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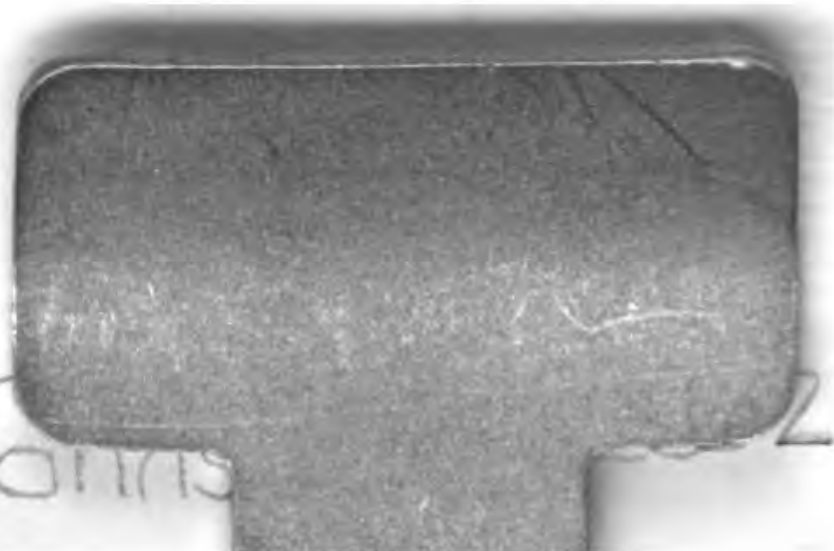


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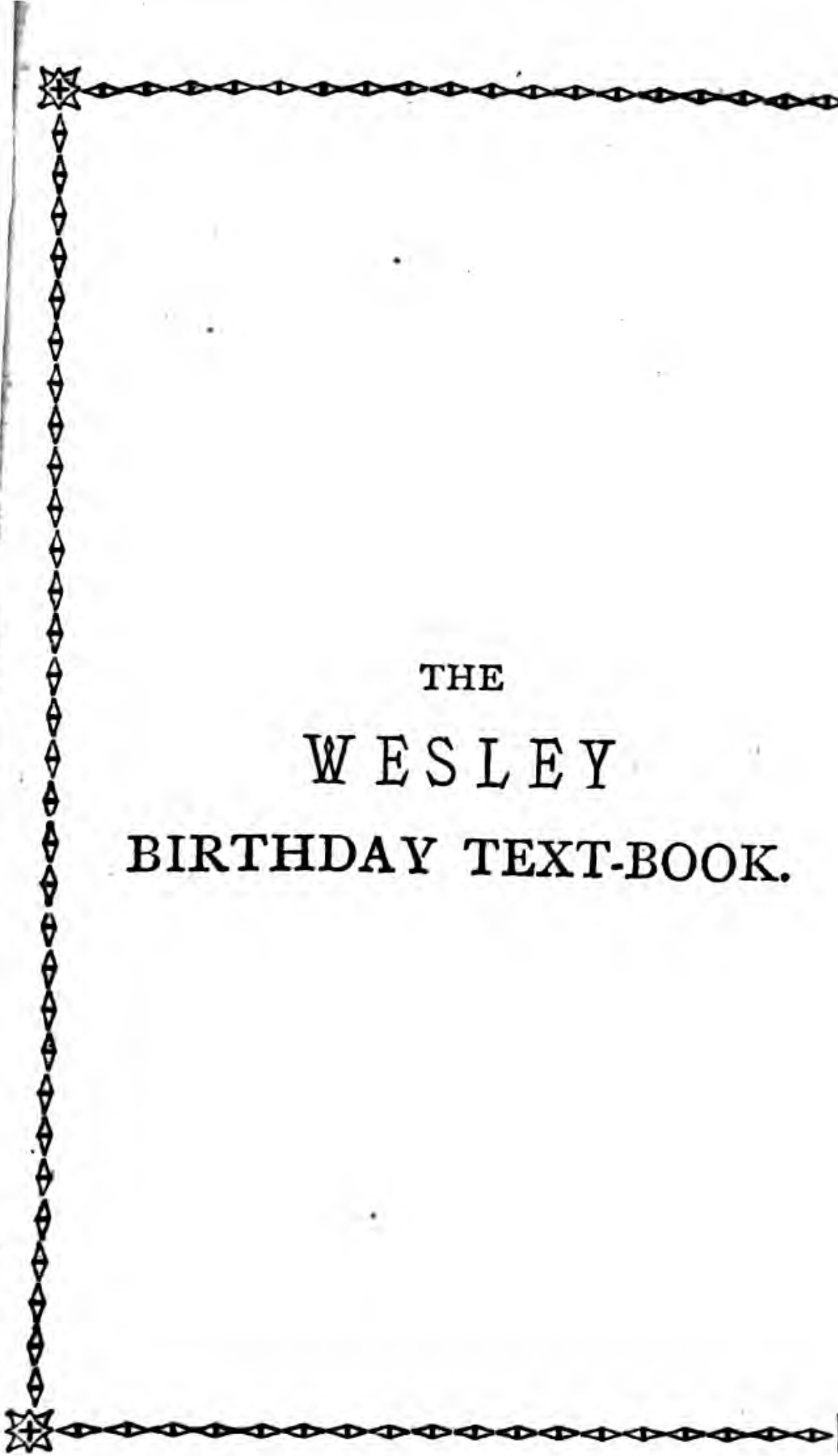
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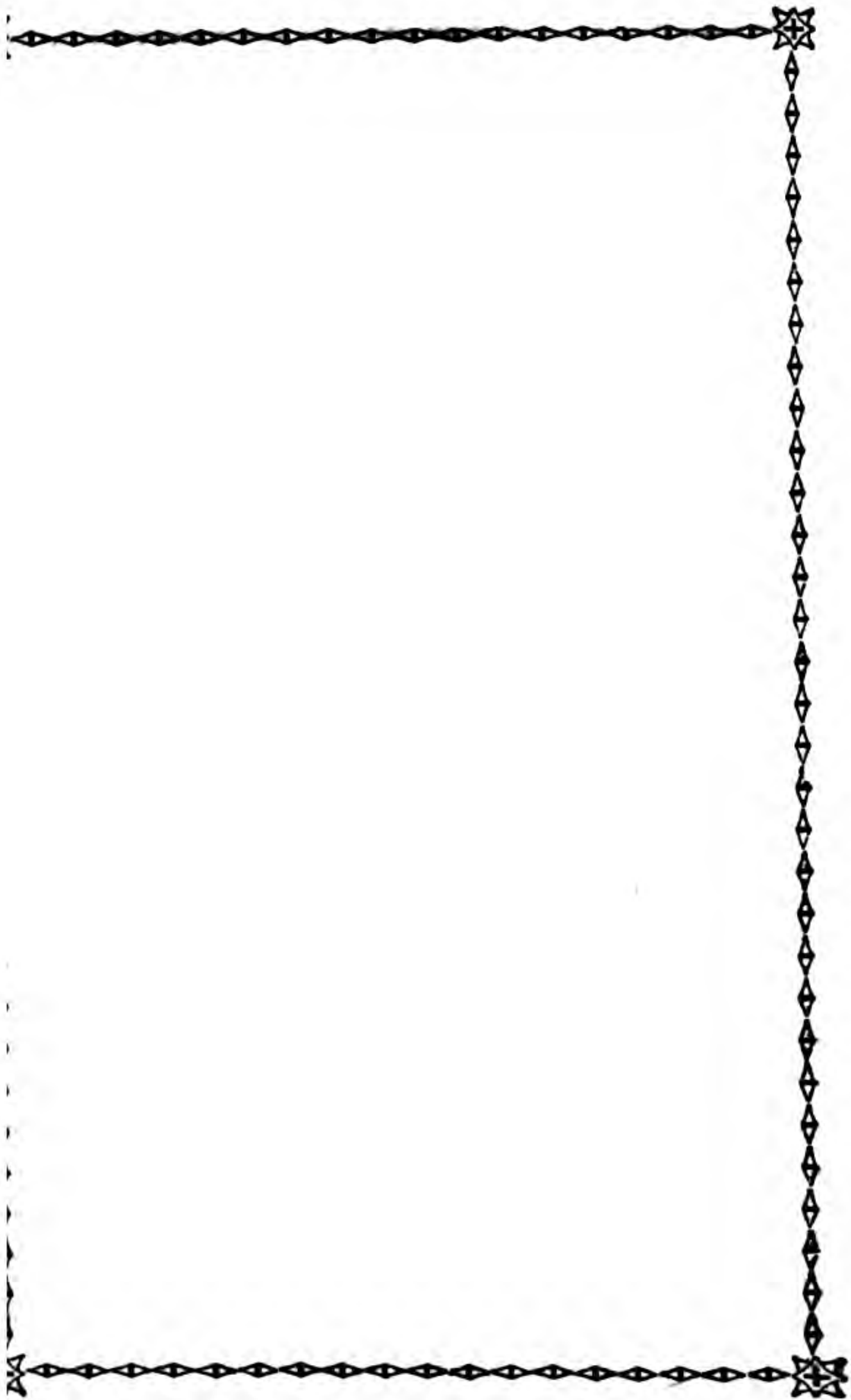




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“Every day will I bless thee; and I will
praise thy name for ever and ever.”

PSALM cxlv. 2

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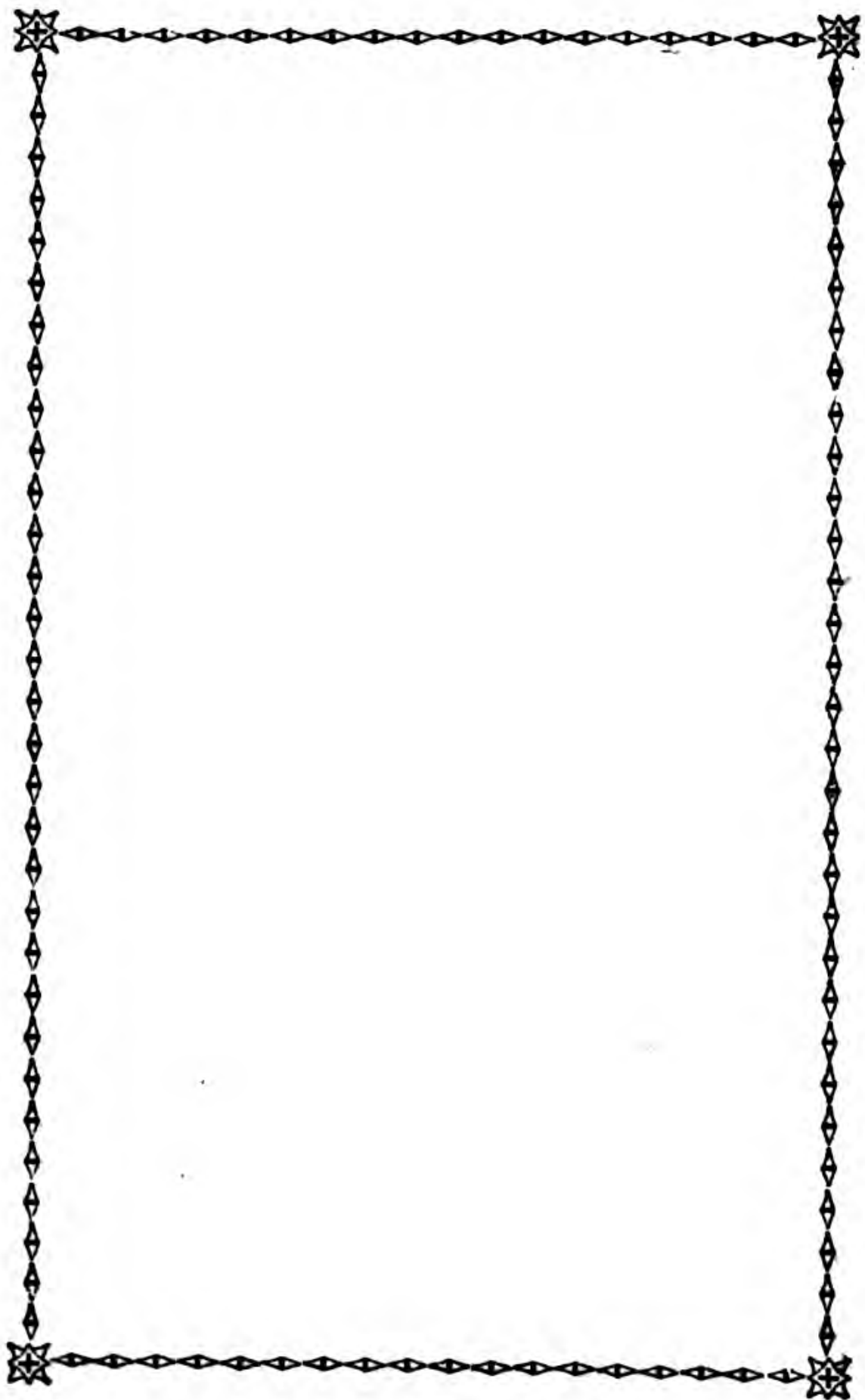


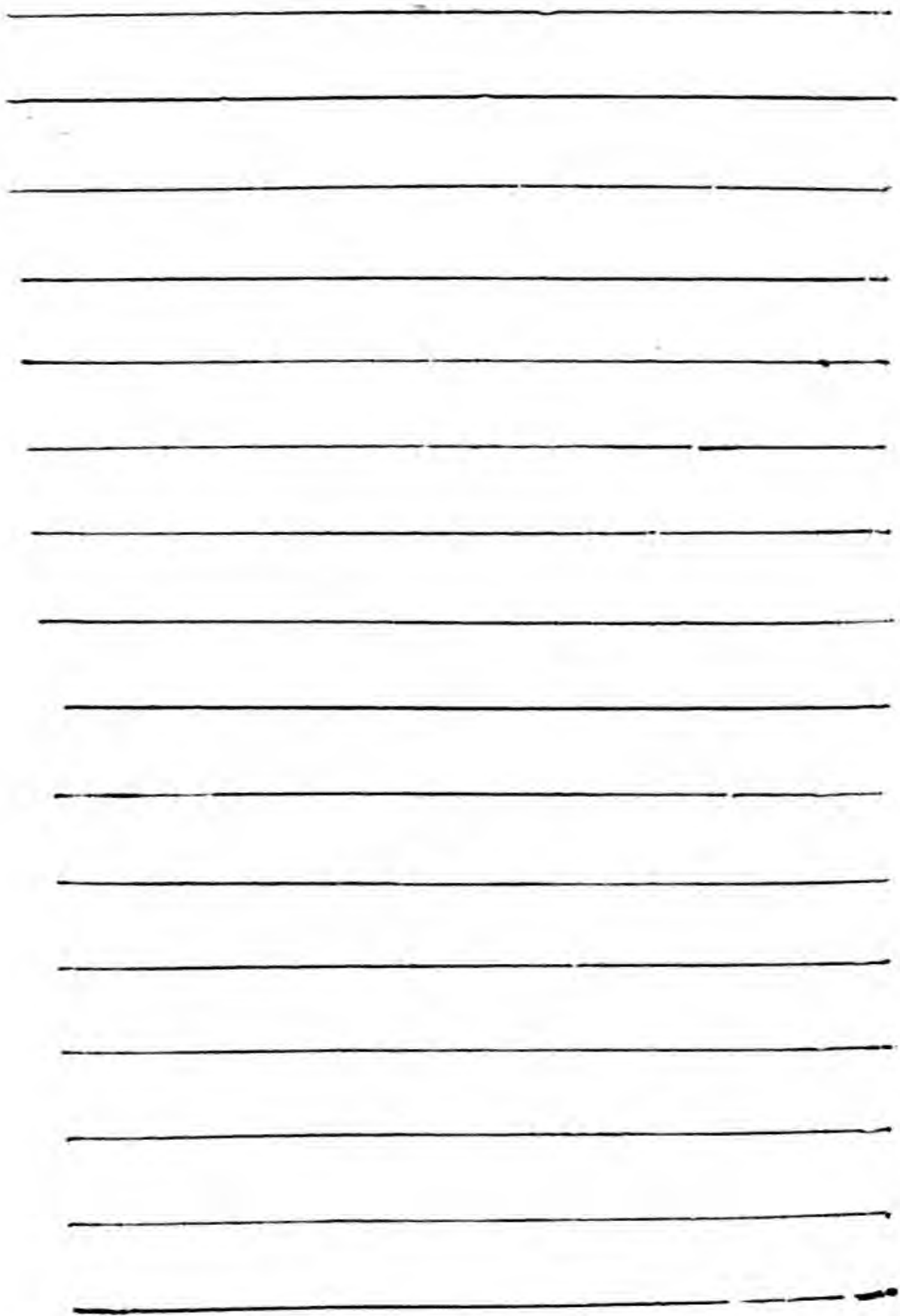
PREFACE.

AMONGST our religious poets, John and Charles Wesley hold a high place. At the time when John Wesley, by his earnestness and genius, awoke the dormant sense of religion in England, we had no hymns but the dull translations of the Psalms of David by Tate and Brady, and the quaint poems of George Herbert and the Elizabethan poets. *The Christian Year* was yet far in the distance, as well as all the other hymns which have since delighted the religious world.

Apart, therefore, from the devout reverence which all Christians feel for the saintly brothers, it has been thought that a birthday book from their really fine poems was a desideratum, and would be generally welcome, especially to those who follow their opinions.

This little book is, therefore, offered to the public in the assurance that it will be a means of spiritual good and comfort to many.





January 1.

January 2.

THE
Wesley Birthday Book.

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January 1. — — — — —

“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name.”—PSALM xxix. 2.

THE Lord of earth and sky,
The God of ages praise ;
Who reigns enthroned on high,
Ancient of endless days :
Who lengthens out our trial here,
And spares us yet another year.

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January 2. — — — — —

“Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men . . . for ye serve the Lord Christ.”—COL. iii. 23, 24.

SUMMONED my labour to renew,
And glad to act my part ;
Lord, in thy name my work I do,
And with a single heart.

January 3.

“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.”—PSALM xxxii. 1.

BLEST is the man, supremely blest,
Whose wickedness is all forgiven,
Who finds in Jesu's wounds his rest,
And sees the smiling face of heaven.

January 4.

“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”—EPH. v. 16.

WISDOM ascribe, and might, and praise,
To God who lengthens out our days ;
Who spares us yet another year,
And makes us see his goodness here.
O may we all the time redeem,
And henceforth live and die for him.

January 5.

“For thy Name's sake, lead me, and guide me.”—PSALM xxxi. 3.

FORTH in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue ;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think, or speak, or do.

January 3.

January 4.

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January 8.

January 6.

“There shall come a Star out of Jacob.”—
NUM. xxiv. 17.

O COME, thou radiant Morning Star,
Again in human darkness shine ;
Arise, resplendent from afar,
Assert thy royalty divine.
Thy sway o'er all the earth maintain,
And now begin thy glorious reign.

January 7.

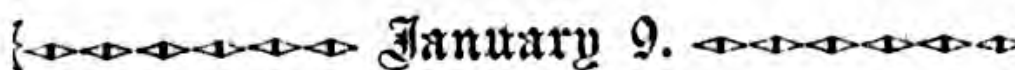

“Let your conversation be as it becometh the
Gospel of Christ.”—PHIL. i. 27.

END of my every action thou,
In all things thee I see :
Accept my hallowed labour now,
I do it unto thee.

January 8.

“My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
—MATT. xi. 30.

GIVE me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day.

{  January 9.  }

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of thy Law.”—PSALM
cxix. 18.

WHILE in thy Word we search for
thee
(We search with trembling awe),
Open our eyes, and let us see
The wonders of thy Law.

————— January 10. —————

“O taste and see that the Lord is good.”—
PSALM xxxiv. 8.

FAITHFUL, O Lord, thy mercies are,
A rock that cannot move,
A thousand promises declare
Thy constancy of love.
Throughout the universe it reigns
Unalterably sure ;
And while the truth of God remains,
His goodness must endure.

————— January 11. —————

“To-day if ye will hear his voice.”—HEB.
iii. 15.

TO-DAY, while it is called to-day,
My willing heart I bow,
I harden it no more, but pray
And look for mercy now.



January 9.

January 10.

January 11.

January 12.

January 13.

January 14.

January 12.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within me.”—PSALM li. 10.

THY nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above ;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of love.

January 13.

“The day-spring from on high hath visited
us.”—LUKE i. 78.

CHRI^ST whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night !
Day-spring from on high, be near,
Day-star in my heart appear.

January 14.

“I am the living bread.”—JOHN vi. 51.

FATHER, supply my every need,
Sustain the life thyself hast given
Call for the never-failing bread,
The manna that came down from heaven.

January 15.

“Your life is hid with Christ in God.”—COL.
iii. 3.

YOUR real life, with Christ concealed,
Deep in the Father's bosom lies ;
And glorious as your Head revealed,
Ye yet shall meet him in the skies.

January 16.

“Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful Witness.”
—REV. i. 5.

TRUE and faithful Witness, Thee
O Jesus, we receive ;
Fulness of the Deity,
In all thy people live !
First-begotten from the dead,
Call forth thy living witnesses,
King of saints, thine empire spread
O'er all the ransomed race.

January 17.

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, singing and making melody
in your heart to the Lord.”—EPH. v. 19.

EARTH rejoice, our Lord is King !
Sons of men, his praises sing ;
Sing ye in triumphant strains,
Jesus the Messiah reigns.

January 15.

January 16.

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January 19.

January 20.

January 18.

“Fight the good fight of faith.”—1 TIM. vi.
12.

SOLDIERS of Christ arise,
And put your armour on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through his eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of hosts
And in his mighty power ;—
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

January 19.

“Put on the whole armour of God.”—EPH.
vi. 11.

STAND then in his great might,
With all his strength endued,
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.

January 20.

“I can do all things through Christ which
strengtheneth me.”—PHIL. iv. 13.

FAITH, mighty faith, the promise sees
And looks to that alone ;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, “It shall be done.”

January 21.

“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”—GAL. vi. 2.

HELP us to help each other, Lord,
Each other’s cross to bear,
Let each his friendly aid afford,
And feel his brother’s care.

January 22.

“Two are better than one.”—ECCLES. iv. 9.

TWO are better far than one,
For counsel or for fight ;
How can one be warm alone,
Or serve the Lord aright ?
Join we then our hearts and hands,
Each to love provoke his friend,
Run the way of God’s commands,
And keep it till the end.

January 23.

“Deliver us from evil.”—MATT. vi. 13.

VOUCHSAFE to keep me, Lord, this day,
Without committing sin,
And with me let thy Spirit stay
And ever dwell within.

January 21.

January 22.

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January 24.

“ Ask, and it shall be given you.”—MATT.
vii. 7.

THOU bid'st me ask, and with the word
Dost give the power to pray ;
I ask the mercy of my Lord
To take my sins away ;
The sins with which I cannot part
I pray thee to remove,
And calm and purify my heart
By thy forgiving love.

January 25.

“ Now is the day of salvation.”—2 COR. vi. 2.

WHY should I till to-morrow stay
For what thou wouldst bestow to-day ?
What thou more willing art to give
Than I to ask or to receive.

January 26.

“ My soul is even as a weaned child.”—
PSALM cxxxii. 2.

LORD, that I may learn of thee,
Give me true simplicity ;
Wean my soul and keep it low,
Willing thee alone to know.

January 27.

“Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”—ROM. v. 1.

O MIGHT we through thy grace attain
The faith thou never wilt reprove,
The faith that purges every stain,
The faith that always works by love.

January 28.

“The sheep follow him, for they know his voice.”—JOHN x. 4.

O THAT I could for ever sit
With Mary at the Master's feet !
Be this my happy choice :
My only care, delight, and bliss,
My joy, my heaven on earth be this,
To hear the Bridegroom's voice.

January 29.

“In thy light shall we see light.”—PSALM xxxvi. 9.

LIGHT in thy light O may I see,
Thy grace and mercy prove,
Revived, and cheered, and blest by thee,
The God of pardoning love !

January 27.

January 28.

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January 31.

February 1.

January 30.

“ I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”—
1 COR. ii. 2.

LET us still to thee look up,
Thou thy Israel's Strength and Hope,
Nothing know or seek beside
Jesus, and him crucified.

January 31.

“ Keep the charge of the Lord, that ye die not.”—LEV. viii. 35.

ARM me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live ;
And O thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give !
Help me to watch and pray,
And on thyself rely,
Assured if I my trust betray
I shall for ever die.

February 1.

“ Pray without ceasing.”—1 THESS. v. 17.

LONG as our fiery trials last
Long as the cross we bear,
O let our souls on thee be cast
In never-ceasing prayer.

February 2.

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”—PHIL. ii. 5.

JESUS, I fain would find
Thy zeal for God in me,
Thy yearning pity for mankind,
Thy burning charity.

February 3.

“Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.”—I PETER iii. 8.

MAKE us of one heart and mind,
Courteous, pitiful, and kind,
Lowly, meek, in thought and word
Altogether like our Lord.

February 4.

“Conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”—ROM. viii. 29.

CENTRE of our hopes thou art,
End of our enlarged desires;
Stamp thine image on our heart,
Fill us now with heavenly fires.
Cemented by love divine,
Seal our souls forever thine.

February 2.

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February 5.

“That they all may be one.”—JOHN xvii.
21.

O LET us take a softer mould,
Blended and gathered into thee,
Under one Shepherd make one fold
Where all is peace and harmony.

February 6.

“Master, I will follow thee whithersoever
thou goest.”—MATT. viii. 19.

MASTER, I own thy lawful claim,
Thine, wholly thine, I long to be ;
Thou seest at last, I willing am
Where'er thou goest to follow thee.
Myself in all things to deny,
Thine, wholly thine to live or die,

February 7.

“Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also
in him.”—PSALM xxxvii. 5.

COMMIT thou all thy griefs
And ways into his hands,
To his sure truth and tender care
Who heaven and earth commands.

February 8.

“Peace I leave with you ; my peace I give unto you ; not as the world giveth give I unto you.”—JOHN xiv. 27.

GIVER of peace and unity,
Send down thy mild pacific Dove,
We all shall then in one agree,
And breathe the spirit of thy love.

February 9.

“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”—PHIL. iii. 14.

LET us all together rise
To thy glorious life restored,
Here regain our paradise,
Here prepare to meet our Lord ;
Here enjoy the earnest given,
Travel hand in hand to heaven.

February 10.

“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna.”—REV. ii. 17.

FRUIT of thy gracious lips, on me
Bestow that grace unknown,
The hidden manna, and the tree
Of life, and the white stone.

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“Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand and when ye turn to the left.”—ISAIAH XXX. 21.

WHEN to the right or left I stray,
His voice behind me may I hear,
“Return and walk in Christ the Way ;
Fly back to Christ, for sin is near.”

February 12.

“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.”—COL. iv. 2.

JESUS, my Master and my Lord,
I would thy will obey,
Humbly receive thy warning word,
And always watch and pray.
My constant need of watchful prayer
I daily see and feel,
To keep me safe from every snare
Of sin and earth and hell.

February 13.

“We know not what we should pray for as we ought ; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”—ROM. viii. 26.

SHEPHERD Divine, our wants relieve
In this our evil day ;
To all thy tempted followers give
The power to watch and pray.

February 14.

“Above all taking the shield of faith, where-
with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery
darts of the wicked.”—EPH. vi. 16.

BUT above all lay hold
On faith's victorious shield ;
Armed with that adamant and gold,
Be sure to win the field.

February 15.

“Watching . . . with all perseverance and
supplications for all saints.”—EPH. vi. 18.

TO keep your armour bright
Attend with constant care,
Still walking in your Captain's sight,
And watching unto prayer.
Ready for all alarms,
Steadfastly set your face,
And always exercise your arms,
And use your every grace.

February 16.

“I will trust in the covert of thy wings.”—
PSALM lxi. 4.

TEACH me the happy art,
In all things to depend
On thee : O never, Lord, depart,
But love me to the end.

February 14.

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February 17.

“Whom have I in heaven but thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.”—PSALM lxxiii. 25.

WHOM have I on earth below?
Thee and only thee I know;
Whom have I in heaven but thee?
Thou art all in all to me.

February 18.

“Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.”—JOHN xi. 9.

ARE there not in the labourer's day
Twelve hours in which he safely may
His calling's work pursue?
Though sin and Satan still are near,
Nor sin nor Satan can I fear
With Jesus in my view.

February 19.

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”—ISAIAH xl. 31.

LORD, I believe thy every word,
Thy every promise true,
And lo, I wait on thee, my Lord,
Till I my strength renew.

February 20.

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
and 'the man that getteth understanding."—
PROV. iii. 13.

HAPPY the man that finds the grace,
The blessing of God's chosen race ;
The wisdom coming from above,
The faith that sweetly works by love.

February 21.

"This charge I commit unto thee."—1 TIM.
i. 18.

A CHARGE to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save
And fit it for the sky :
To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil,
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Maker's will.

February 22.

"Set your affections on things above, not on
things on the earth."—COL. iii. 2.

YOUR faith by holy tempers prove,
By actions show your sins forgiven ;
And seek the glorious things above,
And follow Christ your Head to heaven.

February 20.

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February 23.

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

—JOB xix. 25.

I KNOW that my Redeemer lives—
He lives and on the earth shall stand;
And though to worms my flesh he gives,
My dust lies numbered in his hand.
In this reanimated clay
I surely shall behold him near,
Shall see him in the latter day
In all his majesty appear.

February 24.

"Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."—I COR. xv. 58.

FIX, O fix my wavering mind,
To thy cross my spirit bind;
Earthly passions far remove,
Swallow up my soul in love.

February 25.

"Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."—MATT. vi. 10.

I ASK in confidence the grace
That I may do thy will—
As angels who behold thy face—
And all thy words fulfil.

February 26.

“To will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good, I find not.”—
ROM. vii. 18.

GIVE me a new, a perfect heart,
From doubt, and fear, and sorrow free;
The mind which was in Christ impart,
And let my spirit cleave to thee.

February 27.

“Thou hast granted me life and favour.”—
JOB x. 12.

GOD of my life, to thee
My cheerful soul I raise;
Thy goodness bade me be,
And still prolongs my days.
I see my natal hour return,
And bless the day that I was born.

February 28.

“Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.”—PSALM xxxiv. 13.

WHAT? never speak one evil word,
Or rash, or idle, or unkind?
O how shall I, most gracious Lord,
This mark of true perfection find?

February 26.

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“Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”—2 PETER iii. 18.

UP unto thee, our living Head,
Let us in all things grow,
Till thou hast made us free indeed,
And spotless here below.

March 1.

“Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.”—JOHN vi. 68.

IN search of empty joys below,
Ye toil with unavailing strife;
Whither, ah whither, would ye go?
I have the words of endless life.

March 2.

“I am the good Shepherd and know my sheep, and am known of mine.”—JOHN x. 14.

LET me know my Shepherd's voice,
More and more in thee rejoice:
More and more of thee receive,
Ever in thy Spirit live.

March 3.

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March 6.

“Unto you that fear my Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings.”—MAL. iv. 2.

ETERNAL Sun of Righteousness,
Display thy beams divine,
And cause the glories of thy face
Upon my heart to shine.

March 7.

“Glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”—I COR. vi. 20.

O ALL-CREATING God !
At whose supreme decree
Our bodies rose, a breathing clod,
Our souls sprang forth from thee ;
For this thou hast designed
And formed us man, for this,
To know and love thyself, and find
In thee our endless bliss.

March 8.

“I will, therefore, that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting.”—I TIM. ii. 8.

TO God your every want
In instant prayer display ;
Pray always ; pray and never faint,
Pray—without ceasing pray.

✠ ————— March 9. ————— ✠

“They shall walk with me in white.”—REV.
iii. 4.

PERFECT let me walk before thee—
Walk in white
To the sight
Of thy heavenly glory.

————— March 10. —————

“Light is sown for the righteous, and glad-
ness for the upright in heart.”—PSALM xcvii.
11.

DARK and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee ;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see ;
Till thou inward light impart,
Glad my eyes and warm my heart.

————— March 11. —————

“Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of
God.”—1 COR. x. 31.

THE task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works thy Presence find,
And prove thy acceptable will.



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“Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps.”—
I PETER ii. 21.

PLANT and root and fix in me
All the mind that was in thee ;
Settle peace I then shall find ;
Jesu's is a quiet mind.
Anger I no more shall feel,
Always even, always still,
Meekly on my God reclined,
Jesu's is a gentle mind.

March 13.

“It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”—JER. x. 23.

IN all my ways thy hand I own,
Thy ruling Providence I see ;
Assist me still my course to run,
And still direct my paths to thee.

March 14.

“I will go in the strength of the Lord God.”
—PSALM lxxi. 16.

GIVE me thy strength, O God of power !
Then let winds blow, or thunders roar,
Thy faithful witness I will be ;
'Tis fixed : I can do all through thee.

✠ ————— March 15. ————— ✠

“The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked : who can know it ?”—**JER.** xvii. 9.

I WANT a principle within
Of jealous, godly fear,
A sensibility of sin,
A pain to feel it near ;
I want the first approach to feel
Of pride or fond desire,
To catch the wandering of my will,
And quench the kindling fire.

————— March 16. —————

“My tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praises all the day long.”—**PSALM** xxxv. 28.

AH, Lord ! enlarge our scanty thought
To know the wonders thou hast wrought ;
Unloose our stammering tongues to tell
Thy love immense, unsearchable.

————— March 17. —————

“He shall set me upon a rock.”—**PSALM** xxvii. 5.

JESUS, I fain would walk in thee,
From nature's every path retreat ;
Thou art my Way, my Leader be,
And set upon the Rock my feet.



March 15.

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“That we henceforth be no more children . . . but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ.”—EPH. iv. 14, 15.

THY bright example I pursue,
To thee in all things rise ;
And all I think, or speak, or do,
Is one great sacrifice.

March 19.

“Be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.”—PSALM xxxi. 2.

ROCK of my salvation, haste,
Extend thy ample shade,
Let it over me be cast,
And screen my naked head.
Save me from the trying hour,
Thou my sure protection be,
Shelter me from Satan's power,
Till I am fixed on thee.

March 20.

“Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”—2 TIM. ii. 1.

COME, Saviour, Jesus, from above,
Assist me with thy heavenly grace,
Empty my soul of earthly love,
And for thyself prepare the place.

✠ ————— March 21. ————— ✠

“Uphold me with thy free Spirit.”—PSALM
li. 12.

UPHOLD me, Saviour, or I fall,
O reach me out thy gracious hand ;
Only on thee for help I call,
Only by faith in thee I stand.

————— March 22. —————

“We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but
against principalities, against powers, against
the rulers of the darkness of this world.”—EPH.
vi. 12.

HARK ! how the watchmen cry !
Attend the trumpet's sound—
Stand to your arms ! the foe is nigh,
The powers of hell surround !
Who bow to Christ's commands,
Your arms and hearts prepare ;
The day of battle is at hand,
Go forth to glorious war.

————— March 23. —————

“The fire shall ever be burning upon the
altar ; it shall never go out.”—LEVIT. vi. 13.

JESUS, confirm my heart's desire—
To work, and speak, and think of thee ;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.

March 21.

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March 24.

“I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.”—GEN. xxxii. 26.

TILL thou thy perfect love impart,
Till thou thyself bestow,
Be this the cry of every heart,
“I will not let thee go.”

March 25.

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing.”—ROM. vii. 18.

WE cannot think a gracious thought,
We cannot feel a good desire ;
Till thou, who calledst a world from nought,
The power into our hearts inspire.
And then we in thy Spirit groan,
And then we give thee back thine own.

March 26.

“If any man serve me, let him follow me.”
—JOHN xii. 26.

CLOSE by thy side still may I keep,
Howe'er life's various currents flow ;
With steadfast eye mark every step,
And follow thee where'er thou go.

✠ ————— March 27. ————— ✠

“A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempests.”—ISAIAH xxxii. 2.

TO the haven of thy breast,
O Son of Man, I fly!
Be my refuge and my rest,
For O the storm is high!
Save me from the furious blast,
A covert from the tempest be,
Hide me, Jesus, till o'erpast
The storm of sin I see.

————— March 28. —————

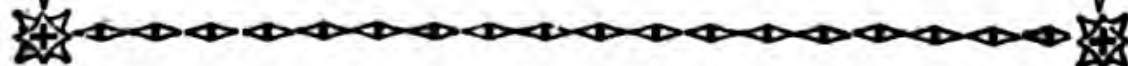
“Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”—2 COR. x. 5.

REIGN in me, Lord, thy foes control
Who would not own thy sway;
Diffuse thine image through my soul,
Shine to the perfect day.

————— March 29. —————

“Thy Kingdom come.”—LUKE xi. 2.

THY Kingdom come, with power and grace,
To every heart of man;
Thy peace and joy and righteousness
In all our bosoms reign.



March 27.

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

BEFORE us let thy goodness pass,
Which here by faith we know ;
Let us in Jesus see thy face,
And die to all below.

March 31.

“Be strong in the Lord.”—EPH. vi. 10.

LO! the tall sons of Anak rise !
Who can the sons of Anak meet ?
Captain ! to thee I lift mine eyes
And lo, they fall beneath my feet.

Passion, and appetite, and pride
(Pride, my old dreadful, tyrant foe),
I see cast down on every side,
And conquering, I to conquer go.

April 1.

“I have set the Lord always before me ;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be
moved.”—PSALM xvi. 8.

THEE may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

◆◆◆◆◆ April 2. ◆◆◆◆◆

“Length of days is in her (wisdom’s) right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.”
—PROV. iii. 16.

WISDOM divine—who tells the price
Of wisdom’s costly merchandise?
Wisdom to silver we prefer,
And gold is dross compared to her
Her hands are filled with length of days,
True riches, and immortal praise;
Riches of Christ on all bestowed,
And honour that descends from God.

————— April 3. —————

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”—PSALM cxxxiii. 1.

JOIN every soul that looks to thee
In bonds of perfect charity;
Now, Lord, the glorious fulness give,
And all in all for ever live.

————— April 4. —————

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.”—ACTS xvi. 31.

THE God of love—to earth he came
That you might come to heaven;
Believe, believe in Jesu’s name,
And all your sin’s forgiven.

April 2.

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“An idle soul shall suffer hunger.”—PROV.
xix. 15.

COME let us anew
Our journey pursue,
Roll round with the year ;
And never stand still till the Master
appear.

April 6.

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is
liberty.”—2 COR. iii. 17.

THAT blessed law of thine,
Jesus, to me impart ;
The Spirit's law of life divine,
O write it in my heart !
Implant it deep within,
Whence it may ne'er remove,
The law of liberty from sin,
The perfect law of love.

April 7.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart ;
try me, and know my thoughts.”—PSALM
cxxxix. 23.

O THOU to whose all-searching sight
The darkness shineth as the light ;
Search, prove my heart, it pants for thee,
O burst these bonds and set it free.

April 8.

“Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.”—PSALM xvii. 5.

THOU, O my God, thou only art
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
Quicken my soul, instruct my heart,
My sinking footsteps stay.

April 9.

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”—GAL. v. 25.

THE praying Spirit breathe,
The watching power impart;
From all entanglements beneath
Call off my anxious heart;
My feeble mind sustain,
By worldly thoughts opprest,
Appear! and bid me turn again
To my eternal rest.

April 10.

“Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?”—1 CHRON. xxix. 5.

LORD, in the strength of grace,
With a glad heart and free,
Myself, my residue of days,
I consecrate to thee.

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“The Lord knoweth the days of the upright ;
and their inheritance shall be for ever.”—PSALM
xxxvii. 18.

TO thee, benign and saving Power,
I consecrate my lengthened days ;
While, marked with blessings, every hour
Shall speak thy far-extended praise.

————— April 12. —————

“Behold what manner of love the Father
hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called
the sons of God.”—I JOHN iii. 1.

O LOVE, how cheering is thy ray ;
All pain before thy presence flies ;
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away
Where'er thy healing beams arise,
O Jesu, nothing may I see,
Nothing desire or seek but thee.

————— April 13. —————

“Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so,
come, Lord Jesus.”—REV. xxii. 20.

THE counsel of thy love fulfil,
Come quickly, gracious Lord ;
Be it according to thy will,
According to thy word.

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April 14.

“O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known ; in wrath remember mercy.”—HAB. iii. 2.

O REMEMBER me for good,
Passing through this mortal vale !
Show me the atoning blood
When my strength and spirit fail ;
Give my longing soul to see
Jesus, crucified for me.

April 15.

“Seek, and ye shall find.”—MATT. vii. 7.

ETERNAL life to all mankind
Thou hast in Jesus given ;
And all who seek, in him shall find
The happiness of heaven.

April 16.

“Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all.”—1 CHRON. xxix. 12.

RICHES, as seemeth good to thee
Thou dost, and honour give ;
And kings their power and dignity
Out of thy hand receive.

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“Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.”—PSALM iv. 6.

LIFT up thy countenance serene,
And let thy happy child,
Behold, without a cloud between,
The Godhead reconciled.

April 18.

“I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”—ROM. xii. 1.

FOUNTAIN of life and all my joy,
Jesus, thy mercies I embrace,
The breath thou givest for thee employ,
And wait to taste thy perfect grace.
No more forsaken and forlorn,
I bless the day that I was born.

April 19.

“The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.”—ISAIAH xl. 4.

ENLARGE my heart to make thee room,
Enter, and in me ever stay;
The crooked then shall straight become,
The darkness shall be lost in day.

April 20.

“Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord.”—PSALM xl. 11.

MERCY, I ask, to seal my peace ;
That, kept by mercy's power,
I may from every evil cease,
And never grieve thee more.

April 21.

“After the fire a still small voice.”—1 KINGS xix. 12.

OPEN, Lord, my inward ear,
And bid my heart rejoice ;
Bid my quiet spirit hear
Thy comfortable voice.
Never in the whirlwind found,
Or where earthquakes rock the place,
Still and silent is the sound—
The whisper of thy grace.

April 22.

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”—JOHN xiv. 6.

THOU art the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.

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April 23.

“Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought.”—ISAIAH xli. 24.

WE cannot speak one useful word,
One holy thought conceive,
Unless, in answer to our Lord,
Thyself the blessing give.

April 24.

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”—MATT. xvi. 24.

I WANT a sober mind,
A self-renouncing will,
That tramples down and casts behind
The baits of pleasing ill ;
A soul inured to pain,
To hardship, grief, and loss,
Bold to take up, firm to sustain,
The consecrated cross.

April 25.

“I am the door : by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.”—JOHN x. 9.

I SEE an open door of hope,
Legions of sins in vain oppose ;
Bold, I with thee my Head march up,
And triumph o'er a world of foes.

◆◆◆◆◆ April 26. ◆◆◆◆◆

“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day,
and for ever.”—HEB. xiii. 8.

JESU, if still thou art to-day
As yesterday the same,
Present to heal, in me display
The virtue of thy name.

————— April 27. —————

“I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the
last.”—REV. i. 11.

JESUS, the first and last,
On thee my soul is cast ;
Thou didst thy work begin
By blotting out my sin.
Thou wilt the root remove,
And perfect me in love.

————— April 28. —————

“But what things were gain to me, those I
counted loss for Christ.”—PHIL. iii. 7.

WEALTH, honour, pleasure, and what else
This short enduring world can give ;
Tempt as ye will, my soul repels,
To Christ alone resolved to live.

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“Truly our fellowship is with the Father,
and with his Son Jesus Christ.”—1 JOHN i. 3.

WITH thee conversing, we forget
All time, and toil, and care ;
Labour is rest, and pain is sweet,
If thou, my God, art there.

April 30.

“Watch thou in all things.”—2 TIM. iv. 5.

I WANT a godly fear,
A quick discerning eye
That looks to thee when sin is near,
And sees the tempter fly.
A spirit still prepared,
And armed with jealous care,
For ever standing on its guard,
And watching unto prayer.

May 1.

“Fear not, little flock ; for it is your Father’s
good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”—LUKE
xii. 32.

IN safety lead thy little flock
From hell, the world, and sin secure ;
And set their feet upon the rock,
And make, in thee, their goings sure.

May 2.

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?”—ROM. vi. 16.

LET him to whom we now belong
His sovereign right assert ;
And take up every thankful song,
And every loving heart.

May 3.

“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness.”—
PSALM iv. 5.

O GOD, 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.

May 4.

“Whether we live, we live unto the Lord ;
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord.”—
ROM. xiv. 8.

THY ransomed servant, I
Restore to thee thine own,
And from this moment live or die
To serve my God alone.

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“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord.”
—JAMES iv. 10.

COULD I but my heart prepare
By unfeigned humility,
Christ would quickly enter there,
And ever dwell with me.

May 6.

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly
in all wisdom.”—COL. iii. 16.

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 to endure and do thy will
Till perfect I am found in thee.

May 7.

“Seek ye my face.”—PSALM xxvii. 8.

THOU callest me to seek thy face,
’Tis all I wish to seek ;
To attend the whisper of thy grace,
And hear thee inly speak.

May 8.

“O when wilt thou come unto me?”—PSALM
ci. 2.

GOD of love, in this my day,
For thyself to thee I cry;
Dying, if thou still delay,
Must I not for ever die?
Enter now thy poorest home,
Now, my utmost Saviour come.

May 9.

“Deliver us from evil.”—MATT. vi. 13.

SAVE us in the prosperous hour
From the flattering tempter's power,
From his unsuspected wiles,
From the world's pernicious smiles.

May 10.

“Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret
not thyself in any wise to do evil.”—PSALM
xxxvii. 8.

FREE from anger, and from pride,
Let us thus in God abide;
Let the depths of love express
All the heights of holiness.

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“Forgive all my sins.”—PSALM xxv. 18.

FORGIVE and make my nature whole,
My inbred malady remove ;
To perfect health restore my soul,
To perfect holiness and love.

————— May 12. —————

“He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin ; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”—2 COR. v. 21.

I LONG to know and to make known
The heights and depths of love divine,
The kindness thou to me hast shown
Whose every sin was counted thine.
My God for me resigned his breath,
He died to save my soul from death.

————— May 13. —————

“I am thine.”—PSALM cxix. 94.

MY God, I am thine,
What a comfort divine,
What a blessing to know that my
Jesus is mine !

May 14.

“Cleanse thou me from secret faults.”—
PSALM xix. 12.

THE secret pride, the subtle sin,
O let it never more steal in
To offend thy glorious eyes,
To desecrate our hallowed strain,
And make our solemn service vain,
And mar our sacrifice.

May 15.

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves.”—I JOHN i. 8.

SAVIOUR, I now with shame confess
My thirst for creature happiness ;
By base desires I wronged thy love,
And forced thy mercy to remove.

May 16.

“Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.”—
I SAM. iii. 9.

TALK with us, Lord, thyself reveal
While here on earth we rove ;
Speak to our hearts, and let us feel
The kindling of thy love.

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“The desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.”—ISAIAH xxvi. 8.

NOTHING on earth do I desire
But thy pure love within my breast ;
This, only this, will I require
And freely give up all the rest.

May 18.

“As ye have, therefore, received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.”—COL. ii. 6.

CHRISt our Brother and our Friend
Shows us his eternal love ;
Never shall our triumphs end
Till we take our seats above.
Let us walk with him in white,
For our bridal day prepare,
For our partnership in light,
For our glorious meeting there.

May 19.

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally.”—JAMES i. 5.

I ASK the gift of righteousness,
The sin-subduing power,
Power to believe and go in peace,
And never grieve thee more.

✠ ————— May 20. ————— ✠

“Being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”—HEB. v. 9.

JESUS hath died that I might live,
Might live to God alone ;
In him eternal life receive,
And be in spirit one.

————— May 21. —————

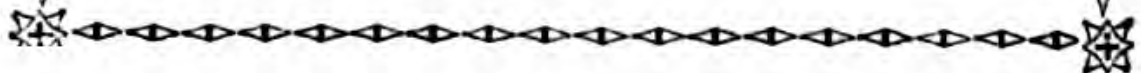
“God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name ; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”—PHIL. ii. 9, 10.

JESUS, I bless thy gracious power,
And all within me shouts thy name,
Thy name let every soul adore,
Thy power let every tongue proclaim.
Thy grace let every sinner know,
And find, with me, their heaven below.

————— May 22. —————

“Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household?”—LUKE xii. 42.

FATHER, into thy hands alone,
I have my all restored,
My all, thy property I own,
The steward of the Lord.



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“In due season we shall reap if we faint not.”
—GAL. vi. 9.

MAKE our earthly souls a field
Which God delights to bless ;
Let us in due season yield
The fruits of righteousness.
Make us trees of paradise
Which more and more thy praise may show,
Deeper sink and higher rise,
And to perfection grow.

May 24.

“One thing is needful.”—LUKE x. 42.

THOU my one thing needful be,
Let me ever cleave to thee ;
Let me choose the better part,
Let me give thee all my heart.

May 25.

“It is God which worketh in you, both to
will and to do of his good pleasure.”—PHIL. ii.
13.

THOU all our works in us hast wrought,
Our good is all divine ;
The praise of every virtuous thought
And righteous word is thine.

May 26.

"We walk by faith, not by sight."—2 COR.
v. 7.

FAITH lends its realizing light,
The clouds disperse, the shadows fly ;
The Invisible appears in sight,
And God is seen by mortal eye.

May 27.

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward
adorning . . . but let it be the hidden man of
the heart."—1 PETER iii. 3, 4.

SEND down thy likeness from above,
And let this my adorning be ;
Clothe me with wisdom, patience, love,
With lowliness and purity,
Than gold and pearls more precious far,
And brighter than the morning star.

May 28.

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste !"
—PSALM cxix. 103.

I BID you all my goodness prove,
My promises for all are free ;
Come, taste the manna of my love,
And let your souls delight in me.

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“Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.”—1 PETER i. 17.

A STRANGER in the world below,
I calmly sojourn here ;
Nor can its happiness or woe
Provoke my hope or fear.
Its evils in a moment end,
Its joys as soon are past ;
But, O ! the bliss to which I tend
Eternally shall last.

————— May 30. —————

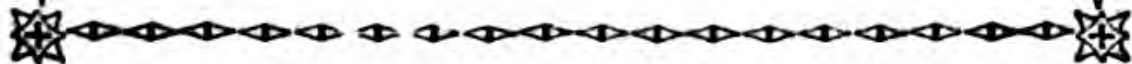
“Take therefore no thought for the morrow ;
for the morrow shall take thought for the things
of itself.”—MATT. vi. 34.

MY Father knows the things I need,
My Father knows—let that suffice,
I trust him now to clothe and feed
His child who on his care relies.

————— May 31. —————

“God *now* accepteth thy work.”—ECCLES.
ix. 7.

THE past no longer in my power,
The future who shall live to see ?
Mine only is the present hour,
Lent to be all laid out for thee.



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June 4.

“Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory and the lifter up of mine head.”—PSALM iii. 3.

GIVE to the wind thy fears;
Hope, and be undismayed,
God hears thy sighs, and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.

June 5.

“All his saints are in thy hand.”—DEUT. xxxiii. 3.

HIS guardian hand doth hold, protect,
And save, by ways unknown
The little flock, the saints elect,
Who trust in him alone.

June 6.

“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.”—HEB. vi. 19.

THOU art the Anchor of my hope;
The faithful saying I receive.
Surely thy death shall raise me up,
For thou hast died that I might live.

June 7.

“The desire of the righteous shall be granted.”—PROV. x. 24.

IF what I wish is good,
And suits the will divine,
By earth and hell in vain withstood,
I know it shall be mine.

June 8.

“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.”—ROM. xii. 11.

THEIR earthly task who fail to do,
Neglect their heavenly business too;
Nor know what faith and duty mean,
Who use religion as a screen,
Asunder put what God hath joined,
A diligent and pious mind.

June 9.

“Consider the lilies of the field.”—MATT. vi. 28.

WHO stoops to clothe a fading flower,
Will every needful blessing give,
And fit the creature of an hour,
An endless life with him to live.

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“The Spirit and the Bride say, Come.”—
REV. xxii. 17.

“**C**OME, Lord,” thy glorious Spirit cries,
And souls beneath the altar groan ;
“Come Lord,” the Bride on earth replies,
“And perfect all our souls in one.”

June 11.

“My soul shall make her boast in the Lord.”
—PSALM xxxiv. 2.

A SINNER still, though saved I am,
And this is all my boast,
I hang upon a God who came
To seek and save the lost.
The object of my love and fear,
Who hath my sins forgiven,
Shall sink me into nothing here,
And lift me up to heaven.

June 12.

“Lead me in the way everlasting.”—PSALM
cxxxix. 24.

BEFORE thy sheep, Great Shepherd, go,
And guide into thy perfect will ;
Cause us thy hallowed name to know,
The work of faith in us fulfil.

June 13.

“I the Lord search the heart.” — JER.
xvii. 10.

TRY us, O God, and search the ground
Of every sinful heart,
Whate'er of sin in us is found,
O bid it all depart.

June 14.

“The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” — ISAIAH xxxv. 10.

THE ransomed sons of God,
All earthly things we scorn,
And to our high abode
With songs of praise return.
From strength to strength we still proceed,
With crowns of joy upon our head.

June 15.

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” — MATT. vi. 21.

ALL my treasure is above,
All my riches is thy love;
Who the worth of love can tell,
Infinite, unsearchable?

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“Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price.”—ISAIAH lv. 1.

HO! every one that thirsts, draw nigh
 (’Tis God invites the fallen race),
Mercy and free salvation buy—
 Buy wine, and milk, and gospel grace.

June 17.

“Whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.”—2 COR. v. 6.

STRANGERS and pilgrims here below,
 This earth, we know, is not our place,
And hasten through the vale of woe,
 All restless to behold thy face.
Swift to our heavenly country move,
Our everlasting home above.

June 18.

“The Lord . . . is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”—2 PETER iii., part of 9th verse.

GIVE us ourselves, and thee to know,
 In this our gracious day;
Repentance unto life bestow,
 And take our sins away.

June 19.

"Now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."—ROM. xiii. 11.

SPEAK with that voice which waked the
dead,
And bid the sleeper rise ;
And bid his guilty conscience dread
The death that never dies.

June 20.

"Preserve my life from fear of the enemy."
—PSALM lxiv. 1.

SAVIOUR, on me the grace bestow,
To trample on my mortal foe ;
Conqueror of death, with thee to rise,
And claim my station in the skies.
Fixed, as the throne which ne'er can move,
A pillar in thy church above.

June 21.

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
beholding the evil and the good."—PROV.
xv. 3.

GOD is in this and every place,
But, oh, how dark and void ;
To me 'tis one great wilderness—
This earth without my God.

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“Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope.”—ZECH. xi. 12.

PRISONER of hope, I still attend
The appearing of my Lord
These endless doubts and fears to end,
And speak my soul restored.

June 23.

“Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?”—PROV. xx. 9.

OH for that tenderness of heart
Which bows before the Lord!
Acknowledges how pure thou art,
And trembles at thy word.
Oh for those humble contrite tears
Which from repentance flow!
That consciousness of guilt which fears
The long-suspended blow.

June 24.

“Return, O Lord, deliver my soul; oh, save me for thy mercies' sake!”—PSALM vi. 4.

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 soul prevail.

✠ ————— June 25. ————— ✠

“What have I to do any more with idols?”—
HOSEA xiv. 8.

WOULD aught on earth my wishes share,
Though dear as life the idol be,
The idol from my breast I'd tear,
Resolved to seek my all in thee.

————— June 26. —————

“I will cause them to walk by the rivers of
waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not
stumble.—JER. xxxi. 9.

THY faithful, wise, and mighty love
Shall every stumbling-block remove,
And make an open way;
Thy love shall burst the shades of death,
And bear me from the gulf beneath
To everlasting day.

————— June 27. —————

“The Lord shall be thy confidence, and
shall keep thy foot from being taken.”—PROV.
iii. 26.

JESUS, my soul to thee aspires;
Jesus, to thee I plight my vows;
Keep me from earthly, base desires,
My God, my Saviour, and my Spouse.

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“The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.”—I COR. iii. 19.

LET me cast my reeds aside—
All that feeds my knowing pride—
Not to man, but God submit,
Lay my reasonings at thy feet.

June 29.

“Watch ye ; stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”—I COR. xvi. 13.

GIVE me on thee to call,
Always to watch and pray,
Lest I into temptation fall,
And cast my shield away.
For each assault prepared,
And ready may I be ;
For ever standing on my guard,
And looking up to thee.

June 30.

“Let my supplication come before thee ; deliver me according to thy word.”—PSALM cxix. 170.

BEHOLD, with humble faith I bow
My soul before thy throne ;
Deliver me from evil now,
For thou canst save thine own.

July 1.

“I will wait for the God of my salvation :
my God will hear me.”—MICAH vii. 7.

HOLY, and true, and righteous Lord,
I wait to prove thy perfect will ;
Be mindful of thy gracious word,
And stamp me with thy spirit's seal.

July 2.

“There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the
people of God.”—HEB. iv. 9.

LORD, I believe a rest remains,
To all thy people known ;
A rest where pure enjoyment reigns,
And thou art loved alone.
A rest where all our soul's desire
Is fixed on things above ;
Where fear, and sin, and grief expire,
Cast out by perfect love.

July 3.

“Giving thanks always for all things unto
God and the Father in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ.”—EPHES. v. 20.

FOR my life, and clothes, and food
And every comfort here,
Thee, my most indulgent God,
I thank with heart sincere.

July 1.

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July 4.

“For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.”—HEB. iii. 14.

OH, that to thee my constant mind
Might with an even flame aspire;
Pride in its earliest motions find,
And mark the risings of desire.

July 5.

“I beseech thee show me thy glory.”—
EXOD. xxxiii. 18.

O GOD, my hope, my heavenly rest,
My all of happiness below,
Grant my importunate request—
To me, to me, thy goodness show.
Thy beatific face display
The brightness of eternal day.

July 6.

“O spare me, that I may recover my strength,
before I go hence, and be no more seen.”—
PSALM xxxix. 13.

SPARE me till I my strength of soul,
Till I thy love, retrieve,
Till faith shall make my spirit whole,
And perfect soundness give.

July 7.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.”—MATT. v. 7.

MERCY who show shall mercy find ;
Thy pitiful and tender mind
Be, Lord, on me bestowed ;
So shall I still the blessing gain,
And to eternal life retain
The mercy of my God.

July 8.

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.”—COL. iii. 1.

GIVE me, O give me fully, Lord,
Thy resurrection's power to know ;
Free me indeed ; repeat the word,
And loose my bands and let me go.

July 9.

“Looking diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God.”—HEB. xii. 15.

OH may we all improve
The grace already given !
To seize the crown of perfect love,
And scale the mount of heaven.

July 7.

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“Being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.”—ROM. vi. 22.

COME then, and claim me for thine own,
Saviour, thy right assert ;
Come, gracious Lord, set up thy throne,
And reign within my heart.

July 11.

“Follow after charity.”—1 COR. xiv. 1.

OARM me with the mind,
Meek Lamb, which was in thee,
And let my knowing zeal be joined
With perfect charity.

July 12.

“Fear not, for I have redeemed thee ; I have called thee by thy name ; thou art mine.”—ISAIAH xliii. 1.

STILL nigh me, O my Saviour stand,
And guard in fierce temptation's hour ;
Hide in the hollow of thy hand,
Show forth in me thy saving power.
Still be thy arms my sure defence,
Nor earth, nor hell, shall pluck me thence.

July 13.

“Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”—2 TIM. ii. 3.

JESUS, my King, to thee I bow,
Enlisted under thy command,
Captain of my salvation, thou
Shalt lead me to the promised land.

July 14.

“Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”—EPH. v. 14.

GRACIOUS Redeemer shake
This slumber from my soul!
Say to me now, awake, awake!
And Christ shall make thee whole!
Say to thy mighty hand,
Alarm me in this hour,
And make me fully understand
The thunder of thy power.

July 15.

“The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”—ROM. v. 5.

JESUS, thine all-victorious love
Shed in my heart abroad;
Then shall my feet no longer rove,
Rooted and fixed on God.

July 13.

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July 16.

"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst ; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."—JOHN iv. 14.

JESUS, the *gift divine* I know,
The gift divine I ask of thee ;
That living water now bestow,
Thy Spirit and thyself, on me.
Thou, Lord, of life the fountain art,
Now let me find thee in my heart.

July 17.

"Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions."—PSALM xxv. 7.

REMEMBER, Lord, my sins no more,
That them I may no more forget ;
But sunk in guiltless shame adore
With speechless wonder at thy feet.

July 18.

"The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing."—ROM. xv. 13.

O THAT the perfect grace were given,
The love diffused abroad !
O that our hearts were all a heaven,
For ever filled with God.

July 19.

“I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness.”—PSALM xvii. 15.

BID me in thy image rise
A saint, a creature new,
True, and merciful, and wise,
And pure, and happy too.
This thy primitive design,
That I should in thee be blest,
Should within the arms divine
For ever, ever rest.

July 20.

“Be still, and know that I am God.”—PSALM xlvi. 10.

“**B**E still, and know that I am God,”
’Tis all I live to know ;
To feel the virtue of thy blood,
And spread its praise below.

July 21.

“Give me understanding, and I shall live.”
—PSALM cxix. 144.

REGARD me with a gracious eye,
The long-sought blessing give,
And bid me at the point to die
Behold thy face and live.

July 19.

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July 22.

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.”—PSALM xxxvii. 7.

JESU, in whom the weary find
Their late, but permanent, repose,
Physician of the sin-sick mind,
Relieve my wants, assuage my woes ;
And let my soul on thee be cast,
Till life's fierce tyranny be past.

July 23.

“Doing the will of God from the heart.”—
EPH. vi. 6.

FAIN would I all thy goodness feel,
And know my sins forgiven ;
And do on earth thy perfect will,
As angels do in heaven.

July 24.

“Give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.”—PSALM cxix. 125.

OPEN mine eyes the Lamb to know
Who bears the general sin away ;
And to my ransomed spirit show
The glories of eternal day.

July 25.

“Wait on the Lord.”—PSALM xxvii. 14.

BEHOLD me waiting in the way
For thee, the heavenly light;
Command me to be brought, and say,
“Sinner, receive thy sight.”

July 26.

“To him that ordereth his conversation aright
will I show the salvation of God.”—PSALM
l. 23.

O THAT I, first of love possessed,
With my Redeemer's promise blessed,
Might his salvation see!
Before thou dost my soul require,
Allow me, Lord, my heart's desire,
And show thyself to me.

July 27.

“He died for all, that they which live should
not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto
him.”—2 COR. v. 15.

O THAT I could my Lord receive
Who did the world redeem;
Who gave his life that I might live
A life concealed in him.

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“When I am weak, then am I strong.”—
2 COR. xii. 10.

IN nature's strength I sought in vain
For what my God refused to give,
I could not then the mastery gain,
Or lord of all my passions live.

But for the glory of thy name
Vouchsafe me now the victory ;
Weakness itself thou know'st I am,
And cannot share the praise with thee.

July 29.

“What doth the Lord require of thee, but to
do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly
with thy God ?”—MICAH vi. 8.

WHOE'ER to thee themselves approve,
Must take the path thy Word hath
showed ;
Justice pursue, and mercy love,
And humbly walk by faith with God.

July 30.

“Speak the word only.”—MATT. viii. 8.

SPEAK, and the deaf shall hear thy voice,
The blind his sight receive,
The dumb in songs of praise rejoice,
The heart of stone believe.

July 31.

“Give us this day our daily bread.”—MATT.
vi. 11.

THIS day with this day's bread
Thy hungry children feed ;
Fountain of all blessings, grant
Now the manna from above ;
Now supply our bodies' want,
Now sustain our souls with love.

August 1.

“That ye might be filled with all the fulness
of God.”—EPH. iii. 19.

THE heavenly manna, faith, impart,
Faith makes thy fulness all our own ;
We feed upon thee in our hearts,
And find that heaven and thou art one.

August 2.

“In your patience possess ye your souls.”—
LUKE xxi. 19.

TILL thou anew my soul create,
Still may I strive, and watch, and pray,
Humbly and confidently wait,
And long to see the perfect day.

July 31.

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“I will write upon him my new name.”—
REV. iii. 12.

WRITE upon me the name divine,
And let thy Father's nature shine,
His image visibly exprest,
His glory pouring from my breast.
O'er all my bright humanity,
For ever like the God I see!

————— August 4. —————

“Being filled with the fruits of righteousness,
which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and
praise of God.”—PHIL. i. 11.

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.

————— August 5. —————

“The Lord will bless his people with peace.”
PSALM xxix. 11.

THE peace which man can ne'er conceive,
The love and joy unknown,
Now, Father, to thy servant give,
And claim me for thine own.



✠ ————— August 6. ————— ✠

“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.”—
1 SAM. xv. 22.

TO Jesu's name if all things now
A trembling homage pay,
O let my stubborn spirit bow,
My stiff-necked will obey.

————— August 7. —————

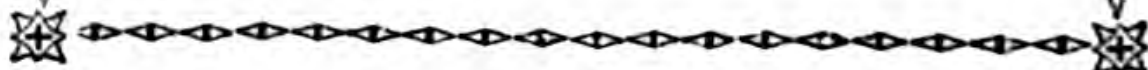
“He giveth to the beast his food, and to the
young ravens which cry.”—PSALM cxlvii. 9.

FATHER of lights, from whom proceeds
Whate'er thy every 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 prayer.

————— August 8. —————

“Stir up thy strength, and come and save
us.”—PSALM lxxx. 2.

THOU canst o'ercome this heart of mine,
Thou wilt victorious prove,
For everlasting strength is thine,
And everlasting love.



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“The Lord shall guide thee continually.”—
ISAIAH lviii. 11.

THOU my impetuous spirit guide,
And curb my headstrong will ;
Thou only canst drive back the tide,
And bid the sun stand still.

August 10.

“It is good that a man should both hope and
quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.”—
LAM. iii. 26.

EVERY one that seeks shall find,
Every one that asks shall have,
Christ the Saviour of mankind,
Willing, able, all to save ;
I shall his salvation see,
I in faith on Jesus call,
I from sin shall be set free,
Perfectly set free from all.

August 11.

“I will give them an heart to know me, that I
am the Lord.”—JER. xxiv. 7.

MY one desire is this,
Thy only love to know,
To seek and taste no other bliss,
No other good below.

✠ ————— August 12. ————— ✠

“ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”—JOHN viii. 36.

I F thou impart thyself to me,
No other good I need ;
If thou, the Son, shalt make me free,
I shall be free indeed.

————— August 13. —————

“ The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.”
Ex. xxxiv. 6.

D E S C E N D, pass by me, and proclaim,
O Lord of hosts, thy glorious name,
“ The Lord, the gracious Lord,
Long-suffering, merciful, and kind ;”
The God who always bears in mind
His everlasting word.

————— August 14. —————

“ A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench.”—ISAIAH xlii. 3.

T H O U wilt not break a bruised reed,
Or quench the smallest spark of grace,
Till through the soul thy power is spread,
Thy all-victorious righteousness.



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✠ ————— August 15. ————— ✠

“I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh.”—
EZEK. xi. 19.

O MY God, what must I do?
Thou alone the way canst show,
Thou canst save me in this hour,
I have neither will nor power.
God, if over all thou art,
Greater than my sinful heart,
All thy power on me be shown,
Take away this heart of stone.

————— August 16. —————

“He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation; he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.”—ISAIAH lxi. 10.

JESU, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head.

————— August 17. —————

“Who gave himself a ransom for all.”—I TIM.
ii. 6.

JESU, be endless praise to thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me and all thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.



August 18.

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.”—ISAIAH xxvi. 3.

I REST beneath the Almighty's shade,
My griefs expire, my troubles cease;
Thou, Lord, on whom my soul is stayed
Wilt keep me still in perfect peace.

August 19.

“I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.”—PSALM lii. 8.

GUIDE of my life hast thou not been,
And rescued me from passion's power?
Ten thousand times preserved from sin,
Nor let the greedy grave devour?
And wilt thou now thy wrath retain,
Nor ever love thy child again?

August 20.

“My Lord and my God.”—JOHN xx. 28.

THE holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,
Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, even me to atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.

August 18.

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August 21.

“I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.”—
PSALM xxiii. 4.

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.

August 22.

“O keep my soul, and deliver me.”—PSALM
xxv. 20.

O WOULDST thou, Lord, thy servant
guard
'Gainst every known or secret foe,
A mind for all assaults prepared,
A sober, vigilant mind bestow.
Ever apprised of danger nigh,
And when to fight, and when to fly.

August 23.

“Be ye holy in all manner of conversation.”
—I PETER i. 15.

LET us to perfect love restored,
Thy image here retrieve,
And in the presence of our Lord
The life of angels live.

August 24.

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August 27.

“Walk in the Spirit.”—GAL. v. 16.

THY sanctifying Spirit pour
To quench my thirst and make me clean ;
Now, Father, let the gracious shower
Descend and make me pure from sin.

August 28.

“The tree is known by his fruit.”—MATT.
xii. 33.

SEE, these barren souls of ours
Bloom and put forth fruits and flowers,
Flowers of Eden, fruits of grace,
Peace, and joy, and righteousness.
We behold (the objects we,)
Christ, the Incarnate Deity,
Christ, in whom thy glories shine,
Excellence of strength divine.

August 29.

“Lord, I believe ; help thou mine unbelief.”—
MARK ix. 24.

LORD, if thou wilt, I do believe
Thou canst the saving grace impart,
Thou canst this instant, now, forgive,
And stamp thine image on my heart.

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September 2.

“I will hear what God the Lord will speak ;
for he will speak peace unto his people, and to
his saints.”—PSALM lxxxv. 8.

SPEAK to my warring passions, “Peace !”
Say to my trembling heart, “Be still !”
Thy power my strength and fortress is,
For all things serve thy sovereign will.

September 3.

“Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee.”
—PSALM cxix. 175.

GOD of almighty love
By whose sufficient grace,
I lift my heart to things above,
And humbly seek thy face.
Through Jesus Christ, the Just,
My faint desires receive :
And let me in thy goodness trust,
And to thy glory live.

September 4.

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,
and he shall lift you up.”—JAMES iv. 10.

WITH fraudless, even, humble mind,
Thy will in all things may I see ;
In love be every wish resigned,
And hallowed my whole heart to thee.

September 5.

“If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”—MATT. xvii. 20.

ON me that faith divine bestow
Which doth the mountain move;
And all my spotless life shall show
The Omnipotence of love.

September 6.

“The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.”—JOHN iv. 23.

LO! I come with joy to do
The Master's blessed will;
Him in outward works pursue,
And serve his pleasure still.
Faithful to my Lord's commands,
I still would choose the better part,
Serve with careful Martha's hands,
And loving Mary's heart.

September 7.

“Fear God, and give glory to him.”—REV. xiv. 7.

WHATE'ER I say or do,
Thy glory be my aim,
My offerings all be offered through
The ever-blessed name.

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September 8.

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”—EPH. iv. 13.

WHEN, my Saviour, shall I be
Perfectly resigned to thee?
Poor and vile in my own eyes,
Only in thy wisdom wise?
Only thee content to know,
Ignorant of all below,
Only guided by thy light,
Only mighty in thy might.

September 9.

“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”—JOHN iii. 8.

SO I may thy Spirit know,
Let him as he listeth blow;
Let the manner be unknown,
So I may with thee be one.

September 10.

“I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”—2 TIM. i. 12.

JESUS, I hang upon thy word;
I steadfastly believe
Thou wilt return and claim me, Lord,
And to thyself receive.

September 11.

“I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”—MAL. iii. 6.

AND art thou not the Saviour still
In every place and age the same?
Hast thou forgot thy gracious skill,
Or lost the virtue of thy name?
Faith in thy changeless name I have;
The good, the kind physician, thou
Art able now our souls to save,
Art willing to restore them now.

September 12.

“Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.”—MATT. viii. 2.

SPEAK the second time, “Be clean,”
Take away my inbred sin;
Every stumbling-block remove,
Cast it out by perfect love.

September 13.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”—MATT. v. 16.

WE are now his lawful right,
Walk as children of the light;
We shall soon obtain the grace,
Pure in heart, to see his face.

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September 14.

“Show me thy ways, O Lord.”—PSALM
XXV. 4.

COME, O my God, thyself reveal,
Fill all this mighty void ;
Thou only canst my spirit fill—
Come, O my God, my God !

September 15.

“Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom
of God as a little child, he shall not enter
therein.”—MARK X. 15.

O THAT I, as a little child,
May follow thee, and never rest
Till sweetly thou hast breathed thy mild
And lowly mind into my breast ;
Nor ever may we parted be,
Till I become one spirit with thee.

September 16.

“Sanctify yourselves, therefore, and be ye
holy, for I am the Lord your God.”—LEV.
XX. 7.

HE wills that I should holy be—
That holiness I long to feel ;
That full, divine conformity
To all my Saviour's righteous will.

September 17.

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"They are thine."—JOHN xvii. 9.

THINE, only thine, we pant to be ;
Our sacrifice receive ;
Made, and preserved and saved by thee,
To thee ourselves we give.

September 24.

"Get thee out of thy country."—GEN.
xii. 1.

IN every time and place,
Who serve the Lord most high,
Are called his sovereign will to embrace,
And still their own deny ;
To follow his command,
On earth as pilgrims rove,
And seek an undiscovered land,
And house, and friends above.

September 25.

"Let the weak say, I am strong."—JOEL
iii. 10.

GENTLY the weak thou lov'st to lead,
Thou lov'st to prop the feeble knee ;
Oh break not then a bruised reed,
Nor quench the smoking flax in me.

September 23.

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“Let him labour, working with his hands
the thing which is good.”—EPHES. iv. 28.

FULL well the labour of our hands
With fervency of spirit stands ;
For God, who all our days hath given,
From toil excepts but one in seven ;
And labouring, while we time redeem,
We please the Lord and work for him.

————— September 30. —————

“He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.”
—I COR. vi. 17.

JOINED in one spirit to our Head,
Where he appoints we go ;
And still in Jesu's footsteps tread,
And show his praise below.

————— October 1. —————

“Come and let us join ourselves to the Lord
in a perpetual covenant that shall not be
forgotten.”—JER. l. 5.

COME, let us use the grace divine,
And all, with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant join
Ourselves to Christ the Lord.



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October 2.

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”—MATT. xi. 29.

JESUS, the weary wanderer's rest,
Give me thy easy yoke to bear,
With steadfast patience arm my breast,
With spotless love and lowly fear.

October 3.

“Perfect love casteth out fear.”—I JOHN iv. 18.

JESUS, to thee we fly,
On thee for help rely;
Thou our only refuge art,
Thou dost all our fears control,
Rest of every troubled heart,
Life of every dying soul.

October 4.

“I, the Lord . . . will hold thine hand, and keep thee.”—ISAIAH xlii. 6.

SAVIOUR, where'er thy steps I see,
Dauntless, untried, I follow thee;
O let thy hand support me still,
And lead me to thy holy hill.

October 5.

“And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.”—JOB xxviii. 28.

BE it my only wisdom here
To serve the Lord with filial fear,
With loving gratitude;
Superior sense may I display
By shunning every evil way,
And walking in the good.

October 6.

“Who hath despised the day of small things?”
—ZECH. iv. 10.

WHO hath slighted or contemned
The day of feeble things?
I shall be by grace redeemed,
’Tis grace salvation brings.
Ready now my Saviour stands,
Him I now rejoice to see,
With the plummet in his hands
To build and finish me.

October 7.

“And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment.”—PHIL. i. 9.

O LOVE, thy sovereign aid impart,
And guard the gift thyself hast given;
My portion thou, my treasure art,
And life, and happiness, and heaven.

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“They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.”—
PSALM lxxxiv. 7.

FROM strength to strength go on,
Wrestle, and fight, and pray,
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.
Still let the Spirit cry
To all his soldiers, “Come,”
Till Christ the Lord descend from high,
And take the conquerors home.

————— October 9. —————

“Jesus Christ is Lord.”—PHIL. ii. 11.

JEHOVAH, Christ, I thee adore,
Who gav’st my soul to be!
Fountain of being and of power,
And great in majesty.

————— October 10. —————

“He is holy.”—PSALM xcix. 5.

HOLY as thou, O Lord, is none,
Thy holiness is all thy own;
A drop of that untroubled sea
Is ours, a drop derived from thee.



October 11.

“Our soul waiteth for the Lord : he is our help and our shield.”—PSALM xxxiii. 20.

WHAT though a thousand hosts engage
A thousand worlds my soul to shake?
I have a shield shall quell their rage,
And drive the alien armies back.
Portrayed it bears a bleeding Lamb:
I dare believe in Jesu's name.

October 12.

“The kingdom shall be the Lord's.”—
OBADIAH 21.

THE kingdom, Lord, is thine alone
Who dost thy right maintain,
And high on thine eternal throne,
O'er men and angels reign.

October 13.

“God is love.”—1 JOHN iv. 8.

THE Lord, the mighty Lord, thou art,
But let me rather prove
That name in-spoken to my heart,
That favourite name of love.

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“I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”—ISAIAH xli. 10.

PRESERVED through faith by power divine,
A miracle of grace I stand!
I prove the strength of Jesus mine,
Jesus, upheld by thy right hand.
Though in my flesh I feel the thorn,
I bless the day that I was born.

October 15.

“I go to prepare a place for you.”—JOHN xiv. 2.

LO! a place he hath prepared
For me, whom watchful angels keep;
Yea, he himself becomes my guard,
He smooths my bed and gives me sleep.

October 16.

“While I live I will praise the Lord.”—
PSALM cxlvi. 2.

LONG as I live beneath,
To thee, O let me live!
To thee my every breath
In thanks and praises give!
Whate'er I have, whate'er I am,
Shall magnify my Maker's name.

October 17.

“Establish thou the work of our hands upon us.”—PSALM xc. 17.

CAREFUL without care I am,
Nor feel my happy toil,
Kept in peace by Jesu's name,
Supported by his smile.
Joyful thus my faith to show,
I find his service my reward,
Every work I do below,
I do it to the Lord.

October 18.

“Give ear to my prayer, O Lord.”—PSALM
lv. 1.

JESU, my Saviour, Brother, Friend,
On whom I cast my every care,
On whom for all things I depend,
Inspire, and then accept my prayer.

October 19.

“Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be
as white as snow.”—ISAIAH i. 18.

MY God, my God, to thee I cry,
Thee, only, would I know;
Thy purifying blood apply,
And wash me white as snow.

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“Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God.”—LUKE xii. 8.

SHALL I, for fear of feeble man,
The Spirit's course in me restrain?
Or, undismayed, by deed and word,
Be a true witness for my Lord?

October 21.

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”—HEB. iv. 16.

HELP, Lord, to whom for help I fly,
And still my tempted soul stand by
Throughout the evil day;
The sacred watchfulness impart,
And keep the issues of my heart,
And stir me up to pray.

October 22.

“Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.”—ISAIAH l. 10.

JESU, my truth, my way,
My sure, unerring light,
On thee my feeble steps I stay,
Which thou wilt guide aright.

October 23.

“The sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness and hateth wickedness.”—PSALM xlv. 6, 7.

THY golden sceptre from above
Reach forth ; see, my whole heart I bow ;
Say to my soul, Thou art my love,
My chosen midst ten thousand, thou !

October 24.

“Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help.”—PSALM cxlvi. 5.

HAPPY the man whom God doth aid—
God our souls and bodies made ;
God on us, in gracious showers,
Blessings every moment pours ;
Compasses with angel bands,
Bids them bear us in their hands ;
Parents, friends, 'twas God bestowed ;
Life and all descend from God.

October 25.

“What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?
... Lord, that I might receive my sight.”—
MARK x. 51.

RESTORE my sight ! let thy free grace
An entrance to the holiest give ;
Open mine eyes of faith ! thy face
So shall I see ; yet seeing live.

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"Let thy garments be always white."—
ECCLES. ix. 8.

I, TOO, with thee shall walk in white,
With all thy saints shall prove
What is the length, and breadth, and height,
And depth of perfect love.

October 27.

"Thy Spirit is good ; lead me into the land
of uprightness."—PSALM cxliii. 10.

SEND us the Spirit of thy Son
To make the depths of Godhead known,
To make us share the life divine ;
Send him, the sprinkled blood to apply,
Send him, our souls to sanctify,
And show and seal us ever thine.

October 28.

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the
Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the
world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."
—GAL. vi. 14.

FAIN would I learn of thee, my God ;
Thy light and easy burden prove,
The Cross all stained with hallowed blood,
The labour of thy dying love.

October 29.

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”—MATT. v. 48.

O GOD, most merciful and true,
Thy nature to my soul impart,
'Stablish with me the covenant new,
And write “perfection” on my heart.

October 30.

“The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple.”—MAL. iii. 1.

COME, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more thy temple leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

October 31.

“Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God?”—MICAH vi. 6.

WHAT shall we offer our good Lord,
Poor nothings! for his boundless grace?
Fain would we his great name record,
And worthily set forth his praise.

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“Break up your fallow ground ; for it is time to seek the Lord.”—HOSEA x. 12.

THEN dig about our root,
Break up the fallow ground ;
And let our gracious fruit
To thy great praise abound ;
Oh let us all thy praise declare,
And fruit unto perfection bear !

November 2.

“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed ; save me, and I shall be saved.”—JER. xvii. 14.

THAT health of soul I gasp to know
Which only Jesus can bestow ;
Jesus, thy sovereign skill display
And take this seed of sin away,
The original infirmity—
Oh were it now expelled by thee !
Who didst my every pain endure,
And die thyself to effect my cure.

November 3.

“The wisdom that is from above is first pure.”—JAMES iii. 17.

THOU canst from every sin secure ;
And is it not thy will :
Still to preserve thy servant pure
From every touch of ill ?

November 4.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.”—JAMES i. 17.

FATHER, to thee my soul I lift—
My soul on thee depends,
Convinced that every perfect gift
From thee alone descends.

November 5.

“If we suffer, we shall also reign with him.”
—2 TIM. ii. 12.

OUR Captain leads us on ;
He beckons from the skies,
And reaches out a starry crown,
And bids us take the prize.
“Be faithful unto death,
Partake my victory,
And thou shalt wear this glorious wreath,
And thou shalt reign with me.”

November 6.

“The things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”—1 COR. ii. 11.

THY sinless mind to me reveal,
Thy Spirit's plenitude impart ;
And all my spotless life shall tell
The abundance of a loving heart.

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“To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.”—EPHES. iii. 19.

OH that with all thy saints I might
By sweet experience prove,
What is the length, and breadth, and height,
And depth of perfect love.

November 8.

“In whom [Christ] ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”—EPHES. ii. 22.

OH that the Comforter would come!
Nor visit as a transient guest;
But fix in me his constant home,
And take possession of my breast;
And fix in me his loved abode,
The temple of indwelling God.

November 9.

“Blessed are ye that hunger now, for ye shall be filled.”—LUKE vi. 21.

THE gracious fruits of righteousness,
Thy blessings, unexhausted store,
In me abundantly increase,
Nor ever let me hunger more.

November 10.

“Man’s goings are of the Lord.” — PROV.
XX. 24.

MY Wisdom and my Guide,
My Counsellor thou art ;
Oh never let me leave thy side
Or from thy paths depart.

November 11.

“Who can show forth all his praise?” —
PSALM CVI. 2.

I CANNOT praise thee as I would ;
But thou art merciful and good—
I know thou never wilt despise
The day of small and feeble things,
But bear me, till on eagles’ wings
To all the heights of love I soar.

November 12.

‘If ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s
seed, and heirs according to the promise.’ —
GAL. iii. 29.

ON thee, O God, my soul is stayed,
And waits to prove thine utmost will ;
The promise by thy mercy made,
Thou canst, thou wilt, in me fulfil.

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“Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.”—COL. iii. 17.

CONTROL my every thought,
My whole of sin remove ;
Let all my works in thee be wrought,
Let all be wrought in love.

November 17.

“Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.”—PSALM xli. 2.

SINCE thou hast bid me come to thee
(Good as thou art and strong to save,)
I'll walk o'er life's tempestuous sea
Upborne by the unyielding wave,
Dauntless, though rocks of pride be near,
And yawning whirlpools of despair.

November 18.

“Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God?”—I SAM. vi. 20.

WHO can before my Captain stand ?
Who is so great a king as mine ?
High over all is thy right hand,
And might and majesty are thine.

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“ . . . His master shall bore his ear through with an awl ; and he *shall serve him for ever.* ”
—Ex. xxi. 6.

TO the cross, thine altar, bind
Me with the cords of love ;
Freedom let me never find
From thee, my Lord, to move.
That I never, never more
May with my much-loved master part,
To the posts of mercy's door,
O nail my willing heart !

————— November 23. —————

“ Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually. ”—HEB. xiii. 15.

WHAT shall I do, my God to love ?
My loving God to praise ?
The length, and breadth, and height to prove,
And depth of sovereign grace.

————— November 24. —————

“ Thou shalt take thy rest in safety. ”—JOB xi. 18.

BELIEVING on my Lord, I find
A sure and present aid ;
On thee alone my constant mind
Is every moment stayed.



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“Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world.”—1 JOHN v. 4.

AWAY with our fears ;
The glad morning appears
When an heir of salvation was born !
From Jehovah I came,
For his glory I am,
And to him I with singing return.

November 26.

“There shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.”—ZECH. xiii. 1.

MY dying Saviour and my God,
Fountain for guilt and sin,
Sprinkle me ever with thy blood,
And cleanse, and keep me clean.

November 27.

“If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.”—JOHN xiii. 8.

WASH me, and make me thus thine own,
Wash me, and mine thou art ;
Wash me, but not my feet alone,
My hands, my head, my heart.

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“Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”—I COR. xiii. 12.

ACCORDING to our faith in thee
Let it to us be done;
O that we all thy face might see,
And know as we are known.

————— November 29. —————

“Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, ‘Abba Father.’”—ROM. viii. 15.

ABBA Father! hear thy child,
Late in Jesus reconciled;
Hear, and all the graces shower,
All the joy, and peace, and power,
All my Saviour asks above,
All the life and heaven of love.

————— November 30. —————

“Heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.”—PSALM xli. 4.

THEY that be whole, thyself hast said,
No need of a physician have;
But I am sick, and want thine aid,
And want thine utmost power to save.



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“Now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three.”—1 COR. xiii. 12.

GIVE me faith to hold me up,
Walking over life's rough sea,
Holy, purifying hope
Still my soul's sure anchor be;
That I may be always thine,
Perfect me in love divine.

December 2.

“I put thee in remembrance, that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee.”—2 TIM. i. 6.

OF all thou hast in earth below,
In heaven above to give—
Give me thy only love to know,
In thee to walk and live.

December 3.

“I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever.”—PSALM lxxxix. 1.

FATHER, thy mercies past we own,
Thy still continued care;
To thee presenting, through thy Son,
Whate'er we have or are.

December 4.

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”—1 JOHN ii. 15.

VAIN, delusive world, adieu,
With all of creature-good !
Only Jesus I pursue,
Who bought me with his blood ;
All thy pleasures I forego,
I trample on the wealth and pride,
Only Jesus will I know,
And Jesus crucified.

December 5.

“The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”—1 JOHN i. 7.

O JESUS, full of truth and grace,
O all-atoning Lamb of God,
I want to see thy glorious face,
I seek redemption through thy blood.

December 6.

“By grace ye are saved.”—EPHES. ii. 5.

SAVE us by grace, through faith alone,
A faith thou must thyself impart—
A faith that would by works be shown,
A faith that purifies the heart.

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“There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.”—ISAIAH xi. 1.

BRANCH of Jesse's stem, arise,
And in our nature grow.
Turn our earth to paradise
By flourishing below.

December 8.

“He that loveth his brother abideth in the light.”—I JOHN ii. 10.

MOLLIFY our harsher will ;
Each to each our tempers suit,
By thy modulating skill
Heart to heart as lute to lute ;
Sweetly on our spirit move,
Gently touch the trembling strings ;
Make the harmony of love
Music for the King of kings.

December 9.

“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.”—PHIL. iii. '8.

WE, for his sake, count all things loss ;
On earthly good look down,
And joyfully sustain the cross
Till we receive the crown.

December 10.

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.”—PSALM CXXVII. 1.

EXCEPT the Lord conduct the plan,
The best concerted schemes are vain,
And never can succeed ;
We spend our wretched strength for nought ;
But if our works in thee be wrought,
They shall be blest indeed.

December 11.

“It is a good thing that the heart be established with grace.”—HEB. xiii. 9.

OH make me all like thee
Before I hence remove !
Settle, confirm, and stablish me,
And build me up in love.

December 12.

“Sing aloud unto God our strength.”—
PSALM LXXXI. 1.

IN all I do I feel thine aid ;
Therefore thy greatness will I sing,
O God, who bidd'st my heart be glad
Beneath the shadow of thy wing.

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“The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”—
JOB i. 21.

DETERMINED all thy will to obey,
Thy blessings I restore;
Give, Lord, or take thy gifts away,
I praise thee evermore.

December 14.

“I delight to do thy will, O my God.”—
PSALM xl. 8.

MEET it is, and just, and right,
That we should be wholly thine,
In thine only will delight,
In thy blessed service join;
Oh that every word and work
Might proclaim how good thou art!
“Holiness unto the Lord”
Still be written on our heart.

December 15.

“Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.”—1 COR. vii. 23.

HE justly claims us for his own,
Who bought us with a price;
The Christian lives to Christ alone,
To Christ alone he dies.

December 16.

“Quicken thou me according to thy word.”
—PSALM cxix. 25.

BE it according to thy word !
Redeem me from all sin ;
My heart would now receive thee, Lord,
Come in, my Lord, come in.

December 17.

“Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another ; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon his name.”—MAL. iii. 16. See Luke xxiv. 4.

OH may the gracious words divine
Subject of all my converse be !
So will the Lord his follower join,
And walk and talk himself with me ;
So shall my heart his presence prove,
And burn with everlasting love.

December 18.

“My strength is made perfect in weakness.”
—2 COR. xii. 9.

THY power in human weakness shown,
Shall make us all entire ;
We now thy guardian presence own,
And walk unburned in fire.

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“Understanding is a well-spring of life unto him that hath it.”—PROV. xvi. 22.

OH may I still from sin depart!—
A wise and understanding heart,
Jesus, to me be given;
And let me, through thy Spirit, know
To glorify my God below,
And find my way to heaven.

December 20.

“The gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”—ROM. vi. 23.

THE depth of all-redeeming love
What angel-tongue can tell?
Oh may I to the utmost prove
The gift unspeakable!

December 21.

“Behold I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”
—REV. iii. 11.

COME quickly, gracious Lord, and take
Possession of thine own;
My longing heart vouchsafe to make
Thine everlasting throne.

December 22.

“The Desire of all nations shall come.”—
HAGGAI ii. 7.

COME, Desire of nations, come,
Hasten, Lord, the general doom ;
Hear the Spirit and the bride—
Come and take us to thy side.

December 23.

“The Lord will be the hope of his people
and the strength of the children of Israel.”—
JOEL iii. 16.

COME, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art ;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

December 24.

“A crown was given unto him, and he went
forth conquering and to conquer.”—REV. vi. 2.

COME, thou Conqueror of the nations,
Now on thy white horse appear ;
Earthquakes, dearths, and desolations,
Signify thy kingdom near.
True and faithful !
Stablish thy dominion here !

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“Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.”—ISAIAH ix. 6.

TO us a child of royal birth,
Heir of the promises, is given ;
The Invisible appears on earth—
The Son of Man, the God of heaven.
A Saviour born, in love supreme
He comes, our fallen souls to raise ;
He comes, his people to redeem,
With all his plenitude of grace.

December 26.

“Hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.”—
I KING viii. 45.

GOD of love, that hear'st the prayer,
Kindly for thy people care,
Who alone on thee depend :
Love us, save us till the end.

December 27.

“Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil,
and canst not look on iniquity.”—HAB. i. 13.

WHATE'ER offends thy glorious eyes
Far from our hearts remove :
As dust before the whirlwind flies,
Disperse it by thy love.

December 28.

“Am I not a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? . . . Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.”—JER. xxiii. 23, 24.

FAR off we need not rove
To find the God of love;
In his providential care,
Ever intimately near,
All his various acts declare
God, the bounteous God, is here!

December 29.

“We are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”—ROM. viii. 37.

CHRISt the Saviour is come down,
Points us to the victor's crown,
Bids us take our seats above,
More than conquerors in his love.

December 30.

“Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.”—PSALM xxxvii. 9.

THROUGH waves, and clouds, and storms,
He gently clears thy way;
Wait thou his time, so shall this night
Soon end in joyous day.

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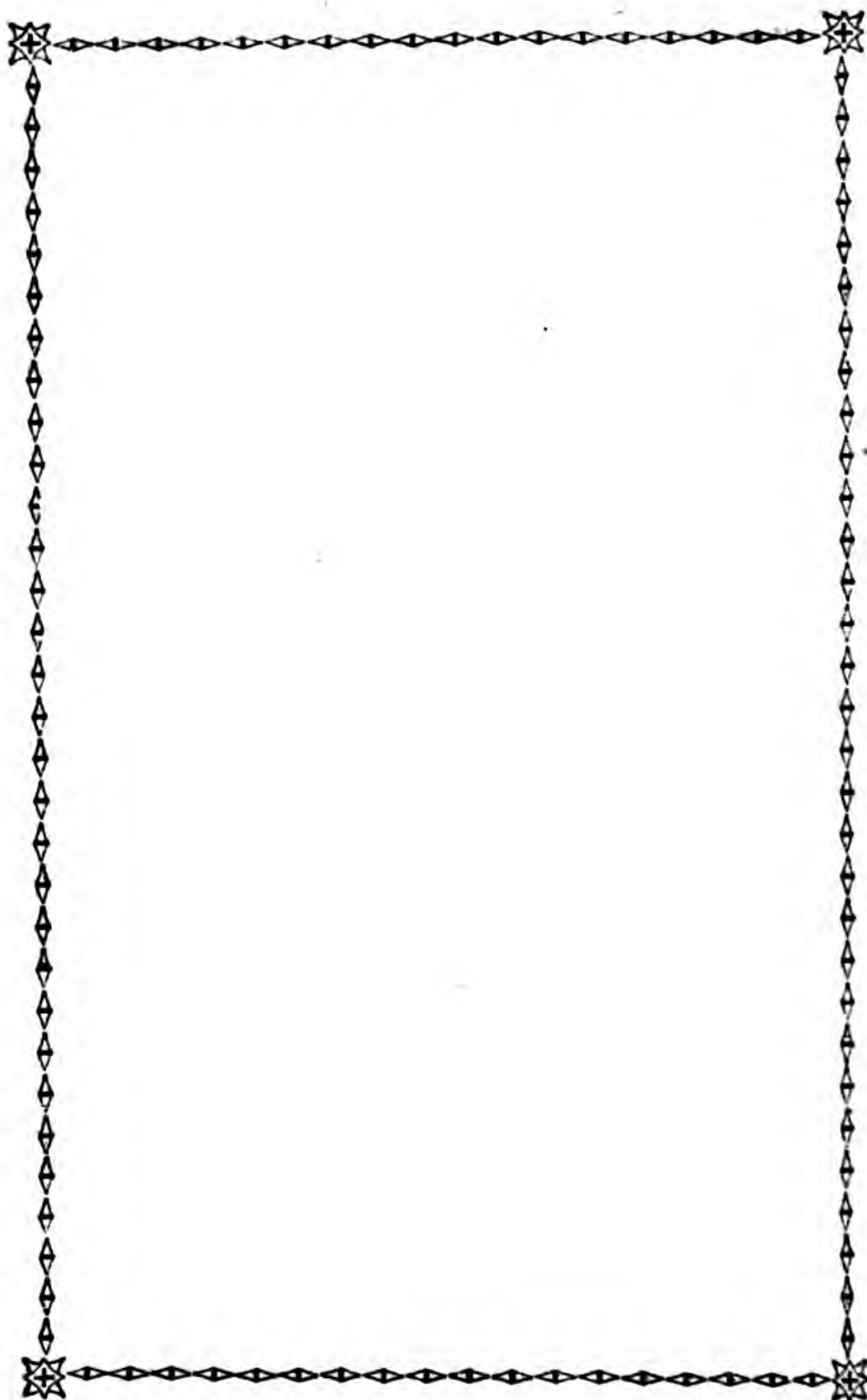
December 31.

“Consecrate yourselves to-day to the Lord.”
—EXODUS xxxii. 29.

OUR residue of days or hours
Thine, wholly thine, shall be,
And all our consecrated powers
A sacrifice to thee ;

Till Jesus in the clouds appear
To saints on earth forgiven,
And bring the grand sabbatic year,
The jubilee of heaven.





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