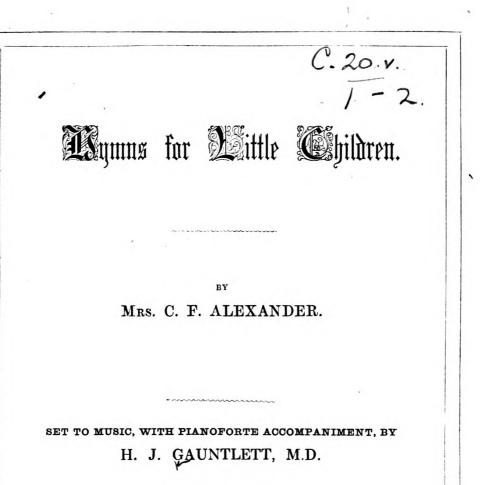
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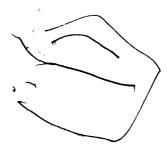


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TO

MY LITTLE GODSONS,

I INSCRIBE THESE SIMPLE LINES,

HOPING THAT

THE LANGUAGE OF VERSE, WHICH CHILDREN LOVE,

MAY HELP TO IMPRESS ON THEIR MINDS

WHAT THEY ARE,

WHAT I HAVE PROMISED FOR THEM,

AND

WHAT THEY MUST SEEK TO BE.

C. F. A.



NOTICE.

THE title of this little book shows it to be of a kind which stands in as small need as any of preface or explanation. Children, and those interested in children, will feel at once whether it suits them or not. These few lines, however, are prefixed, because the writer of the Hymns wished for some kind of Clerical *imprimatur*, and the Clergyman to whom she applied, thinks and hopes that they will not only be found useful in the way which she earnestly desires, but will also win a high place for themselves in the estimation of all who know how to value true poetry and primitive devotion.

It seems right to add, that the profits of the publication, if any, will be applied to the support of a school for deaf and dumb children, maintained altogether by voluntary offerings, in a small town in the north of Ireland.

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Hymns for Little Children.



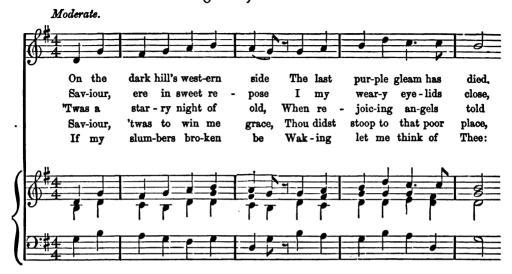
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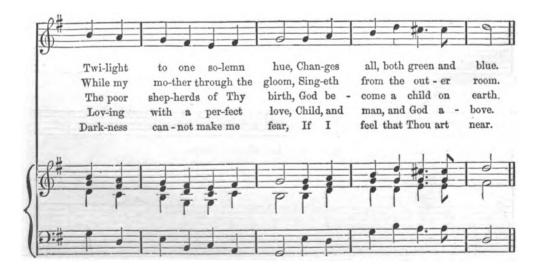
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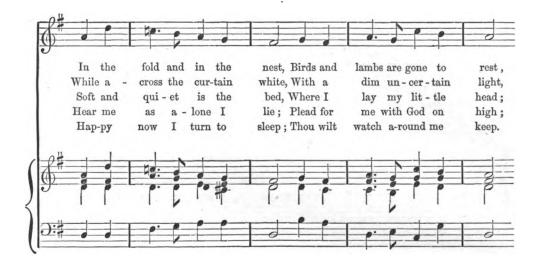




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We are little Christian children; CHRIST the SON of GOD Most High, With His precious blood redeemed us, Dying that we might not die. We are little Christian children; Gop the HOLY GHOST is here, Dwelling in our hearts, to make us Kind, and holy, good, and dear.

We are little Christian children, Saved by Him Who loved us most, We believe in GOD Almighty, FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST.

Baly Baptism.—.No. iv.



And he sprinkled our young faces With the water clear and bright, And he signed our SAVIOUR'S token On our little foreheads white.

In the Name of GOD the FATHER, Of the SON, and HOLY GHOST, He baptized us then, and made us Soldiers in our Master's host.

Then we promised by our sureties, Vowing for us solemnly, Manfully to fight His battles, Gentle, kind, and good to be. At our posts beneath His banner, We must watch, and strive, and pray, By the grace of GOD within us Growing better every day.

For the little flowers grow brightly In the early morning dew, And when GOD'S good SPIRIT feeds them, Children's hearts grow holy too.

We must keep our early promise, We must guard what He has given, Till the LORD, Who loved and saved us, Take us to our home in Heaven.



CHRIST is kind and gentle, CHRIST is pure and true, And His little children Must be holy too.

There's a wicked spirit Watching round you still, And he tries to tempt you To all harm and ill.

But ye must not hear him Though 'tis hard for you To resist the evil, And the good to do.

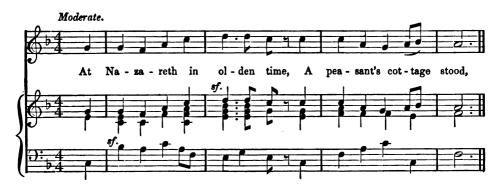
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For ye promised truly In your infant days, To renounce him wholly, And forsake his ways.

Ye are new-born Christians, Ye must learn to fight With the bad within you, And to do the right.

CHRIST is your own Master, He is good and true, And His little children Must be holy too.

"The Pomps and Vanity of this wicked world."—.No. vi.





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- An humble Virgin lived with him, Beneath that lowly shed, And there, her Son, our SAVIOUE CHRIST, In poverty was bred.
- He had no glory here on earth, No riches and no state ; His Christian children must not care For being rich or great.
- Fine clothes, fine houses, pretty things, That please our longing eyes, Would only make our hearts forget Our treasure in the skies.
- It would be wrong on pomp or dress 'To spend our thoughts or hours; Another lesson CHRIST hath taught, Showing the simple flowers.

There's not a yellow buttercup Returning with the spring But it can boast a golden crown, As bright as any king.

- The red rose and the lily fair, That charm our summer's day, There's not a lady in the land As finely dress'd as they.
- They feel no proud, no foolish thoughts, Because they are so fair; They wish for nothing, quite content With sunshine and sweet air.

GOD gave to them their colours bright, To us faith, hope, and love, And bade us fear the things of earth, And seek the things above.

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"And all the sinful lusts of the flesh."—.No. vii.



But though born again, and granted Grace to pray and strength to fight, Still remains our sinful nature, Weakened, not extinguished quite.

Sinful thoughts of pride and passion, Greedy wishes, selfish care, In our human hearts lie hidden, Ready to awaken there. Still the wrong way will seem pleasant, Still the right way will seem hard, All our life we shall be tempted, We must ever be on guard.

We are soldiers doing battle, Day by day, and hour by hour, Each one with his own temptations Striving in the SPIRIT'S power.

Still that SPIRIT stronger groweth In the hearts that hold It fast; He will help us, teach us, crown us, More than conqu'rors at the last.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty."—Ro. viii.



There's no one in the whole wide earth, Not my own mother even, Who loves me half as well as He, My FATHER high in Heaven.

Did He not give His Own dear SON, To die for sinful men? To turn them from their wicked ways, And bring them back again; Back to the place that they had lost, Back to their FATHER's love, Their FATHER the Great GOD of all, Their home, His Heaven above!

And I am called by CHRIST's dear Name, I took the solemn vow That made me His for evermore, GOD is my FATHER now.

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"Maker of Beaven and Carth."-Bo. ix.



Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

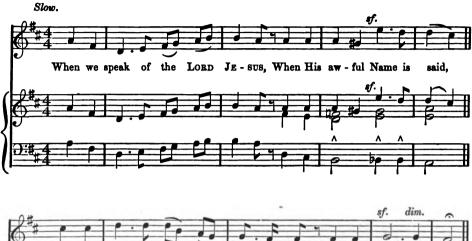
The rich man in his castle, The poor man at his gate, GOD made them, high or lowly, And ordered their estate.

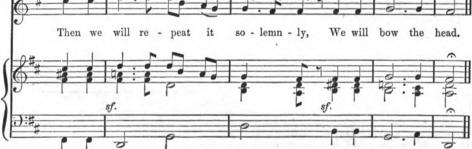
The purple-headed mountain, The river running by, The sunset, and the morning, That brightens up the sky. The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood, The meadows where we play, The rushes by the water, We gather every day ;--

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell, How great is GOD Almighty, Who has made all things well.

"And in Iesus Christ Vis Only Son our Lord."—. Ro. x.





For our LORD He is, and Master, And He left His FATHER'S side; He was born a little Baby, Here He lived and died.

'Twas for us He left His glory, Died the death of pain and shame; We will try to do Him honour, We will love His Name. In the holy Church we say it, Speaking all with one accord, In our quiet homes we read it In GOD'S Holy Word.

JESUS CHRIST, our LORD, and Master,— Whensoe'er that Name is said, We will repeat it solemnly, We will bow the head.

"Who was conceived by the Boly Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary."—No. xi.



For He is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew, He was little, weak, and helpless, Fears and smiles like us He knew, And He feeleth for our sadness, And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His Own redeeming love, For that Child, so dear and gentle, Is our LORD in Heaven above; And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see Him ; but in Heaven, Set at God's right Hand on high. When like stars His children crown'd, All in white, shall wait around.



"Zuffered under Poutius Pilate, was Crucified, Dead, aud Buried."—No. xii.



We may not know, we cannot tell What pains He had to bear, But we believe it was for us, He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good, That we might go at last to Heaven, Saved by His precious Blood. There was no other good enough To pay the price of sin, He only could unlock the gate Of Heaven, and let us in.

O, dearly, dearly has He loved, And we must love Him too, And trust in His redeeming Blood, And try His works to do.

"We descended into Bell, the third day Be rase again from the Dead."—Ro. xiii.



But with the first day's dawning bright, That heavy stone was rolled away, Two glorious Angels all in white, Sat where the SAVIOUR's Body lay; The watch, the seal, were all in vain,

The LORD of Life was risen again.

There are short graves in churchyard ground, Where little children buried lie,

Each underneath his narrow mound, With stiff cold hand, and close shut eye; Bright morning sunbeams kiss the spot, Yet day by day they open not. But surely as our SAVIOUR rose On Easter morn from Joseph's cave, Shall all those mounds at last unclose,

And Christian people leave the grave. He died, He slept, He rose to be An earnest of our victory.

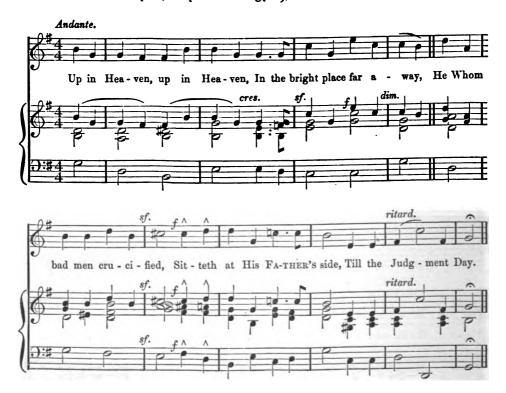
LORD, Who for us so cold and deep Down in that garden grave hast lain. When we like Thee must fall asleep,

Be with us in our hour of pain, That strengthened by Thy Grace Divine, Alive or dead we may be Thine.

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"We ascended into Beaven, and sitteth at the Right Band of God the Father Almighty, &c."—No. xiv.



And He loves His little children, And He pleadeth for them there, Asking the Great GOD of Heaven That their sins may be forgiven, And He hears their prayer.

Never more a helpless Baby, Born in poverty and pain, But with awful glory crowned, With His Angels standing round, He shall come again. Then the wicked souls shall tremble, And the good souls shall rejoice; Parents, children, every one, Then shall stand before His throne, And shall hear His voice.

And all faithful holy Christians, Who their Master's work have done, Shall appear at His right hand, And inherit the fair land That His love has won.

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"I believe in the Boly Ghost."—. No. xv.



And when the sick child better grew, And he could crawl along, Close to that window he would creep, And listen to her song; And he was gentle in his speech, And quiet at his play; He would not for the world have made That sweet bird fly away.

There is a Holy Dove that sings To every Christian child, That whispers to his little heart A song as sweet and mild. It is the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD, That speaks his soul within, That leads him on to all things good, And holds him back from sin.

And he must hear that still small Voice, Nor tempt It to depart, The SPIRIT great and wonderful, That whispers to his heart; He must be pure, and good, and true, Must strive, and watch, and pray, For unresisted sin at last Will drive that Dove away.

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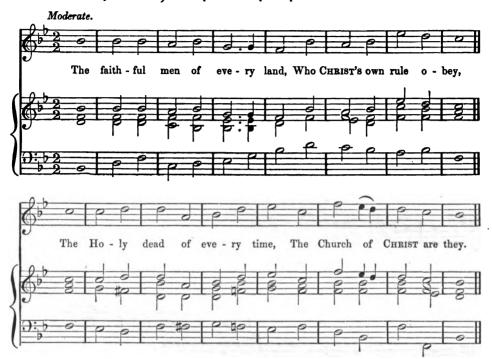


For the Church is GOD'S Own Temple, Where men go for praise and prayer, And the Great GOD will not love them Who forget His Presence there.

They were little Jewish children, Who within the temple cried, "Honour to the Son of David," Standing at our SAVIOUR'S side. How much more should Christian children Know His Name and praise Him too, Who of His Own Church are members, Sons of GOD, and born anew.

They must walk in reverent order, Stand for praise, and kneel for prayer, For the Church is GOD's Own Temple, And His Presence dwelleth there.

"Che Boly Catholic Church."—.No. xvi.*



The Saints who die, and leave us now, The good of long ago, Women, and men, and children young, Still living here below:

Who have the same eternal hope, The same unceasing care, One universal hymn of praise, One general voice of prayer:

All members of one body vast, With JESUS for their Head, And sacraments whereby their souls Are born again, and fed : And Bishops good to order them, And Priests to train and teach,— This is the Holy Church, wherein We have our places each.

Since we are members, then, of CHRIST, How holy should we be, How faithful to obey our Head, In truth and purity!

Since we are all made one in Him, How gentle should we prove, How peaceful in our ways and words! How tender in our love.

So shall our Head, at all times near, Dwell in His members blest, So lead us in His Church on earth, Safe to His Church at rest.

"Che Communion of Zaints."—. No. xvii.



They are not all together now, For some are dead, and gone before And some are striving still on earth, Their trial is not o'er.

Great numbers are they of all states, And born in every place and land, Who never saw each other's face, Nor touched each other's hand.

But they are all made one in CHRIST, They love each other tenderly, The old and young, the rich and poor Of that great company. CHRIST'S little children, called His Own, And saved by His redeeming Blood, They must be little Saints on earth, And all the Saints are good.

They must not fight or disobey, For Saints do never things like these; They must be holy, meek, and mi d, And try the LORD to please.

And there shall come a glorious Day, When all the good Saints every one. Shall meet within their FATHER's home, And stand before His throne.



There is one only Who forgives, CHRIST Who was born, Who died, Who lives Pleading beside the Throne; Who hath His HOLY SPIRIT sent, To bless that precious Sacrament That made us first His Own.

Who when His Holy Church within, Confession sad of all our sin We make on bended knee, Accepts the penitential prayer, And bids His Minister declare Our pardon full and free. He only hears the sinner's cry He only dries the mourner's eye, No father half so mild, Not half so kind a mother's kiss, When pardoning what is done amiss, She soothes her sorrowing child.

We must take heed to cast no stain On souls He bought with so much pain, And with His blood made pure; And we must trust to Him alone, Who did for all our guilt atone, Who made our pardon sure.

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"Che Resurrection of the Body."-No. xix.



Full many a little Christian child, Woman and man, lies there; And we pass by them every time When we go in to prayer.

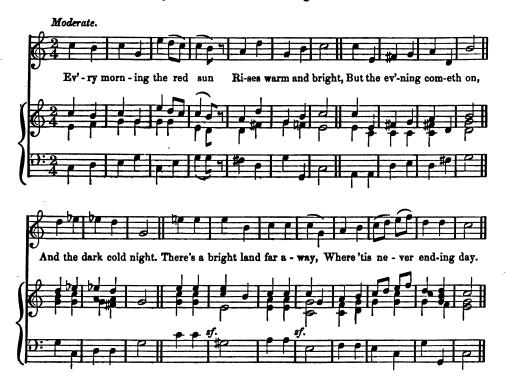
They cannot hear our footsteps come, They do not see us pass, They cannot feel the bright warm sun That shines upon the grass.

They do not hear when the great bell Is ringing over head; They cannot rise and come to Churcn With us, for they are dead. But we believe a Day shall come, When all the dead will rise, When they who sleep down in the grave, Will ope again their eyes.

For CHRIST our LORD was buried once, He died and rose again, He conquered death, He left the grave, And so will Christian men.

So when the friends we loved the best Lie in their churchyard bed, We must not cry too bitterly Over the happy dead;

Because for our dear SAVIOUR'S sake, Our sins are all forgiven, And Christians only fall asleep, To wake again in Heaven. "And the Life Everlasting."-Bo. xx.



Every spring the sweet young flowers Open bright and gay, Till the chilly autumn hours Wither them away. There's a land we have not seen, Where the trees are always green.

Little birds sing songs of praise All the summer long, But in colder shorter days They forget their song. There's a place where Angels sing Ceaseless praises to their King. CHRIST our LORD is ever near Those who follow Him, But we cannot see Him here, For our eyes are dim. There is a most happy place, Where men always see His face.

Who shall go to that bright land? All who do the right: Holy children there shall stand, In their robes of white, For that Heaven so bright and blest, Is our everlasting rest.

Che First Commandment.—. Ro. xxi.

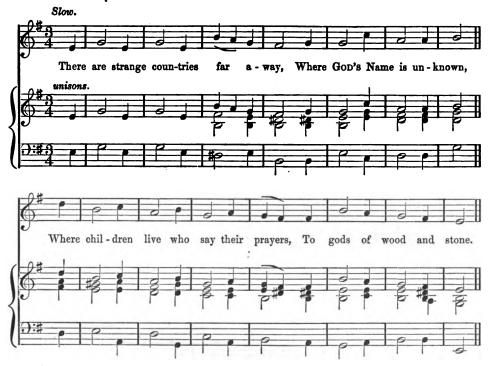
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The little birds sing happy songs, The flowers grow brightly everywhere, They do not know the Great LOED GOD, Who made them all so fair.

But we are not like senseless flowers, We are not like the little birds, For we can love Him with our hearts, And praise Him with our words. O! if the great Almighty GOD Will hear the prayers that children pray, If He will let us love His Name, And serve Him day by day:

If we may turn and cling to Him, Before Whose face the Angels fall, Sure we must give Him our whole hearts, And love Him best of all.

Che Second Commandment.—. Ro. xxii.



But Christian children go to church, They kneel at home in prayer, And GOD, Who is a Spirit, hears And answers everywhere.

His ear is open to their call, In childhood, age, and youth, And they must always worship Him In spirit and in truth.

They must not think of other things, Light toys, or merry play, When they are listening to GOD's word, Or kneeling down to pray.

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For they who worship at GOD's throne, With hearts so dull and dim, Make idols of their foolish thoughts, And love them more than Him.

They may not kneel to any form, Or picture that man paints, Of CHBIST, or of His Mother dear, Or of His blessed Saints.

They may not worship nor bow down To cross of stone or wood, Though it be our redemption's sign— Such worship is not good.

For we must pray to GOD alone, Who is in Heaven on high, Who is on earth with us unseen, Who always hears our cry.

Che Chird Commandment.—. No. xxiii.





Hush !--for His hosts unseen Are watching over thee, His Angels spread their wings, Thy shelter kind to be. Wilt thou, with words profane, Rash, and undutiful, Scatter thine Angel guards, Glorious and beautiful ?

Honour GOD's Holy Name, Speak It with thought and care, Sing to It holy hymns, Breathe It in earnest prayer; But not with sudden cry, In thy light joy or pain, "GOD will hold guilty all Who take His Name in vain."



Che Fourth Commandment.—-Ro. xxiv.

Moderately Slow.





Hark—I hear the sweet Church bells, And their quiet music tells, How to keep CHRIST's holiday In the happiest fittest way: How His children here may meet, All in saintly service sweet, And in presence of their LORD, Sing His praise and hear His word, With our fathers and our mothers, With our fathers and our mothers, To the holy Church we go, The dear Church of high and low.

Where the poor man meanly dressed, Is as welcome as the best; And the rich and poor may gather, Kneeling to their common FATHEE: Yea, our risen LOBD is there, Listening kindly to our prayer,— Thus should Christian people all Hold their Master's festival; Thus with joyous rest and praise, His Own children keep His days.

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Che Fifth Commandment.—. No. xxv.



But more sweet and quiet Lie our little heads, With our own dear mothers Sitting by our beds.

And their soft sweet voices Sing our hush-a-bies, While the room grows darker As we shut our eyes.

> For when in His childhood Our dear LORD was here, He too was obedient To His Mother dear.

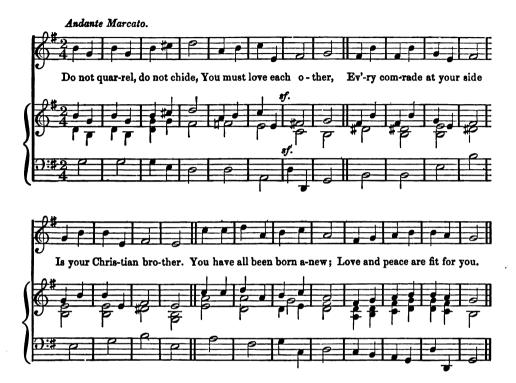
And we play at ev'ning Round our father's knees, Birds are not so merry, Singing on the trees :

Lambs are not so happy, Mid the meadow flowers; They have play and pleasure, But not love like ours. But the heart that's loving, Works of love will do; Those we dearly cherish, We must honour too:

To our father's teaching Listen day by day, And our mother's bidding Cheerfully obey.

And His little children Must be good as He, Gentle, and submissive, As He used to be.

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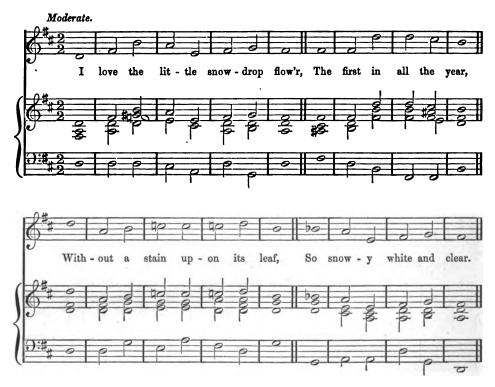


Ye became by that new birth To the LORD most holy, And His sainted ones on earth Peaceful are and lowly. Ye are Saints, and ye must be Worthy of such company.

Give not back the hasty blow, Though 'tis given wrongly; Let the foolish scoffer go, Though he tempt thee strongly; Keep thy gentle LORD in mind, Who was always meek and kind. He gave back no angry word, When they did offend Him; He that was the Angels' LORD, Called none to defend Him, Not when hated and abused, Scorned, and spitted on, and bruised.

But He suffered patiently Pain and cruel chiding: Meek and patient you must be, In His Church abiding; Pride and anger would be shame For the Saints who bear His Name.

Che Seventh Commandment.—. Na. xxvii.



I love a little modest child, That speaketh quietly, That blushes up to its blue eyes, And hardly answers me.

I sometimes think the Church's Saints Are flowers so fair and bright, And that her little children are Her snowdrops sweet and white. For pure of heart, and innocent, And teachable, and mild, And modest in its ways and words, Should be a Christian child.

- I do not like a loud rough tone, A look too boldly set,
- A greedy hand outstretched to seize Whatever it can get.

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I'd rather meet with downcast eyes, Sweet voices low and faint ! For gentleness and modesty Become a little Saint.

The Eighth Commandment.—. No. xxviii.



Pilfer not the smallest thing, Touch it not, howe'er thou need it, Though the owner have enough, Though he know it not, nor heed it.

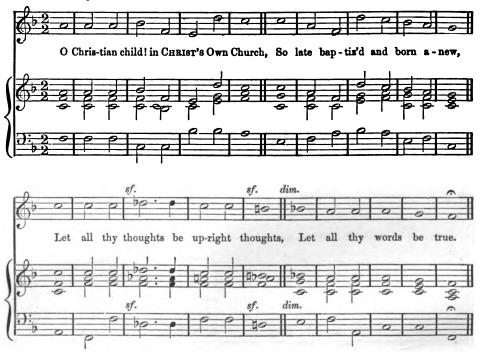
Taste not the forbidden fruit, Though resistance be a trial; Grasping hand and roving eye, Early teach them self-denial. Upright heart and honest name To the poorest are a treasure, Better than illgotten wealth, Better far than pomp and pleasure.

Poor and needy though thou art, Gladly take what GOD has given, With clean hand and humble heart, Passing through the world to Heaven.



Che Ninth Commandment.—. No. xxix.

Moderately Slow.



The little lips that every day Say prayers to GOD at morn and eve, They were not made for wicked words, That injure or deceive.

The hearts where GOD's great Spirit dwells, To cleanse, and teach, and sanctify, Should never think a wicked thought, Should never frame a lie.

The LORD GOD sits in Heaven above, The GOD Who is all pure and true, And CHRIST our LORD is at His side, Beholding all we do. The wicked father of all lies, Goes to and fro, and watches night And he rejoices when he gets A Christian child to lie.

You cannot see the Holy GOD, Nor that bad spirit tempting you; But you can watch, and never speak A word that is not true.

For CHRIST Who looks into our hearts, Sees all we think, hears all we say Will surely help us to be good, If we but watch and pray.

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Che Centh Commandment.—. Ro. xxx.



Who are gracious, good, and gentle, Serving Gou in their estate.

> And the air is just as pleasant, And as bright the sunny sky, To the daisy by the footpath, As to flowers that bloom on high.

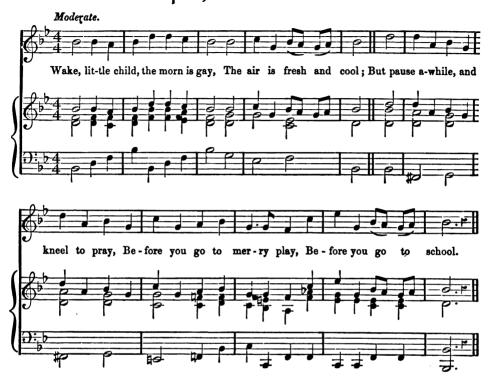
Never murmurs, never wishes It were hanging up on high.

For to envy, or to covet Others' goods, is mortal sin.

And GOD loveth all His children, Rich and poor, and high and low, And they all shall meet in Heaven, Who have served Him here below.

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Prayer.—.No. xxri.



Kneel down and speak the holy words; GOD loves your simple prayer, Above the sweet songs of the birds, The bleating of the gentle herds, The flowers that scent the air. And when the quiet evenings come, And dewdrops wet the sod, When bats and owls begin to roam, And flocks and herds are driven home, Then kneel again to GOD.

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Because you need Him day and night, To shield you with His arm, To help you always to do right, To feed your soul and give it light, And keep you safe from harm.



- O! let him seek the churchyard ground, Some quiet summer even, When calmly on his father's grave Looks down the sunset heaven.
- And let him gaze on the blue sky, And dry the tears that gather In his dim eyes, and breathe a prayer Unto his other FATHER.
- Ye happier children, who below Still share a father's love, Remember, earthly love is taught, To lead to things above.

Remember, when ye court his smile, Or prattling climb his knee, Ye have a FATHEE ever near, More kind, more good than he.

Give Him a love as fond and free, As fully trust His might, Hold converse with Him day by day, And with as great delight.

For household duties, loves, and joys, Losses and cares are given, To train the sons of GOD to reach Their FATHER'S House in Heaven. 39



Ever hallowed be Thy Name, Thereby called, and therein blessed, MAKER, SAVIOUR, kind RENEWER, In Thee only we have rest.

"Chy Kingdom come."—Ro. xxxiv.



Because some hearts are cold and hard, And some are traitors to His cause, They do not honour the Great KING, They will not keep His laws.

And we would see through all the earth, His holy Name beloved alone, And every knee in homage bowed Before His kingly throne.

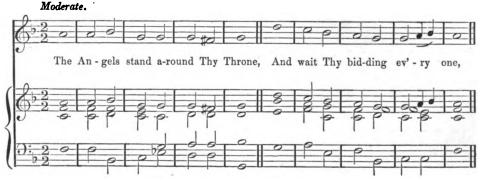
The happy dead who rest with Him Are ever praying the same prayer, For when CHRIST'S kingdom comes again, His Saints will all be there. But if we say these solemn words, And hope to share His triumph hour, Our hearts must be His kingdom now, Where He alone hath power.

They must be holy, pure, and true, Obeying CHRIST in *every* thing, For they who own His gentle rule, Can have no other king.

So shall our souls be ready found, When from the country far away, Our KING returns in glory crowned, To hail His Sovereign sway.

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"Chy will be done in earth, as it is in Beaven."—— Vo. xxxv.





Fair creatures, beautiful and bright, They do the will of GOD on high, His ministers to us on earth, Unseen their white wings gliding by.

And children too may do GOD's will, Each in his lowly earthly place; For CHRIST hath said, "Our Angels bright Always behold the FATHER's Face."

LORD, when we say, "Thy will be done," May heart to lip be ever true : O! give us grace to serve Thes here, As gladly as the Angels do. Like Him, the lowly Child, Who dwelt Where gleams the Galilean sea, Whose meat it was to do Thy will,— Our Guide, our Trust, our Pattern, He.

And if Thou send us pain or grief, If loss or anguish e'er befall, Still teach us, though with quivering lip, To say, "Thy will be done in all."

Thus did our LORD in anguish pray, Saying, "Not My will, LORD, but Thine:" So kneel we at our FATHER'S Feet, And all our wills to Him resign.

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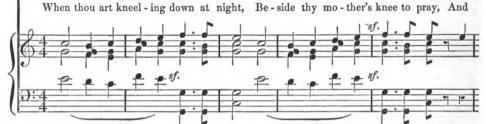


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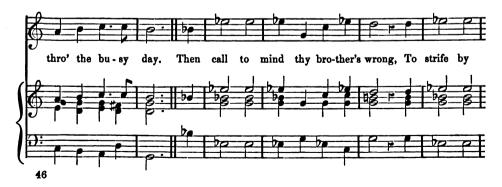




"And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us."—Ro. xxxvii. Moderate.









Go, throw thy little arms around His neck, and kiss him tenderly, Nor turn away with pouting lip, And sullen tearful eye.

Thou hast sinned more against thy GOD, Than ever brother sinned to thee; If He should turn away His face, How wretched would'st thou be.

Dost thou remember when thy LORD Hung on His cruel Cross so long, How in His agony He pray'd For those that did Him wrong? They nailed His hands, they pierced His feet, Their angry hearts no pity knew, "FATHER, forgive them," was His cry, "They know not what they do."

Go, seek thy little brother's side, And press to his thy rosy cheek, And whisper the forgiveness free He is too proud to seek.

Then as the brightest ray from heaven Doth on the glittering dewdrop fall, Thy penitence shall be received, And GOD forgive thee all.



"And lead us not into temptation."—.No. xxxviii.



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More foolish he, who to the way Of strong temptation turns his feet, Who listens what the wicked say, Who looks on the forbidden sweet.

O! when we asked at morning hour That GOD would make us good to-day, And keep us from temptation's power, Did heart and lip together pray? Not, if we seek the dangerous spot, Where we are tempted most to sin, If for a moment be forgot Our tempter, and the strife within.

He spreads his snares in every place, His voice is sweet, his arm is strong;-LORD, keep us by Thy stronger Grace, Nor let our wavering feet go wrong. 49

"But deliver us from evil."—. No. xxxix.









Thou canst not tell what danger near, What sorrow never dreamed before, This one short day may have in store, What sudden pain or fear.

As I have seen a boat go down In quiet waters suddenly, When not a wave was on the sea, Nor in the sky a frown.

But happy still in all distress, The child that to his father flies, The heart that on its GOD relies For strength and holiness. GOD'S glorious Angels watch him round, GOD'S SPIRIT on his soul is shed; In vain the tempter's snares are spread, He walks on guarded ground.

Why should he dread misfortune's blast, Why should he tremble at the foe, Or fear for pain, or shame, or woe? His heart is anchored fast.

Like lily flower that to and fro Is tossed upon the waters wide, What cares it for the changeful tide? Its root is firm below.

"Cherefore I say, Amen, so be it."—No. xl.







So be it, FATHER; yet awhile We hang upon Thy patient ear, And in the brightness of Thy smile A moment tarry here.

Like one who on a cloudy day Has caught a glimpse of the blue sky, And though the gleam have passed away, Still looks with longing eye. Or like a strain of music sweet, That dies away in mountain ground, Till one by one the hills repeat The solitary sound;

So down the full Church falls alone The Pastor's voice; it sinks, and then, Sweet echo to that solemn tone We breathe our soft "Amen."





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