

GENERAL SONG OF PRAISE TO GOD.

OW glorious is our heavenly King, Who reigns above the sky! How shall a child presume to sing His dreadful Majesty?

How great his power none can tell, Nor think how large his grace; Not men below, nor saints that dwell On high before his face.

Not angels that stand round the Lord Can search his secret will; But they perform his heavenly word, And sing his praises still.

Then let me join this holy train, And my first offering bring; The eternal God will not disdain To hear an infant sing.

My heart resolves, my tongue obeys, And angels shall rejoice To hear their mighty Maker's praise Sound from a feeble voice.

A MORNING SONG.

GOD, who makes the sun to know

His proper hour to rise, And to give light to all below, Doth send him round the skies.

When from the chambers of the east His morning race begins, He never tires or stops to rest, But round the world he shines.

So, like the sun, would I fulfil The business of the day:



Begin my work betimes, and still March on my heavenly way.

Give me, O Lord! thy early grace,
Nor let my soul complain
That the young morning of my days
Has all been spent in vain.

AGAINST QUARRELLING AND FIGHTING.

ET dogs delight to bark and bite,
For God hath made them so;
Let bears and lions growl and fight,
For 'tis their nature, too.

But, children, you should never let
Such angry passions rise;
Your little hands were never made
To tear each other's eyes.

Let love through all your actions run,
And all your words be mild;
Live like the Blessed Virgin's Son,
That sweet and lovely child.

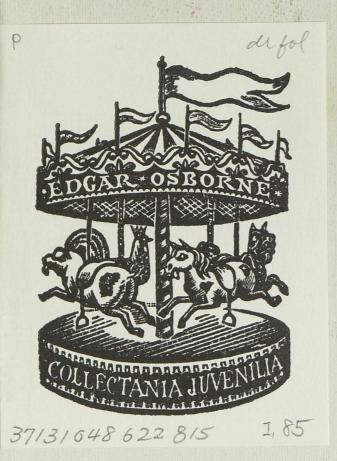
His soul was gentle as a lamb,
And as his stature grew,
He grew in favour both with man,
And God his Father, too.

Now, Lord of all, he reigns above,
And from his heavenly throne
He sees what children dwell in love,
And marks them for his own.

OUR SAVIOUR'S GOLDEN RULE.

E you to others kind and true, As you'd have others be to you; And neither do nor say to men Whate'er you would not take again.







AGAINST IDLENESS AND MISCHIEF.

OW doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour,
And gather honey all the day
From every opening flower!

How skilfully she builds her cell!

How neat she spreads her wax!

And labours hard to store it well

With the sweet food she makes.

In works of labour or of skill,I would be busy, too;For Satan finds some mischief stillFor idle hands to do.

In books, or works, or healthful play,

Let my first years be past;

That I may give for every day

Some good account at last.

PRAISE FOR MERCIES SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL.

HENE'ER I take my walks abroad,
How many poor I see!
What shall I render to my God,
For all his gifts to me.

Not more than others I deserve,
Yet God hath given me more;
For I have food, while others starve,
Or beg from door to door.

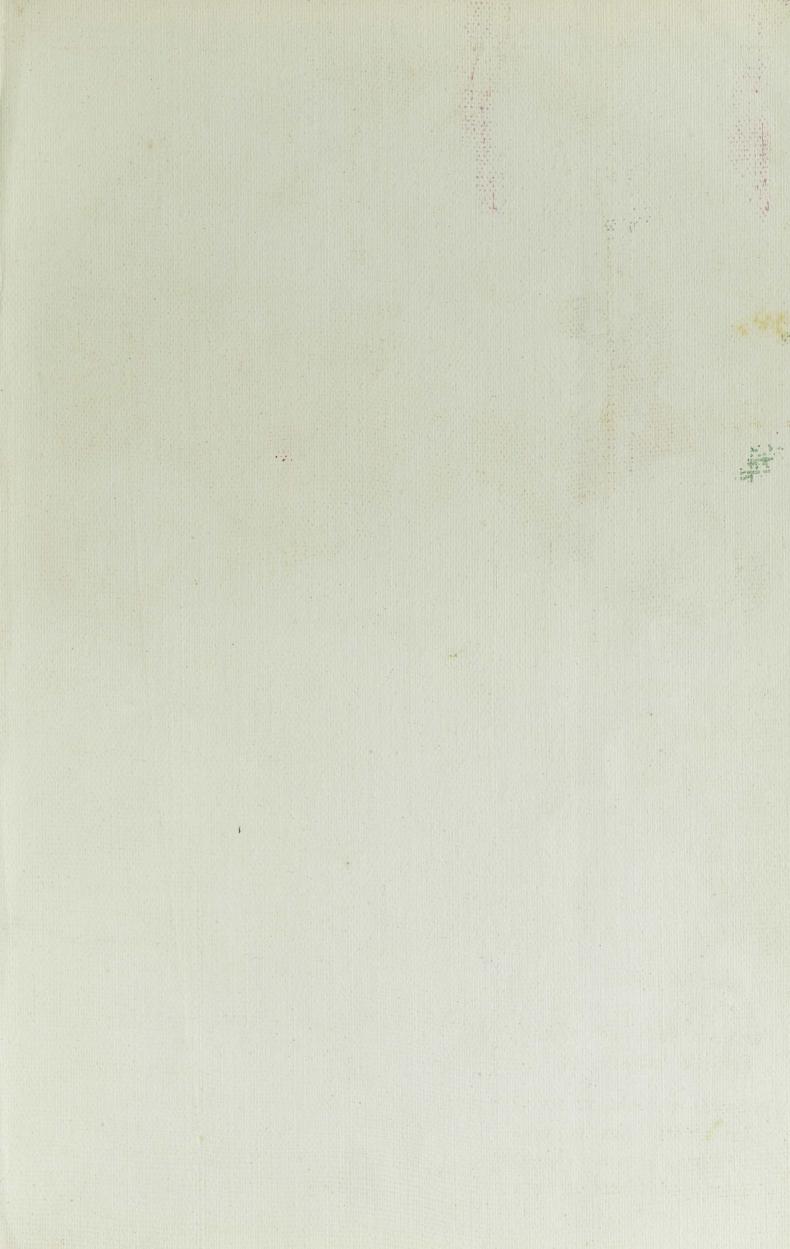
How many children in the street,

Half naked I behold;

While I am clothed from head to feet,

And covered from the cold.

While some poor wretches scarce can tell Where they may lay their head;





I have a home wherein to dwell, And rest upon my bed.

While others early learn to swear,
And curse, and lie, and steal;
Lord, I am taught thy name to fear,
And do thy holy will.

Are these thy favours day by day,

To me above the rest?

Then let me love thee more than the

Then let me love thee more than they, And strive to serve thee best.

FOR THE LORD'S DAY MORNING.

HIS is the day when Christ arose
So early from the dead:
Why should I keep my eyelids closed,
And waste my hours in bed?

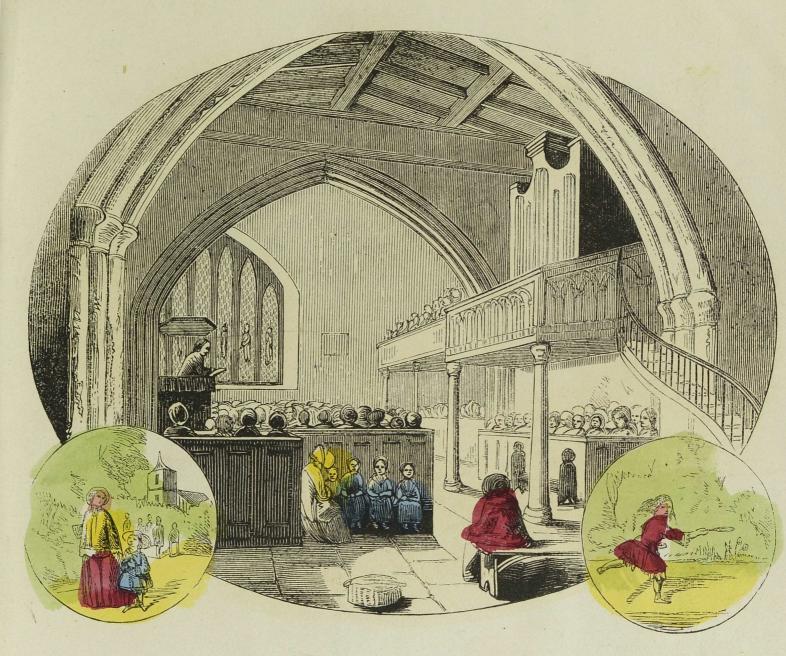
This is the day when Jesus broke
The power of death and hell:
And shall I still wear Satan's yoke,
And love my sins so well?

To-day with pleasure Christians meet,
To pray and hear thy word;
And I will go with cheerful feet,
To learn thy will, O Lord.

I'll leave my sport to read and pray,And so prepare for heaven:O may I love this blessed dayThe best of all the seven.

FOR THE LORD'S DAY EVENING.

ORD, how delightful 'tis to see A whole assembly worship thee;



At once they sing, at once they pray; They hear of heaven, and learn the way.

I have been there, and still would go, 'Tis like a little heaven below;
Not all my pleasure and my play
Shall tempt me to forget this day.

O write upon my memory, Lord, The text and doctrines of thy word, That I may break thy laws no more, But love thee better than before.

With thoughts of Christ and things divine,

Flll up this foolish heart of mine;
That, hoping pardon through his blood,
I may lie down and wake with God.

THE EXCELLENCE OF THE BIBLE.

REAT GOD, with wonder and with praise

On all thy works I look;
But still thy wisdom, power, and grace
Shine brightest in thy book.

The stars that in their courses roll,

Have much instruction given;

But thy good word informs my soul

How I may climb to heaven.

The fields provide me food, and show
The goodness of the Lord;
But fruits of life and glory grow
In thy most holy word.

Here are my choicest treasures hid, Here my best comfort lies:





Here my desires are satisfied, And hence my hopes arise.

Lord, make me understand thy law,
Show what my faults have been;
And from thy Gospel let me draw
Pardon for all my sins.

Here would I learn how Christ had died To save my soul from hell; Not all the books on earth beside Such heavenly wonders tell.

Then let me love my Bible more,
And take a fresh delight
By day to read those wonders o'er,
And meditate by night.

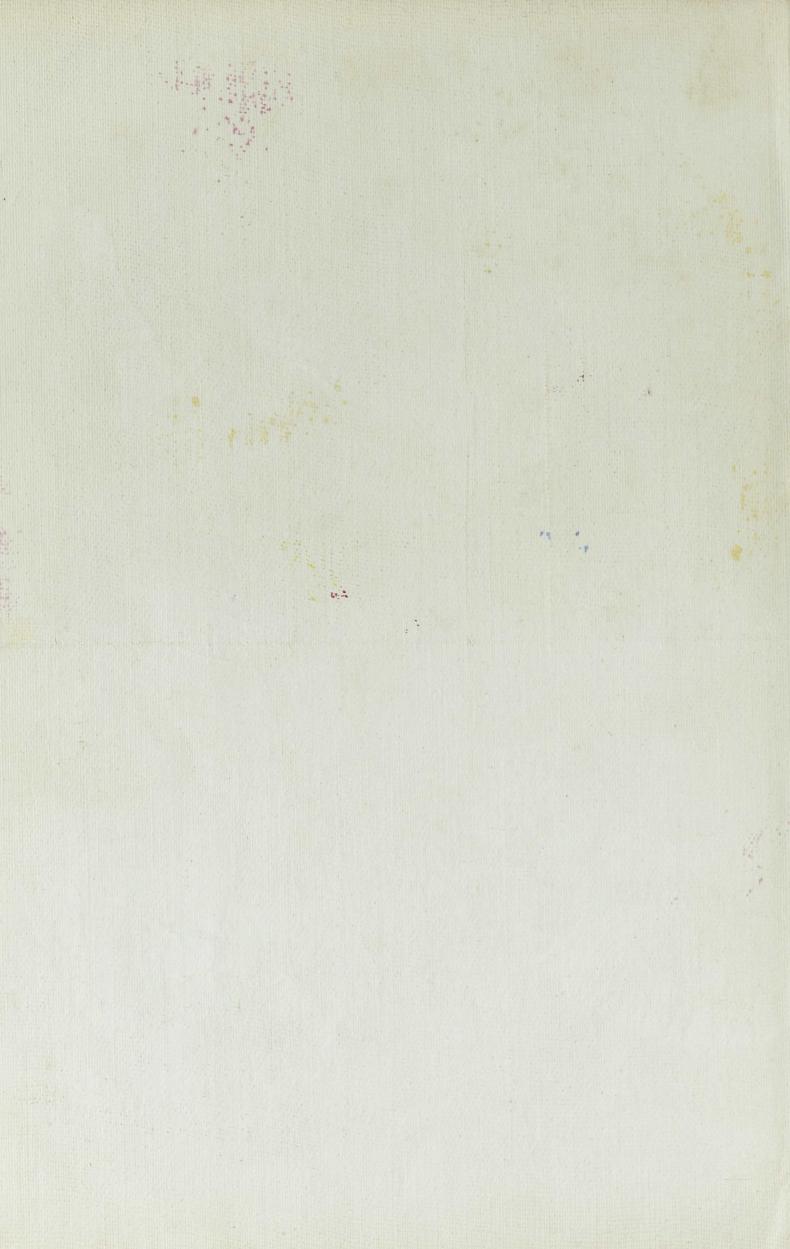
AN EVENING SONG.

ND now another day has gone,
I'll sing my Maker's praise;
My comforts every hour make known
His providence and grace.

But how my childhood runs to waste;
My sins how great their sum!
Lord, give me pardon for the past,
And strength for days to come.

I lay my body down to sleep;
Let angels guard my head,
And through the hours of darkness keep
Their watch around my bed.

With cheerful heart I close mine eyes,
Since thou wilt not remove;
And in the morning let me rise
Rejoicing in thy love.







THE SLUGGARD.

IS the voice of the sluggard,—I heard him complain,

"You have waked me too soon; I must slumber again;"

As the door on its hinges, so he on his bed

Turns his sides and his shoulders and his heavy head.

"A little more sleep, and a little more slumber;"

Thus he wastes half his days and his hours without number;

And when he gets up he sits folding his hands,

Or walks about sauntring, or trifling he stands.

I passed by his garden, and saw the wild briar,

The thorn and the thistle grew broader and higher;

The clothes that hang on him are turning to rags,

And his money still wastes, 'till he starves or he begs.

I made him a visit, still hoping to find That he took better care for improving his mind;

He told me his dreams, talked of eating and drinking;

But scarce reads his Bible, and never loves thinking.



Said I then to my heart, "Here's a lesson to me;

That man's but a picture of what I might be;

But thanks to my friends for their care in my breeding,

Who taught me betimes to love working and reading."

THE ROSE.

OW fair is the Rose! what a beautiful flower!

The glory of June and July!

But its leaves are beginning to fade in an hour,

In a day they will wither and die.

Yet the Rose has one powerful virtue to boast,

Above all the flowers of the field;

When its leaves are all dead, and fine colours are lost,

Still how sweet a perfume it will yield.

So frail is the youth and the beauty of men,

Though they bloom and look gay, like the Rose,

But all our fond care to preserve them is vain;

Time kills them as fast as he goes.

Then I'll not be proud of my youth or my beauty,

Since both of them wither and fade,

But gain a good name by well doing my duty,

This will scent like a Rose when I'm dead.

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