grief and Pain: To Thee lo! I my All resign, Thine be my Will, my Soul be Thinc.

IV.

O guide me, lead me in thy Ways: 'Tis Thine the finking Hand to raise. O may I ever lean on Thee: Tis Thine to prop the feeble Knee.

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O'Father, sanctify this Pain, Nor let one Tear be shed in vain! Soften, yet arm my Breast: no Fear, No Wrath, but Love alone be there.

VI.

O leave not, cast me not away In sierce Temptation's dreadful Day: Speak but the Word; instant shall cease The Storm, and all my Soul be Peace!

In DESERTION or TEMPTATION.

AH! my dear 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?

II.

Why do these Cares my Soul divide

If Thou indeed hast set me free?

Why am I Thus, if God hath dy'd;

If God hath dy'd to purchase Me?

III.

Around me Clouds of Darkness roll,
In deepest Might I still walk on;
Heavily moves my fainting Soul,
My Comfort and my God are gone.

IV.

Chearless and all forlorn I droop;
In vain I lift my weary Eye;
No Gleam of Light, no Ray of Hope
Appears throughout the darken'd Sky.

V.

My feeble Knees I bend again,
My drooping Hands again I rear:
Vain is the Task, the Effort vain,
My Heart abhors the irksome Pray'r.

VI.

Oft with thy Saints my Voice I raise, And seem to join the tastless Song: Faintly ascends th' impersect Praise, Or dies upon my thoughtless Tongue.

VII.

Cold, weary, languid, heartless, dead To thy dread Courts I oft repair; By Conscience drag'd, or Custom led I come; nor know that God is there!

- VIII.

Nigh with my Lips to Thee I draw, Unconscious at thy Altar found; Far off my Heart: nor touch'd with Awe, Nor mov'd—tho' Angels tremble round.

IX.

In All I do, Myself I feel, And groan beneath the wonted Load, Still unrenew'd and carnal still, Naked of Christ, and void of God,

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Nor yet the Earthly Adam dies, But lives, and moves, and fights again, Still the fierce Gusts of Passion rise, And rebel Nature strives to reign.

XI.

Fondly my foolish Heart essays

T' augment the Source of perfect Bliss,
Love's All-sufficient Sea to raise

With Drops of Creature-Happiness.

XII.

O Love! thy Sov'reign Aid impart,
And guard the Gifts Thyself hast giv'n:
My Portion Thou, my Treasure art,
And Life, and Happiness, and Heav'n.

XIII.

Would ought with Thee my Wishes share,
Tho' dear as Life the Idol be,
The Idol from my Breast I'll tear,
Resolv'd to seek my All from Thee.

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Whate'es

XIV.

Whate'er I fondly counted Mine, To Thee, my Lord, I here restore: Gladly I all for Thee resign: Give me Thyself, I ask no more!

JUSTIFIED, but not SANCTIFIED.

T.

Y God (if I may call Thee Mine
From Heav'n and Thee remov'd so far)
Draw nigh; thy pitying Ear incline,
And cast not out my languid Pray'r.
Gently the Weak Thou lov'st to lead,
Thou lov'st to prop the feeble Knee,
O break not then a bruised Reed,
Nor quench the smoaking Flax in me.

II.

Buried in Sin, thy Voice I hear,
And burst the Barriers of my Tomb,
In all the Marks of Death appear,
Forth at thy Call, tho bound, I come.
Give me, O give me fully, Lord,
Thy Resurrection's Pow'r to know;
Free me indeed; repeat the Word,
And loose my Bands, and let me go.

III.

Fain would I go to Thee my God,
Thy Mercies and my Wants to tell:
I feel my Pardon feal'd in Blood;
Saviour, thy Love I wait to feel.

Freed

Freed from the Pow'r of cancel'd Sin;
When shall my Soul triumphant prove?
Why breaks not out the Fire within
In Flames of Joy and Praise and Love?

IV.

When shall my Eye affect my Heart, Sweetly dissolv'd in gracious Tears? Ah, Lord, the Stone to Flesh convert!

And till thy lovely Face appears,

Still may I at thy Footstool keep,

And watch the Smile of op'ning Heav'n: Much would I pray, and love, and weep; I would; for I have much forgiv'n.

V.

Yet O! ten thousand Lusts remain, And vex my Soul absolv'd from Sin, Still rebel Nature strives to reign, Still am I all unclean, unclean!

Assail'd by Pride, allur'd by Sense,

On Earth the Creatures court my Stay 3 False flatt'ring Idols get ye hence, Created Good be far away!

VI.

Jesu, to Thee my Soul aspires,
Jesu, to Thee I plight my Vows,
Keep me from Earthly base Desires,
My God, my Saviour, and my Spouse.
Fountain of all-sufficient Bliss,
Thou art the Good I seek below;

Fulness of Joys in Thee there is, Without 'tis Mis'ry all and Woe.

VII.

Take this poor wandring, worthless Heart, Its Wandrings all to Thee are known,

May no false Rival claim a Part,

Nor Sin disseize Thee of thine own.

Stir up thy interposing Pow'r,

Save me from Sin, from Idols save, Snatch me from fierce Temptation's Hour, And hide, O hide me in the Grave!

VIII.

I know Thou wilt accept me Now,

I know my Sins are now forgiv'n!

My Head to Death O let me bow,

Nor keep my Life, to lose my Heav'n.

Far from this Snare my Soul remove,

This only Cup I would decline, I deprecate a Creature-Love,

O take me, to secure me Thine.

IX.

Or if thy Wiser Will ordain

The Trial, I would die to shun,

Welcome the Strife, the Grief, the Pain,

Thy Name be prais'd, thy Will he done!

I from thy Hand the Cup receive,

Meekly fubmit to thy Decree,

Gladly for Thee consent to live!

Thou, Lord, hast liv'd, hast died for Me!

Isaiah xliii. 1, 2, 3.

DEACE, doubting Heart—my God's I am! Who form'd me Man forbids my Fear: The Lord hath call'd me by my Name,

The Lord protects for ever near: His Blood for Me did once attone; And still he loves, and guards his own,

II.

When passing thro' the Watry Deep I ask in Faith his promis'd Aid, The Waves an awful Distance keep, And shrink from my devoted Head:

Fearless their Violence I dare: They cannot harm, for God is there!

TII. To Him, my Eye of Faith I turn,

And thro' the Fire pursue my Way;

The Fire forgets its Pow'r to burn,

The lambent Flames around me play: I own his Pow'r, accept the Sign, And shout to prove the Saviour Mine.

IV.

Still nigh me, O my Saviour, stand,

And guard in fierce Temptation's Hour;

Hide in the Hollow of thy Hand,

Shew forth in me thy Saving Pow'r.

Still be thy Arm my fure Defence,

Nor Earth nor Hell fliall pluck me thence:

Since Thou hast bid me come to Thee, (Good as Thou art and strong to save)

I'll walk o'er Lise's tempestuous Sea,

Upborn by the unyielding Wave; Dauntless, tho' Rocks of Pride be near, And yawning Whirlpools of Despair.

VI.

When Darkness intercepts the Skies,

And Sorrow's Waves around me roll.

When high the Storms of Passion rise.

And half o'erwhelm my sinking Soul; My Soul a sudden Calm shall feel.

And hear a Whisper "Peace, be still."

VII.

Tho' in Affliction's Furnace tried,

Unhurt on Snares and Deaths: I'll tread ;

Tho' Sin assail, and Hell thrown wide

Pour all its Flames upon my Head, Like Moses' Bush I'll mount the higher, And flourish unconsum'd in Fire.

The Believer's Support. From the German.

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Thou, to whose all searching Sight.
The Darkness shineth as the Light,
Search, prove my Heart; it pants for Thee:
O burst these Bands, and set it free.

Wash

II.

Wash out its Stains, refine its Dross, Nail my Affections to the Cross! Hallow each Thought: let all within Be clean, as Thou, my Lord, art clean.

III.

If in this darksome Wild I stray,
Be Thou my Light, be Thou my Way:
No Foes, no Violence I fear,
No Fraud, while Thou, my God, art near.

IV.

When rising Floods my Head o'erflow, When sinks my Heart in Waves of Woe, Jesu, thy timely Aid impart, And raise my Head, and chear my Heart.

V.

Saviour, where'er thy Steps I see, Dauntless, untir'd I follow Thee: O let thy Hand support me still. And lead me to thy holy Hill.

VI.

If rough and thorny be my Way, My Strength proportion to my Day: Till Toil and Grief, and Pain shall cease, Where all is Calm, and Joy, and Peace.

Living by Christ. From the German.

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No Thought can reach, no Tongue declare:
O knit my thankful Heart to Thee,
And reign without a Rival there.
Thine wholly, thine alone I am:
Be Thou alone my constant Flame.

II.

O grant that nothing in my Soul
May dwell, but thy pure Love alone:
O may thy Love possess me whole,
My Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown.
Strange Fires far from my Soul remove,
My ev'ry Act, Word, Thought, be Love.

III.

O Love, how chearing is thy Ray?
All Pain before thy Presence slies!
Care, Anguish, Sorrow melt away
Where'er thy healing Beams arise:
O Jesu, nothing may I see,
Nothing hear, seel or think but Thee!

IV.

Unwearied may I this pursue,
Dauntless to the high Prize aspire;
Hourly within my Breast renew
This holy Flame, this heav'nly Fire;
And Day and Night be all my Care
To guard this sacred Treasure there.

My Saviour, Thou thy Love to me In Want, in Pain, in Shame, hast show'd; For me on the accursed Tree

Thou pouredit forth thy guiltless Blood: Thy Wounds upon my Heart impress, Nor ought shall the lov'd Stamp efface.

VI.

More hard than Marble is my Heart, And foul with Sins of deepest Stain: But Thou the mighty Saviour art, Nor flow'd thy cleanfing Blood in vain, Ah! foften, melt this Rock, and may Thy Blood wash all these Stains away.

O that my Heart, which open stands, May catch each Drop, that torturing Pain Arm'd by my Sins, wrung from thy Hands, Thy Feet, thy Head, thy ev'ry Vein: That still my Breast may heave with Sighs, Still Tears of Love o'erflow my Eyes.

VIII. O that I as a little Child May follow Thee, nor ever rest Till sweetly Thou hast pour'd thy mild And lowly Mind into my Breaft. Nor may we ever parted be Till I become one Spirit with Thee.

 \mathbf{IX} O draw me, Saviour, after Thee, So shall I run and never tire:

With gracious Words still comfort me;
Be Thou my Hope, my sole Desire.
Free me from ev'ry Weight: nor Fear
Nor Sin can come, if Thou art here.

X.

My Health, my Light, my Life, my Crown, My Portion and my Treasure Thou!

O take me, seal me for thine own;

To Thee alone my Soul I bow.

Without Thee all is Pain; my Mind Repose in nought but Thee can find.

XI.

Howe'er I rove, where'er I turn,
In Thee alone is all my Rest.
Be Thou my Flame; within me burn,
JESU, and I in Thee am blest.
Thou art the Balm of Life: My Soul
Is faint; O save, O make it whole!

XII.

What in thy Love possess I not?
My Star by Night, my Sun by Day;
My Spring of Life when parch'd with Drought,
My Wine to chear, my Bread to stay,
My Strength, my Shield, my safe Abode,
My Robe before the Throne of Gon!

XIII.

Ah Love! Thy Influence withdrawn
What profits me that I am born?
All my Delight, my Joy is gone,
Nor know I Peace, till Thou return.
Thee may I seek till I attain;
And never may we may part again.

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XIV.

From all Eternity with Love
Unchangeable Thou hast me view'd;
Ere knew this beating Heart to move,
Thy tender Mercies me pursu'd.

Ever with me may they abide, And close me in on ev'ry Side.

XV.

Still let thy Love point out my Way, (How wondrous Things thy Love hath wrought!). Still lead me lest I go astray,

Direct my Work, inspire my Thought: And when I fall, soon may I hear Thy Voice, and know that Love is near.

XVI.

In Suff'ring be thy Love my Peace,
In Weakness be thy Love my Pow'r;
And when the Storms of Life shall cease,
Jesu, in that important Hour,
In Death as Life be Thou my Guide,
And save me, who for me hast died!

God's Love to Mankind. From the same.

O God, of Good th' unfathom'd Sea,
Who would not give his Heart to Thee?
Who would not love Thee with his Might?
O Jesu, Lover of Mankind,
Who would not his whole Soul and Mind
With all his Strength to Thee unite?

II.

Thou shin's with everlasting Rays; Before the unsufferable Blaze

Angels with both Wings weil their Eyes: Yet free as Air thy Bounty streams
On all thy Works; thy Mercy's Beams
Diffusive as thy Sun's, arise.

III.

Astonish'd at thy frowning Brow,
Earth, Hell, and Heav'ns strong Pillars bow,
Terrible Majesty is Thine!
Who then can that vast Love express
Which bows Thee down to me, who less
Than nothing am, till Thou art mine?

IV.

High-thron'd on Heav'ns eternal Hill, In Number, Weight and Measure still. Thou sweetly ord'rest all that is: And yet Thou deign'st to come to me, And guide my Steps that I with Thee Enthron'd may reign in endless Bliss.

Fountain of Good, all Blessing flows From Thee; no Want thy Fulness knows:

What but Thyself canst Thou desire?
Yes: Self-sufficient as Thou art,

Thou dost desire my worthless Heart, This, only this Thou dost require.

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Primeval Beauty! in thy Sight.
The first-born, sairest Sons of Light

See all their brightest Glories fade: What then to me thy Eyes could turn In Sin conceiv'd, of Woman born, A Worm, a Leaf, a Blast, a Shade?

VII.

Hell's Armies tremble at thy Nod,
And trembling own th' Almighty God
Sov'reign of Earth, Air, Hell and Sky.
But who is This that comes from far,
Whose Garments roll'd in Blood appear?
'Tis God made Man for Man to die!

VIII.

O God, of Good th' unfathom'd Sea,
Who would not give his Heart to Thee?
Who would not love Thee with his Might?
O Jesu, Lover of Mankind,
Who would not his whole Soul and Mind
With all his Strength to Thee unite?

God's Greatness. From the same.

I.

O God, Thou bottomless Abyss,
Thee to Perfection who can know?
O Height immense! what Words suffice
Thy countless Attributes to show:
Unfathomable Depths Thou art!
O plunge me in thy Mercy's Sea;
Void of true Wisdom is my Heart,
With Love embrace and cover me.

While

While Thee All-infinite I set
By Faith before my ravish'd Eye,
My Weakness bends beneath the Weight
O'erpowr'd I sink, I saint, I die.

II.

Eternity thy Fountain was,

Which, like Thee, no Beginning knew; Thou wast, ere Time began his Race,

Ere glow'd with Stars th' Etherial Blue:

Greatness unspeakable is Thine,

Greatness, whose undiminish'd Ray

When short-liv'd Worlds are lost, shall shine, When Earth and Heav'n are sled away.

Unchangeable, all-perfect Lord, Essential Life's unbounded Sea,

What lives and moves, lives by thy Word, It lives and moves and is from Thee.

III.

Thy Parent Hand, thy forming Skill Firm fix'd this Universal Chain;

Else empty, barren Darkness still Had held his unmolested Reign:

Whate'er in Earth, or Sea, or Sky

Or shuns or meets the wandring Thought,

Escapes or strikes the searching Eye,

By Thee was to Perfection brought.

High is thy Pow'r above all Height:

Whate'er thy Will decrees is done:

Thy Wisdom equal to thy Might

Only to Thee, O God, is known.

IV.

Heaven's Glory is thy awful Throne, Yet Earth partakes thy gracious Sway;

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Vain Man! thy Wisdom Folly own,

Lost is thy Reason's feeble Ray. What his dim Eye could never see

Is plain and naked to thy Sight;

What thickest Darkness veils, to Thee Shines clearly as the Morning Light.

In Light Thou dwell'st: Light that no Shade

No Variation ever knew:

And Heav'n and Hell stand all display'd And open to thy piercing View.

V.

Thou, true and only God, lead'st forth

Th' immortal Armies of the Sky:

Thou laugh'st to scorn the Gods of Earth;

Thou thunder'st, and amaz'd they fly. With down-cast Eye th'Angelick Choir

Appear before thy awful Face,

Trembling they strike the golden Lyre

And thro' Heaven's Vault resound thy Praise.

In Earth, in Heav'n, in all Thou art:

The conscious Creature seels thy Nod,

Whose forming Hand on ev'ry Part Imprest the Image of its God.

VI.

Thine, Lord, is Wisdom, thine alone;
Justice and Truth before Thee stand;

Yet nearer to thy facred Throne

Mercy with-holds thy lifted Hand. Each Ev'ning shews thy tender Love,

Each rifing Morn thy plenteous Grace;

"Thy waken'd Wrath doth flowly move, "Thy willing Mercy flies apace.

To thy benign, indulgent Care, Father, this Light, this Breath we owe, And all we have, and all we are From Thee, great Source of Being, flow.

VII.

Parent of Good, thy bounteous Hand Incessant Blessings down distills, And all in Air, or Sea, or Land

With plenteous Food and Gladness fills.

All things in Thee live, move, and are,

Thy Pow'r infus'd doth all sustain; Ev'n those thy daily Favours share

Who thankless spurn thy easy Reign.

Thy Sun Thou bid'st his genial Ray Alike on All impartial pour;

To all who hate or bless thy Sway

Thou bid'st descend the fruitful Show'r.

VIII.

Yet while at length, who scorn'd thy Might Shall feel Thee a confuming Fire,

How sweet the Joys, the Crown how bright

Of those who to thy Love aspire!

All Creatures praise th' Eternal Name!

Ye Hosts that to his Courts belong,

Cherubic Quires, Seraphic Flames,

Awake the everlasting Song.

Thrice Holy, Thine the Kingdom is,

The Pow'r omnipotent is Thine,

And when created Nature dies

Thy never-ceasing Glories shine.

HYMN on the Titles of CHRIST.

I.

ARISE, my Soul, arise
Thy Saviour's Sacrifice!
All the Names that Love could find,
All the Forms that Love could take
Jesus in Himself has join'd,
Thee, my Soul, his own to make.

II.

Equal with God, most High,
He laid his Glory by:
He, th' Eternal God was born,
Man with Men He deign'd t'appear,
Object of his Creature's Scorn,
Pleas'd a Servant's Form to wear.

III.

Hail Everlasting Lord,
Divine, Incarnate Word!
Thee let all my Pow'rs confess,
Thee my latest Breath proclaim;
Help, ye Angel Choirs, to bless,
Shout the lov'd Immanuel's Name.

IV.

Fruit of a Virgin's Womb
The Promis'd Blessing's come:
CHRIST the Fathers' Hope of old,
CHRIST the Woman's conq'ring Seed,
CHRIST the Saviour! long foretold,
Born to bruise the Serpent's Head.

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V.

Refulgent from afar
See the bright Morning-star!
See the Day-spring from on high
Late in deepest Darkness rise,
Night recedes, the Shadows fly,
Flame with Day the Opining Skies!

VI.

Our Eyes on Earth survey
The Dazling Shechinah!
Bright, in endless Glory bright
Now in Flesh He stoops to dwell
God of God, and Light of Light,
Image of th' Invisible.

VII.

He shines on Earth ador'd
The Presence of the LORD:
God, the mighty God and true,
God by highest Heav'n confest,
Stands display'd to Mortal View,
God Supreme, for ever blest.

VIII.

JESU! to Thee I bow
Th' Almighty's Fellow Thou!
Thou, the Father's Only Son;
Pleas'd He ever is in Thee,
Just and Holy Thou alone
Full of Grace and Truth for Me.

IX.

High above ev'ry Name Jesus, the great I AM! HYMNS and SACRED POEMS. 167
Bows to FESUS ev'ry Knee
Things in Heav'n, and Earth and Hell,
Saints adore him, Demons flee,
Fiends and Men and Angels feel.

X.

He left his Throne above
Emptied of all, but Love:
Whom the Heav'ns cannot contain
God vouchsaf'd a Worm t'appear,
Lord of Glory, Son of Man,
Poor, and vile, and abject here.

XI.

His own on Earth he fought, His own receiv'd him not: Him, a Sign by All blasphem'd, Outcast and despis'd of Men, Him they all a Madman deem'd, Bold to scoff the Nazarene.

XII.

Hail Galilean King!
Thy humble State I fing;
Never shall my Triumphs end,
Hail derided Majesty,
Jesus, hail! the Sinner's Friend,
Friend of Publicans—and Me!

XIII.

Thine Eye observ'd my Pain
Thou Good Samaritan!
Spoil'd I lay and bruis'd by Sin,
Gasp'd my faint, expiring Soul,
Wine and Oil thy Love pour'd in,
Clos'd my Wounds, and made me whole.

Hail

XIV.

Hail the Life-giving Lord,
Divine, Engrafted Word!
Thee the Life my Soul has found,
Thee the Resurrection prov'd:
Dead I heard the Quick'ning Sound,
Own'd thy Voice; Believ'd, and Lov'd!

XV.

With Thee gone up on high I live, no more to die:

First and Last, I feel Thee now, Witness of thy Empty Tomb,

Alpha and Omega Thou

Wast, and Art, and Art to come!

IId HYMN to CHRIST.

SAVIOUR, the World's and Mine, Was ever Grief like Thine!
Thou my Pain, my Curse hast took,
All my Sins were laid on Thee;
Help me, Lord; to Thee I look,
Draw me, Saviour, after Thee.

II.

'Tis done! My God hath died,
My Love is Crucify'd!
Break this stony Heart of mine,
Pour my Eyes a ceaseless Flood,
Feel, my Soul, the Pangs Divine,
Catch, my Heart, the issuing Blood!

When, O my God, shall I For Thee submit to die? How the mighty Debt repay, Rival of thy Passion prove? Lead me in Thyself the Way, Melt my Hardness into Love.

IV.

To Love is all my Wish,
I only live for This:
Grant me, Lord, my Heart's Desire,
There by Faith for ever dwell:
This I always will require
Thee and only Thee to feel.

V.

Thy Pow'r I pant to prove
Rooted and fixt in Love,
Strengthned by thy Spirit's Might,
Wise to fathom things Divine,
What the Length and Breadth and Height,
What the Depth of Love like Thine.

VI.

Ah! give me This to know With all thy Saints below. Swells my Soul to compass Thee, Gasps in Thee to live and move, Fill'd with All the Deity, All immerst and lost in Love!

IIId HYMN to CHRIST.

I.

STILL, O my Soul, prolong
The never-ceasing Song!
CHRIST my Theme, my Hope, my Joy;
His be all my Happy Days,
Praise my ev'ry Hour employ,
Ev'ry Breath be spent in Praise.

II.

His would I wholly be
Who liv'd and died for me:
Grief was all his Life below,
Pain and Poverty and Loss:
Mine the Sins that bruis'd him so,
Scourg'd and nail'd him to the Cross.

III.

He bore the Curse of All,
A Spotless Criminal:
Burden'd with a World of Guilt,
Blacken'd with Imputed Sin,
Man to save his Blood he spilt,
Died, to make the Sinner clean.

IV.

Join Earth and Heav'n to bless
The LORD our Righteousness!
Mylfry of Redemption This,
This the Saviour's strange Design,
Man's Offence was Counted His,
Ours is Righteousness Divine.

V.

Far as our Parent's Fall
The Gift is come to All:
Sinn'd we all, and died in one?
Just in One we all are made,
Christ the Law fulfill'd alone,
Dy'd for All, for All Obey'd.

VI.

In Him compleat we shine,
His Death, his Life is Mine.
Fully am I justify'd,
Free from Sin, and more than free;
Guiltless, since for Me He dy'd,
Righteous, since He Liv'd for Me!

VII.

JESU! to Thee I bow,
Sav'd to the Utmost now.
O the Depth of Love Divine!
Who thy Wisdom's Stores can tell?
Knowledge infinite is Thine,
All thy Ways Unsearchable!

Hymn to Christ the King.

JESU, my God and King,
Thy Regal State I sing.
Thou, and only Thou art great,
High thine Everlasting Throne;
Thou the Sov'reign Potentate,
Blest, Immortal Thou alone.

Essay your choicest Strains, The King Messiah reigns! Tune your Harps, Celestial Quire, Joyful all, your Voices raise, CHRIST than earth-born Monarchs higher, Sons of Men and Angels praise.

III.

Hail your dread Lord and Ours, Dominions, Thrones, and Pow'rs! Source of Pow'r He rules alone: Veil your Eyes, and prostrate fall, Cast your Crowns before his Throne, Hail the Cause, the Lord of all!

IV.

Let Earth's remotest Bound With echoing Joys resound; CHRIST to praise let all conspire: Praise doth all to CHRIST belong; Shout ye first-born Sons of Fire, Earth repeat the Glorious Song.

Worthy, O Lord, art Thou That ev'ry Knee should bow, Every Tongue to Thee confess, Universal Nature join Strong and Mighty Thee to bless, Gracious, Merciful, Benign!

Wisdom is due to Thee, And Might and Majesty: Thee in Mercy rich we prove; Glory, Honour, Praise receive, Worthy Thou of all our Love, More than all we pant to give.

VII.

Justice and Truth maintain Thy everlasting Reign. One with thine Almighty Sire, Partner of an Equal Throne, King of Hearts, let all conspire, Gratefully thy Sway to own.

VIII.

Prince of the Hosts of God Display thy Pow'r abroad: Strong and high is thy Right-hand, Terrible in Majesty! Who can in thine Anger stand? Who the vengeful Bolt can slee?

IX.

Thee when the Dragon's Pride To Battle vain defy'd,
Brighter than the Morning-star
Lucifer, as Lightning fell,
Far from Heav'n, from Glory far
Headlong hurl'd to deepest Hell.

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Sin felt of old thy Pow'r,
Thou Patient Conqueror!
Long he vex'd the World below,
Long they groan'd beneath his Reign;
Thou destroy'dst the Tyrant Foe,
Thou redeem'dst the Captive, Man.

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Trembles

XI.

Trembles the King of Fears Whene'er thy Cross appears. Once its dreaded Force he found: Saviour, cleave again the Sky; Slain by an Eternal Wound Death shall then for ever die!

IId HYMN to CHRIST the King.

I.
To Me thy Succour bring.
Christ the Mighty One art Thou,
Help for All on Thee is laid:
This the Word; I claim it Now,
Send me now the Promis'd Aid.

High on thy Father's Throne,
O look with Pity down!
Help, O help! attend my Call,
Captive lead Captivity,
King of Glory, Lord of All,
CHRIST, be Lord, be King to Me!

III.

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I pant to feel thy Sway
And only Thee t' obey.
Thee my Spirit gasps to meet,
This my one, my ceaseless Pray'r,
Make, O make my Heart thy Seat,
O set up thy Kingdom there!

IV.

Triumph and reign in Me,
And spread thy Victory:
Hell and Death, and Sin controul,
Pride, and Self, and ev'ry Foe,
All subdue; thro' all my Soul
Conqu'ring and to conquer go.

The Saviour glorified by All. From the German.

THOU, Jesu, art our King, Thy ceaseless Praise we sing:
Praise shall our glad Tongue employ,
Praise o'erslow our grateful Soul,
While we vital Breath enjoy,
While eternal Ages roll.

II.

Thou art th' Eternal Light,
That shin'st in deepest Night.
Wondring gaz'd th' Angelic Train
While Thou bow'dst the Heav'ns beneath,
God with God wert Man with Man,
Man to save from endless Death.

III.

Thou for our Pain didst mourns.
Thou hast our Sickness born:
All our Sins on Thee were laid;
Thou with unexampled Grace
All the mighty Debt hast paid
Due from Adam's helpless Race.

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Thou:

IV.

Thou hast o'erthrown the Foe, God's Kingdom fix'd below.

Conqu'ror of all Adverse Pow'r,

Thou Heav'n's Gates hast open'd wide: Thou thine own dost lead secure
In thy Cross, and by thy Side.

V.

Enthron'd above yon Sky
Thou reign'st with God most high.

Prostrate at thy Feet we fall:

Pow'r supreme to Thee is giv'n; Thee, the righteous Judge of all, Sons of Earth and Hosts of Heav'n.

VI.

Cherubs with Seraphs join
And in thy Praise combine:
All their Quires thy Glories sing:
Who shall dare with Thee to vie?
Mighty Lord, eternal King,
Sov'reign both of Earth and Sky!

VII.

Hail venerable Train,
Patriarchs, first-born of Men!
Hail Apostles of the Lamb,
By whose Strength ye faithful prov'd:
Join t'extol his sacred Name

Whom in Life and Death ye lov'd.

VIII.

The Church thro' all her Bounds With thy high Praise resounds.

Confessors

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Confessors undaunted, here
Unasham'd proclaim their King;
Children's feebler Voices there
To thy Name Hosanna's sing.

IX.

'Midst Danger's blackest Frown
Thee Hosts of Martyrs own.
Pain and Shame alike they dare,
Firmly, singularly Good;
Glorying thy Cross to bear,
Till they seal their Faith with Blood.

X.

Ev'n Heathens feel thy Pow'r,
Thou suff'ring Conqueror!
Thousand Virgins, chaste and clean,
From Love's pleasing Witchcrast free,
Fairer than the Sons of Men,
Consecrate their Hearts to Thee.

XI.

Wide Earth's remotest Bound Full of thy Praise is sound: And all Heav'ns eternal Day With thy streaming Glory slames: All thy Foes shall melt away From th' insufferable Beams.

XII.

O Lord, O God of Love, Let Us thy Mercy prove! King of all, with pitying Eye Mark the Toil, the Pains we feel: 'Midst the Snares of Death we lie, 'Midst the banded Pow'rs of Hell.

XIII.

Arise, stir up thy Pow'r
Thou deathless Conqueror!
Help us to obtain the Prize,
Help us well to close our Race;
That with Thee above the Skies
Endless Joys we may posses.

A MORNING HYMN.

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GEE the Day-spring from asar "Usher'd by the Morning-Star!" Haste; to Him who sends the Light, Hallow the Remains of Night. Souls, put on your glorious Dress, Waking into Righteousness: Cloath'd with Christ aspire to shine, Radiance He of Light Divine; Ream of the Eternal Beam, He in God, and God in Him! Strive we Him in Us to see, Transcript of the Deity.

H.

Burst we then the Bands of Death,
Rais'd by His all-quickning Breath;
Long we to be loos'd from Earth,
Struggling into second Birth.
Spent at length is Nature's Night;
Christ attends to give us Light,
Christ attends Himself to give;
God we now may see, and live.

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Tho' the Outward Man decay; Form'd within us Day by Day Still the Inner Man we view, CHRIST creating all things New.

III.

Turn, O turn us, Lord, again, Raifer Thou of Fallen Man! Sin destroy and Nature's Boast, Saviour Thou of Spirits Lost! Thy great Will in Us be done: Crucified and dead Our own, Ours no longer let us be; Hide us from Ourselves in Thee! Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way, Suffer us no more to stray; Give us, Lord, and ever give Thee to know, in Thee to live!

A Morning Dedication of ourselves to Christ. From the German.

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Again thy Light again I view,
Again thy Mercy's Beams I see,
And all within me wakes, anew
To pant for thy Immensity:
Again my Thoughts to Thee aspire
In servent Flames of strong Desire.

11.

But O! what Offering shall I give To Thee, the Lord of Earth and Skies?

My Spirit, Soul, and Flesh receive A holy, living Sacrifice. Small as it is, 'tis all my Store: More shouldst Thou have, if I had more.

III.

Now then, my God, Thou hast my Soul;
No longer mine, but Thine I am:
Guard Thou thy own; possess it whole,
Chear it by Hope, with Love instance.
Thou hast my Spirit; There display
Thy Glory, to the perfect Day.

IV.

Thou hast my Flesh; thy hallow'd Shrine,
Devoted solely to thy Will:
Here let thy Light for ever shine,
This House still let thy Presence sill:
O Source of Life, live, dwell, and move
In Me, till all my Life be Love.

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O never in these Veils of Shame,
Sad Fruits of Sin, my Glorying be!
Cloath with Salvation thro' thy Name
My Soul, and may I put on Thee!
Be living Faith my costly Dress,
And my best Robe, thy Righteousness!

VI.

Send down thy Likeness from above,
And let This my Adorning be:
Cloath me with Wisdom, Patience, Love,
With Lowliness and Purity,
Than Gold and Pearls more precious far,
And brighter than the Morning-Star.

Lord,

VII.

Lord, arm me with thy Spirit's Might,
Since I am call'd by thy great Name:
In Thee my wandring Thoughts unite,
Of all my Works be Thou the Aim.
Thy Love attend me all my Days,
And my sole Business be thy Praise!

Christ protecting and sanctifying. From the same.

I.

O Jesu, Source of calm Repose,
Thy Like nor Man, nor Angel knows,
Fairest among ten thousand fair!
Even Those whom Death's sad Fetters bound,
Whom thickest Darkness compast round,
Find Light and Life, if Thou appear.

II.

Effulgence of the Light Divine,
Ere rolling Planets knew to shine,
Ere Time its ceaseless Course began;
Thou, when th' appointed Hour was come,
Didst not abhor the Virgin's Womb,
But God with God wert Man with Man.

III

The World, Sin, Death oppose in vain,
Thou by thy dying Death hast slain,
My great Deliverer and my God!
In vain does the old Dragon rage,
In vain all Hell its Pow'rs engage;
None can withstand thy conqu'ring Blood.
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IV.

Lord over all, sent to sulfil
Thy gracious Father's sov'reign Will,
To thy dread Scepter will I bow:
With duteous Rev'rence at thy Feet,
Like humble Mary, lo, I sit:
Speak, Lord, thy Servant heareth now:

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Renew thy Image, Lord, in me,
Lowly and gentle may I be;
No Charms but these to Thee are dear:
No Anger may'st Thou ever find,
No Pride in my unruffled Mind,
But Faith and heav'n-born Peace be there.

VI.

A patient, a victorious Mind
That, Lise and all things cast behind,
Springs forth obedient to thy Call,
A Heart, that no Desire can move,
But still t'adore, believe and love,
Give me, my Lord, my Lise, my All.

Supplication for Grace. From the same.

God of God, in whom combine
The Heights and Depths of Love Divine,
With thankful Hearts to Thee we fing!
To Thee our longing Souls aspire
In fervent Flames of strong Desire:
Come, and thy sacred Unction bring.

17.

All things in Earth and Air and Sea Exist and live and move in Thee;
All Nature trembles at thy Voice:
With Awe ev'n we thy Children prove Thy Pow'r. O let us taste thy Love;
So evermore shall we rejoice.

III.

O pow'rful Love, to Thee we bow, Object of all our Wishes Thou, (Our Hearts are naked to thine Eye) To Thee, who from th' Eternal Throne Cam'st, empty'd of thy Godhead down. For Us to groan, to bleed, to die.

IV

Grace we implore; when Billows roll.
Grace is the Anchor of the Soul;
Grace ev'ry Sickness knows to heal:
Grace can subdue each fond Desire,
And Patience in all Pain inspire,
Howe'er rebellious Nature swell.

V.

O Love, our stubborn Wills subdue; Create our ruin'd Frame anew; Dispel our Darkness by thy Light: Into all Truth our Spirit guide, But from our Eyes for ever hide All things displeasing in thy Sight:

VI.

Be Heav'n ev'n now our Soul's Abode, Hid be our Life with CHRIST in God,

Our Spirit, Lord, be One with Thine: Let all our Works in Thee be wrought, And fill'd with Thee be all our Thought, Till in us thy full Likeness shine.

HYMN to the HOLY GHOST.

I.

COME Holy Ghost, all-quickning Fire, Come, and in Me delight to rest! Drawn by the Lure of strong Desire, O come, and consecrate my Breast: The Temple of my Soul prepare, And fix thy Sacred Presence there!

II.

If now thy Influence I feel,
If now in Thee begin to live;
Still to my Heart Thyfelf reveal,
Give me Thyfelf, for ever give.
A Point my Good, a Drop my Store:
Eager I ask, and pant for more.

III.

Eager for Thee I ask and pant,
So strong the Principle Divine
Carries me out with sweet Constraint,
Till all my hallow'd Soul be Thine:
Plung'd in the Godhead's deepest Sea,
And lost in thy Immensity.

IV.

My Peace, my Life, my Comfort now, My Treasure, and my All Thou art!

True Witness of my Sonship Thou, Engraving Pardon on my Heart: Seal of my Sins in Christ forgiv'n, Earnest of Love, and Pledge of Heav'n.

$\mathbf{V}.$

Come then, my God, mark out thy Heir, Of Heav'n a larger Earnest give, With clearer Light thy Witness bear; More sensibly within me live: Let all my Pow'rs thy Entrance feel, And deeper stamp Thyself the Seal.

VI.

Come, HOLY GHOST, all quick'ning Fire, Come, and in me delight to rest! Drawn by the Lure of strong Desire, O come, and consecrate my Breast: The Temple of my Soul prepare, And fix thy sacred Presence there!

On the Descent of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. Altered from Dr. H. More.

WHEN CHRIST had left his Flock below,
The Loss his faithful Flock deplor'd:
Him in the Flesh no more they know,
And languish for their absent Lord.

II.

Not long—for He gone up on high Gifts to receive, and claim his Crown, Behold them forrowing from his Sky, And pour'd the Mighty Blessing down.

III.

He, for the Presence of his Flesh,
The Spirit's sev'n-fold Gifts imparts,
And living Streams their Souls result,
And Joy divine o'erslows their Hearts.

IV.

While all in fweet Devotion join'd Humbly to wait for God retire, The promis'd Grace in rushing Wind Descends, and cloven Tongues of Fire.

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God's mighty Spirit fills the Dome,
The feeble Dome beneath him shook,
Trembled the Crowd to feel him come,
Soon as the Sons of Thunder spoke.

VI.

Father! if justly still we claim
To Us and Ours the Promise made,
To Us be graciously the same,
And crown with Living Fire our Head.

VII.

Our Claim admit, and from above Of Holiness the Spirit show'r, Of wise Discernment, humble Love, And, Zeal and Unity and Pow'r.

VIII.

The Spirit of convincing Speech Of Pow'r demonstrative impart, Such as may ev'ry Conscience reach And sound the Unbelieving Heart.

JX.

The Spirit of refining Fire: Searching the Inmost of the Mind, To purge all fierce and foul Defire, And kindle Life more pure and kind.

Χ.

The Spirit of Faith in this thy Day To break the Pow'r of cancel'd Sin, Tread down its Strength, o'erturn its Sway, And still the Conquest more than win.

XI.

The Spirit breath of Inward Life Which in our Hearts thy Laws may write; Then Grief expires, and Pain and Strife, 'Tis Nature all, and all Delight.

XII.

On all the Earth thy Spirit show'r, The Earth in Righteousness renew; Thy Kingdom come, and Hell's o'erpow'r, And to thy Sceptre all subdue.

XIII.

Like mighty Wind, or Torrent fierce Let it Opposers all o'er-run, And ev'ry Law of Sin reverse, That Faith and Love may make all one.

XIV.

Yea, let thy Spirit in ev'ry Place Its Richer Energy declare, While lovely Tempers, Fruits of Grace The Kingdom of thy Christ prepare.

XV.

Grant this, O Holy God, and True!
The Ancient Seers Thou didst inspire:
To Us perform the Promise due,
Descend, and crown us Now with Fire.

PUBLICK WORSHIP. From the German.

I.

O God is here! Let us adore
And own, how dreadful is this Place!
Let all within us feel his Pow'r,
And filent bow before his Face.
Who know his Pow'r, his Grace who prove Serve Him with Awe, with Rev'rence love.

II.

Lo, God is here! Him Day and Night
Th' united Quires of Angels fing:
To Him enthron'd above all Height
Heavn's Hosts their noblest Praises bring:
Disdain not, Lord, our meaner Song,
Who praise Thee with a stamm'ring Tongue.

HI.

Gladly the Toys of Earth we leave,
Wealth, Pleasure, Fame, for Thee alone:
To Thee our Will, Soul, Flesh we give;
O take, O seal them for thy own.
Thou art the God; Thou art the Lord:
Be Thou by all thy Works ador'd!

Being

IV.

Being of Beings, may our Praise

Thy Courts with grateful Fragrance fill,

Still may we stand before thy Face,

Still hear and do thy fov'reign Will.

To Thee may all our Thoughts arise,

Ceaseless, accepted Sacrifice!

\mathbf{V}

In Thee we move. All things of Thee

Are full, Thou Source and Life of All!

Thou vast, unfathomable Sea!

Fall prostrate, lost in Wonder, fall, Ye Sons of Men; for God is Man! All may we lose, so Thee we gain!

VI

As Flow'rs their op'ning Leaves display
And glad drink in the Solar Fire,
So may we catch thy ev'ry Ray,
So may thy Influence us inspire:
Thou Beam of the Eternal Beam,
Thou purging Fire, Thou quickning Flame!

Prayer to Christ before the Sacrament. From the same.

I.

O Thou, whom Sinners love, whose Care Does all our Sickness heal,
Thee we approach with Heart sincere,
Thy Pow'r we joy to feel.

To Thee our humblest Thanks we pay To Thee our Souls we bow;

Of Hell erewhile the helples Prey, Heirs of thy Glory now.

II.

As Incense to thy Throne above O let our Pray'rs arise!

O wing with Flames of Holy Love Our living Sacrifice.

Stir up thy Strength, O Lord of Might, Our willing Breasts inspire:

Fill our whole Souls with heav'nly Light, Melt with Seraphick Fire.

III.

From thy blest Wounds our Life we draw 3
Thy all-atoning Blood

Daily we drink with trembling Awe; Thy Flesh our daily Food.

Come, Lord, thy sov reign Aid impart, Here make thy Likeness shine!

Stamp thy whole Image on our Heart, And all our Souls be Thine!

Hymn after the Sacrament.

I.

SONS of God, triumphant rise, Shout th'accomplish'd Sacrifice! Shout Your Sins in Chaist forgiv'n, Sons of God, and Heirs of Heav'n!

II.

Ye that round our Altars throng, List'ning Angels join the Song: Sing with Us, ye Heav'nly Pow'rs, Pardon, Grace, and Glory Ours!

III

Love's Mysterious Work is done! Greet we now th' accepted Son, Heal'd and quickned by his Blood, Join'd to CHRIST, and one with God.

IV.

CHRIST, of all our Hopes the Seal; Peace Divine in CHRIST we feel, Pardon to our Souls applied: Dead for All, for Me he died!

V.

Sin shall tyrannize no more, Purg'd its Guilt, dissolv'd its Pow'r; Jesus makes our Hearts his Throne, There he lives, and reigns alone.

VI.

Grace our ev'ry Thought controuls, Heav'n is open'd in our Souls, Everlasting Life is won, Glory is on Earth begun.

VII

CHRIST in Us; in Him we see Fulness of the Deity.
Beam of the eternal Beam;
Life Divine we taste in Him!

VIII.

Him we only taste below;
Mightier Joys ordain'd to know
Him when fully Ours we prove,
Ours the Heav'n of perfect Love!

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I.

The Crowd with various Hearts receiv'd: In many a Soul the Saviour stir'd, Three thousand yielded, and believ'd.

II.

These by th' Apostles' Counsels led, With them in mighty Pray'rs combin'd, Broke the commemorative Bread, Nor from the Fellowship declin'd.

III.

God from above, with ready Grace And Deeds of Wonder, guards his Flock, Trembles the World before their Face, By Jesus crush'd, their Conqu'ring Rock.

IV.

The happy Band whom CHRIST redeems, One only Will, one Judgment know: None this contentious Earth esteems, Distinctions, or Delights below. V.

The Men of worldly Wealth possest Their Selfish Happiness remove, Sell, and divide it to the rest, And buy the Blessedness of Love.

VI.

Thus in the Presence of their God, Jesus their Life, and Heav'n their Care, With single Heart they took their Food Heighten'd by Eucharist and Pray'r.

VII.

God in their ev'ry Work was prais'd: The People bles'd the Law benign: Daily the Church, his Arm had rais'd, Receiv'd the Sons of Mercy in.

To be sung at Work.

I.

SON of the Carpenter, receive This humble Work of mine; Worth to my meanest Labour give, By joining it to thine.

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Servant of all, to toil for Man Thou wou'dst not, Lord, refuse: Thy Majesty did not disdain To be employ'd for us.

III.

Thy bright Example I pursue To Thee in all things rise, And all I think, or speak, or do, Is one great Sacrifice.

IV.

Careless thro' outwards Cares I go, From all Distraction free:
My Hands are but engag'd below,
My Heart is still with Thee.

V.

O when wilt Thou my Life appear!
How gladly would I cry:
'Tis done, the Work thou gav'st one here,
'Tis finish'd Lord—and die.

Another.

I.

SUmmon'd my Labour to renew,
And glad to act my Part,
Lord, in thy Name, my Task I do,
And with a fingle Heart.

II.

End of my every Action Thou!
Thyself in All I see:
Accept my hallow'd Labour now;
I do it unto Thee.

III.

Whate'er the Father views as Thine, He views with gracious Eyes. Jesus! this mean Oblation join To thy great Sacrifice.

IV.

Stampt with an Infinite Desert My Work He then shall own; Well-pleas'd in Me, when mine Thou art, And I His favourite Son!

God with us. From the German,

TERNAL Depth of Love Divine In Jesu, God-with-Us, display'd, How bright thy beaming Glories shine! How wide thy healing Streams are spread? With whom dost Thou delight to dwell? Sinners, a vile, and thankless Race. O Gop! what Tongue aright can tell How vast thy Love, how great thy Grace!

II. The Dictates of thy Sov'reign Will With Joy our grateful Hearts receive: All thy Delight in us fulfill, Lo! all we are to Thee we give. To thy fure Love, thy tender Care, Our Flesh, Soul, Spirit we resign; O! fix thy facred Presence there,

And seal th' Abode for ever Thine.

IIL

O King of Glory, thy rich Grace Our short Desires surpasses far!

Yea, ev'n our Crimes, tho' numberless, Less num'rous than thy Mercies are.

Still on Thee, Father, may we rest!

Still may we pant thy Son to know!

Thy Spirit still breath into our Breast, Fountain of Peace and Joy below!

IV.

Oft have we seen thy mighty Pow'r Since from the World Thou mad'st us free:

Still may we praise Thee more and more,

Our Hearts more firmly knit to Thee! Still, Lord, thy saving Health display,

And arm our Souls with heav'nly Zeal:

So, fearless shall we urge our Way

Thro' all the Pow'rs of Earth and Hell!

God our Portion. From the Spanish.

God, my God, my All Thou art;
Ere shines the Dawn of rising Day
Thy sov'reign Light within my Heart,
Thy all-enliv'ning Pow'r display.

II.

For Thee my thirsty Soul does pant, While in this desert Land I live: And hungry as I am and faint Thy Love alone can Comfort give.

III.

In a dry Land behold I place

My whole Desire on Thee, O Lord:

And more I joy to gain thy Grace

Than all Earth's Treasures can afford.

IV.

In Holiness within thy Gates
Of old oft have I sought for Thee!
Again my longing Spirit waits
That Fulness of Delight to see.

V.

More dear than Life itself thy Love My Heart and Tongue shall still employs And to declare thy Praise will prove My Peace, my Glory, and my Joys

VI.

In blessing Thee with grateful Songs
My happy Life shall glide away;
The Praise that to thy Name belongs
Hourly with lifted Hands I'll pay.

VII.

Abundant Sweetness, while I sing.
Thy Love, my ravish'd Soul o'erslows,
Secure in Thee, my God and King,
Of Glory that no Period knows.

VIII

Thy Name, O Lord, upon my Bed
Dwells on my Lips, and fires my Thought,
With trembling Awe in midnight Shade,
I muse on all thy Hands have wrought.

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IX.

In all I do I feel thy Aid;
Therefore thy Greatness will I sing,
O God, who bid'st my Heart be glad
Beneath the Shadow of thy Wing.

X.

My Soul draws nigh, and cleaves to Thee;
Then let or Earth or Hell assail,
Thy mighty Hand shall set me free,
For whom Thou sav'st, He ne'er shall fail.

GRATITUDE for our Conversion. From the German.

I.

THEE will I love, my Strength, my Tower,
Thee will I love, my Joy, my Crown,
Thee will I love with all my Power,
In all my Works and Thee alone!
Thee will I love till the pure Fire
Fill my whole Soul with chaft Defire.

II.

Ah! why did I fo late Thee know,
Thee, lovelier than the Sons of Men!
Ah! why did I no fooner go
To Thee, the only Ease in Pain!
Asham'd I sigh, and inly mourn
That I so late to Thee did turn.

III.

In Darkness willingly I stray'd;

I sought Thee, yet from Thee I rov'd: For wide my wandring Thoughts were spread

Thy Creatures more than Thee I lov'd. And now, if more at length I see, 'Tis thro' thy Light, and comes from Thee.

IV.

I thank Thee, Uncreated Sun,

That thy bright Beams on me have shin'd:

I thank Thee, who hast overthrown

My Foes, and heal'd my wounded Mind. I thank Thee, whose enliv'ning Voice Bids my freed Heart in Thee rejoice.

V,

Uphold me in the doubtful Race,

Nor suffer me again to stray:

Strengthen my Feet, with steady Pace Still to press forward in thy Way. My Soul and Flesh, O Lord, of Might, Fill, satiate with thy heav'nly Light.

VI.

Give to my Eyes refreshing Tears,

Give to my Heart chast, hallow'd Fires,

Give to my Soul with filial Fears

The Love that all Heav'n's Host inspires:

"That all my Pow'rs with all their Might

"In thy sole Glory may unite.

VII.

Thee will I love, my Joy, my Crown!
Thee will I love, my Lord, my God!

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T'hee

Thee will I love, beneath thy Frown Or Smile, thy Scepter or thy Rod. What tho' my Flesh and Heart decay? Thee shall I love in endless Day!

BOLDNESS in the Gospez, From the same.

I.

SHALL I, for fear of feeble Man, Thy Spirit's Course in me restrain? Or undismay'd, in Deed and Word Be a true Witness to my LORD?

II.

Aw'd by a Mortal's Frown, shall I Conceal the Word of God most high? How then before Thee shall I dare To stand, or how thy Anger bear?

III.

Shall I, to footh th' unholy Throng Soften thy Truths, and smooth my Tongue? To gain Earth's gilded Toys, or slee The Cross, endur'd, my God, by Thee?

IV.

What then is He, whose Scorn I dread? Whose Wrath or Hate makes me afraid? A Man! an Heir of Death, a Slave To Sin! a Bubble on the Wave!

V.

Yea let Man rage! since Thou wilt spread Thy shadowing Wings around my Head: Since in all Pain thy tender Love Will still my sweet Refreshment proves.

VI.

Saviour of Men! thy searching Eye Does all my inmost Thoughts descry: Doth ought on Earth my Wishes raise; Or the World's Favour, or its Praise?

VII.

The Love of Christ does me constrain To seek the wandring Souls of Men: With Cries, Intreaties, Tears, to save, To snatch them from the gaping Grave.

VIII.

For this let Men revile my Name, No Cross I shun, I sear no Shame: All hail, Reproach, and welcome Pain! Only thy Terrors, Lord, restrain.

IX.

My Life, my Blood I here present; If for thy Truth they may be spent, Fulfil thy sov'reign Counsel, Lord! Thy Will be done! thy Name ador'd!

X.

Give me thy Strength, O God of Pow'r! Then let Winds blow, or Thunders roar, Thy faithful Witness will I be—
'Tis fix'd! I can do all thro' Thee!

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Acto

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I.

CAPTAIN of my Salvation, hear!
Stir up thy Strength and bow the Skies
Be Thou the God of Battles near;
In all thy Majesty arise!

II.

The Day, the dreadful Day's at hand!
In Battle cover Thou my Head:
Past is thy Word: I here demand,
And confident expect thine Aid.

III.

Now arm me for the threatning Fight Now let thy Power descend from high, Triumphant in thy Spirit's Might So shall I every Foe defy.

IV.

I ask thy Help; by Thee sent forth.
Thy glorious Gospel to proclaim,
Be Thou my Mouth, and shake the Earth,
And spread by Me thy awful Name.

Steel me to Shame, Reproach, Disgrace, Arm me with all thy Armour now, Set like a Flint my steady Face, Harden to Adamant my Brow.

VI.

Bold may I wax, exceeding bold
My high Commission to perform,
Nor shrink thy harshest Truths t' unfold,
But more than meet the gathering Storm,

VII.

Adverse to Earth's rebellious Throng, Still may I turn my fearless Face, Stand as an Iron Pillar strong, And stedfast as a Wall of Brass.

VIII.

Give me thy Might, Thou God of Power; Then let or Men or Fiends affail! Strong in thy Strength, I'll stand a Tower Impregnable to Earth or Hell.

Congratulation to a Friend, upon Believing in Christ.

I.

WHAT Morn on Thee with sweeter Ray, Or brighter Lustre e'er hath mid?

Be blest the Memorable Day

That gave Thee Jesus Christ to find! Gave Thee to taste his perfect Grace. From Death to Life in Him to pass!

II.

O how diversify'd the Scene, Since first that Heart began to beat!

Evil and few thy Days have been: In Suff'ring, and in Comfort, great, Oft hast Thou groan'd beneath thy Load, And sunk—into the Arms of Gop!

III.

Long did all Hell its Pow'rs engage, And fill'd thy darken'd Soul with Fears: Baffled at length the Dragon's Rage,

At length th'Attoning Blood appears: Thy Light is come, thy Mourning's o'er, Look up; for Thou shalt weep no more!

IV.

Blest be the Name that sets Thee free,
The Name that sure Salvation brings!
The Sun of Righteousness on Thee
Has rose with Healing in his Wings.
Away let Grief and Sighing slee;
Jesus has died for Thee—for Thee!

V.

And will He now for sake his own,
Or lose the Purchase of his Blood?
No! for He looks with Pity down,
He watches over Thee for Good;
Gracious He eyes Thee from above,
And guards and feeds Thee with his Love.

VI:

Since Thou wast precious in his Sight,
How highly favour'd hast Thou been!
Upborn by Faith to Glory's Height,
The Saviour-God thine Eyes have seen,
Thy Heart has selt its Sins forgiv'n,
And tastes Anticipated Heav'n.

VII.

Still may his Love thy Fortress be And make Thee still his darling Care, Settle, confirm, and stablish Thee, On Eagle's Wings thy Spirit bear: Fill Thee with Heav'n, and ever shed His choicest Blessings on thy Head.

VIII.

Thus may He comfort Thee below,
Thus may He all his Graces give:
Him but in part Thou here canst know:
Yet here by Faith submit to live;
Help Me to fight my Passage thro',
Nor seize thy Heav'n, till I may too.

IX.

Or if the Sov'reign wife Decree
First number Thee among the Blest,
(The only Good I'd envy Thee)
Translating to an earlier Rest;
Near in thy latest Hour may I
Instruct, and learn of Thee, to die.

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Mixt with the Quires that hover round And all th' Adverse Pow'rs controul, Angel of Peace may I be found To animate thy parting Soul, Point out the Crown, and smooth thy Way To Regions of Eternal Day.

XI.

Fir'd with the Thought, I see Thee now.
Triumphant meet the King of Fears!

Stedfast.

Stedfast thy Heart, serene thy Brow;
Divinely consident appears
Thy mounting Soul, and spreads abroad,
And swells to be dissolv'd in God.

XII.

Is this the Soul so late weigh'd down
By Cares and Sins, by Griess and Pains!
Whither are all thy Terrors gone?
JESUS for Thee the Vict'ry gains;
And Death, and Sin and Satan yield.
To Faith's unconquerable Shield.

XIII.

Blest be the God, that calls Thee home;
Faithful to Thee his Mercies prove:
Thro' Death's dark Vale he bids Thee come,
And more than conquer in his Love;
Robes Thee in Righteousness Divine,
And makes the Crown of Glory Thine!

HYMN for CHRISTMAS-DAY.

HARK how all the Welkin rings "Glory to the Kings of Kings, "Peace on Earth, and Mercy mild, "God and Sinners reconcil'd!

II.

Joyful all ye Nations rise,
Join the Triumph of the Skies,
Universal Nature say
"Christ the Lord is born to Day!
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III.

CHRIST, by highest Heav'n ador'd, CHRIST, the Everlasting Lord, Late in Time behold him come, Offspring of a Virgin's Womb.

IV.

Veil'd in Flesh, the Godhead see, Hail th' Incarnate Deity! Pleas'd as Man with Men t'appear Jesus, our *Immanuel* here!

V.

Hail the Heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and Life to All he brings, Ris'n with Healing in his Wings.

VI.

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.

VII.

Come, Desire of Nations, come, Fix in Us thy humble Home, Rise, the Woman's Conqu'ring Seed, Bruise in Us the Serpent's Head.

VIII.

Now display thy saving Pow'r, Ruin'd Nature now restore, Now in Mystic Union join Thine to Ours, and Ours to Thine.

IX.

Adam's Likeness, Lord, efface, Stamp thy Image in its Place, Second Adam from above, Reinstate us in thy Love.

X.

Let us Thee, the lost, regain, Thee, the Life, the Inner Man: O! to All Thyself impart, Form'd in each Believing Heart.

HYMN for the EPIPHANY.

I.

SONS of Men, behold from far. Hail the long-expected Star! Facob's Star that gilds the Night, Guides bewilder'd Nature right.

II.

Fear not hence that Ill should flow, Wars or Pestilence below, Wars it bids and Tumults cease, Ushering in the Prince of Peace.

III.

Mild He shines on all beneath, Piercing thro' the Shade of Death, Scatt'ring Error's wide-spread Night, Kindling Darkness into Light.

IV.

Nations all, far off and near, Haste to see your God appear! Haste, for Him your Hearts prepare, Meet him manifested there!

V.

There behold the Day-spring rise, Pouring Eye-sight on your Eyes, God in his own Light survey, Shining to the Perfect Day.

VI.

Sing, ye Morning Stars again, God descends on Earth to reign, Deigns for Man his Life t'employ; Shout, ye Sons of God, for Joy!

HYMN for EASTER-DAY.

I.

CHRIST the Lord is ris'n to Day, "
Sons of Men and Angels say,
Raise your Joys and Triumphs high,
Sing ye Heav'ns, and Earth reply.

II.

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.

III.

Vain the Stone, the Watch, the Seal; Christ has burft the Gates of Hell! Death in vain forbids his Rife: Christ has open'd Paradife!

IV.

Lives again our glorious King, Where, O Death, is now thy Sting? Dying once he All doth fave, Where thy Victory, O Grave?

V.

Soar we now, where Christ has led? Following our Exalted Head, Made like Him, like Him we rise, Ours the Cros—the Grave—the Skies!

VI.

What the once we perish'd All, Partners in our Parent's Fall? Second Life we All receive, In our Heav'nly Adam live.

VII.

Ris'n with Him, we upward move, Still we feek the Things above, Still purfue, and kifs the Son Seated on his Father's Throne;

VIII.

Scarce on Earth a Thought bestow, Dead to all we leave below, Heav'n our Aim, and lov'd Abode, Hid our Life with Christ in God!

IX.

Hid; till CHRIST our Life appear, Glorious in his Members here: Join'd to Him, we then shall shine All Immortal, all Divine!

X.

Hail the LORD of Earth and Heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n: Thee we greet Triumphant now; Hail the Resurrection Thou!

XI.

King of Glory, Soul of Bliss, Everlasting Life is This, Thee to know, thy Pow'r to prove, Thus to sing, and thus to love!

HYMN for ASCENSION-DAY.

I.

RAIL the Day that sees Him rise, Ravish'd from our wishful Eyes; Christ awhile to Mortals giv'n, Re-ascends his native Heav'n!

II.

There the pompous Triumph waits, Lift your Heads, Eternal Gates, Wide unfold the radiant Scene, Take the King of Glory in!

III.

Circled round with Angel Powers, Their Triumphant Lord, and ours, Conqueror over Death and Sin, Take the King of Glory in!

IV.

Him tho' highest Heaven receives, Still he loves the Earth he leaves; Tho' returning to his Throne, Still he calls Mankind his own.

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See! He lifts his Hands above!
See! He shews the Prints of Love!
Hark! His gracious Lips bestow
Blessings on his Church below!

VI.

Still for us his Death he pleads; Prevalent, He intercedes; Near Himself prepares our Place, Harbinger of human Race.

VII.

Master, (will we ever say)
Taken from our Head To-day;
See thy faithful Servants, see!
Ever gazing up to Thee.

VIII.

Grant, tho' parted from our Sight, High above you azure Height, Grant our Hearts may thither rise, Following Thee beyond the Skies.

IX.

Ever upward let us move, Wafted on the Wings of Love, Looking when our Lord shall come, Longing, gasping after Home.

X.

There we shall with Thee remain, Partners of thy endless Reign, There thy Face unclouded see, Find our Heav'n of Heav'ns in Thee!

HYMN for WHITSUNDAY.

GRANTED is the Saviour's Prayer,
Sent the gracious Comforter;
Promise of our parting Lord,
Jesus to his Heav'n restor'd:

II.

CHRIST; who now gone up on high, Captive leads Captivity; While his Foes from Him receive Grace, that God with Man may live.

III.

God, the everlasting God, Makes with Mortals his Abode, Whom the Heavens cannot contain, He vouchsafes to dwell in Man.

IV.

Never will he thence depart, Inmate of an humble Heart; Carrying on his Work within, Striving till he cast out Sin.

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There He helps our feeble Moans, Deepens our imperfect Groans; Intercedes in Silence there, Sighs th' Unutterable Prayer.

VI.

Come, Divine and peaceful Guest, Enter our devoted Breast; Holy Ghost, our Hearts inspire, Kindle there the Gospel-Fire.

VII.

Crown the agonizing Strife, Principle, and Lord of Life; Life Divine in us renew, Thou the Gift and Giver too!

VIII.

Now descend and shake the Earth, Wake us into Second Birth; Now thy quick'ning Influence give, Blow—and these dry Bones shall live!

VIII.

Brood Thou o'er our Nature's Night, Darkness kindles into Light; Spread thy over-shadowing Wings, Order from Confusion springs.

X.

Pain and Sin, and Sorrow cease, Thee we taste, and all is Peace; Joy Divine in Thee we prove, Light of Truth, and Fire of Love.

GRACE before MEAT.

I.

PARENT of Good, whose plenteous Grace O'er all thy Creatures flows, Humbly we ask thy Pow'r to bless
The Food thy Love bestows.

II.

Thy Love provides the sober Feast:
A Second Gift impart,
Give us with Joy our Food to taste.
And with a Single Heart.

III.

Let it for Thee new Life afford, For Thee our Strength repair, Blest by thine all-sustaining Word, And sanctify'd by Prayer.

IV.

Thee let us taste; nor toil below For perishable Meat:
The Manna of thy Love bestow, Give us thy Flesh to eat.

 \mathbf{V} .

Life of the World, our Souls to feed Thyself descend from high! Grant us of Thee the Living Bread To eat, and never die!

At MEALS.

I.

ATHER, our Eyes we lift to Thec, And taste our daily Bread:
Tis now thy Open Hand we see,
And on thy Bounty feed.

II.

'Tis now the meaner Creatures join Richly thy Grace to prove; Fulfil thy primitive Design, Enjoy'd by thankful Love.

III.

Still, while our Mouths are fill'd with Good, Our Souls to Thee we raise; Our Souls partake of nobler Food, And banquet on thy Praise.

IV.

Yet higher still our farthest Aim;
To mingle with the Blest,
T' attend the Marriage of the Lamb,
And Heaven's Eternal Feast.

GRACE after MEAT.

I.

BLEST be the God, whose tender Care Prevents his Children's Cry, Whose Pity providently near Doth all our Wants supply.

II.

Blest be the God, whose Bounty's Store These chearing Gifts imparts; Who veils in Bread, the secret Power That seeds and glads our Hearts.

III.

Fountain of Bleffings, Source of Good, To Thee this Strength we owe, Thou art the Virtue of our Food, Life of our Life below.

IV.

When shall our Souls regain the Skies? Thy Heav'nly Sweetness prove? Unless of Joys shall there arise, And all our Food be Love.

Another.

I.

Ountain of all the Good we see Streaming from Heav'n above, Saviour! our Faith we act on Thee, And exercise our Love.

II.

Tis not the Outward Food we eat
Doth this new Strength afford,
'Tis Thou, whose Presence makes it Meat,
Thou the Life-giving Word.

III.

Man doth not live by Bread alone,
Whate'er Thou wilt can feed;
Thy Power converts the Bread to Stone,
And turns the Stone to Bread.

IV.

Thou art our Food: we taste Thee now, In Thee we move and breath, Our Bodies' only Life art Thou, And all besides is Death!

John xvi. 24.

Ask, and ye shall receive, that your Joy may be full.

I.

Breath thy Wishes to the Skies; Breely pour out all thy Mind, Seek, and Thou art sure to find; Ready art Thou to receive? Readier is thy God to give.

II.

Heavenly Father, LORD of all,
Hear, and shew Thou hear'st my Call;
Let my Cries thy Throne assail
Entering Now within the Veil:
Give the Benefits I claim—
LORD, I ask in JESU'S Name!

III.

Friend of Sinners, King of Saints, Answer my minutest Wants, All my largest Thoughts require, Grant me all my Hearts Desire, Give me, till my Cup run o're, All, and infinitely more.

IV.

Meek and lowly be my Mind, Pure my Heart, my Will resign'd!

Keep me dead to all below, Only Christ resolv'd to know, Firm and disengag'd and free, Seeking all my Bliss in Thee.

V.

Suffer me no more to grieve
Wanting what Thou long'st to-give,
Shew me all thy Goodness, Lord,
Beaming from th' Incarnate Word,
Christ, in whom thy Glorics shine,
Efflux of the Light Divine.

VI.

Since the Son hath made me free, Let me taste my Liberty, Thee behold with open Face, Triumph in thy Saving Grace, Thy great Will delight to prove, Glory in thy perfect Love.

VII.

Since the Son hath bought my Peace, Mine Thou art, as I am His: Mine the Comforter I see, Christ is full of Grace for me: Mine (the Purchase of his Blood) All the Plenitude of God.

VIII.

Abba, Father! hear thy Child Late in Jesus reconcil'd! Hear, and all the Graces shower, All the Joy, and Peace, and Pow'r, All my Saviour asks above, All the Life and Heaven of Love.

IX.

LORD, I will not let Thee go,
Till THE BLESSING Thou bestow:
Hear my Advocate Divine;
Lo! to His my Suit I join:
Join'd to His it cannot fail—
Bless me, for I Will prevail!

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Stoop from thy Eternal Throne, See, thy Promise calls Thee down! High and lofty as Thou art, Dwell within my worthless Heart! Hear, a fainting Soul revive; Here for ever walk and live.

XI.

Heavenly Adam, Life Divine, Change my Nature into Thine: Move and spread throughout my Soul, Actuate and fill the whole: Be it I no longer now, Living in the Flesh, but Thou.

XII.

Holy Ghost, no more delay, Come, and in thy Temple stay; Now thy Inward Witness bear Strong and permanent, and clear; Spring of Life, Thyself impart, Rise Eternal in my Heart!

Is A. li. 9, &c.

I.

AR M of the Lord awake, awake!
Thy own immortal Strength put on.
With Terror cloath'd the Nations shake,

And cast thy Foes, in Fury, down.

As in the antient Days appear!

The Sacred Annals speak thy Fame:

Be now Omnipotently near,

Thro' endless Ages still the same.

II.

Thy tenfold Vengeance knew to quell, And humble haughty Rabab's Pride.

Groan'd her pale Sons thy Stroke to feel,

The First-born Victims groan'd and died!

The wounded Dragon rag'd in vain;

While bold thine Utmost Plague to brave,

Madly he dar'd the parted Main

And funk beneath the o'rewhelming Wave.

III.

He sunk; while Israel's chosen Race

Triumphant urge their wondrous Way.

Divinely led the Favourites pass,

Th' Unwatry Deep, and emptied Sea.

At Distance heap'd on either Hand,

Yielding a strange unbeaten Road,

In chrystal Walls the Waters stand,

And own the Arm of Israel's Gon!

IV.

That Arm which is not short'ned now, Which wants not now the Power to save. Still present with thy People Thou

Bear'st them thro' Lise's disparted Wave.

By Earth and Hell persued in vain,

To Thee the ransom'd Seed shall come; Shouting their Heav'nly Sion gain, And pass thro' Death triumphant home.

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The Pain of Life shall there be o're, The Anguish and distracting Care; There sighing Grief shall weep no more, And Sin shall never enter There! Where pure, essential Joy is found

The Lord's Redeem'd their Heads shall raise, With everlasting Gladness crown'd,

And fill'd with Love, and lost in Praise!

F I N I S.

