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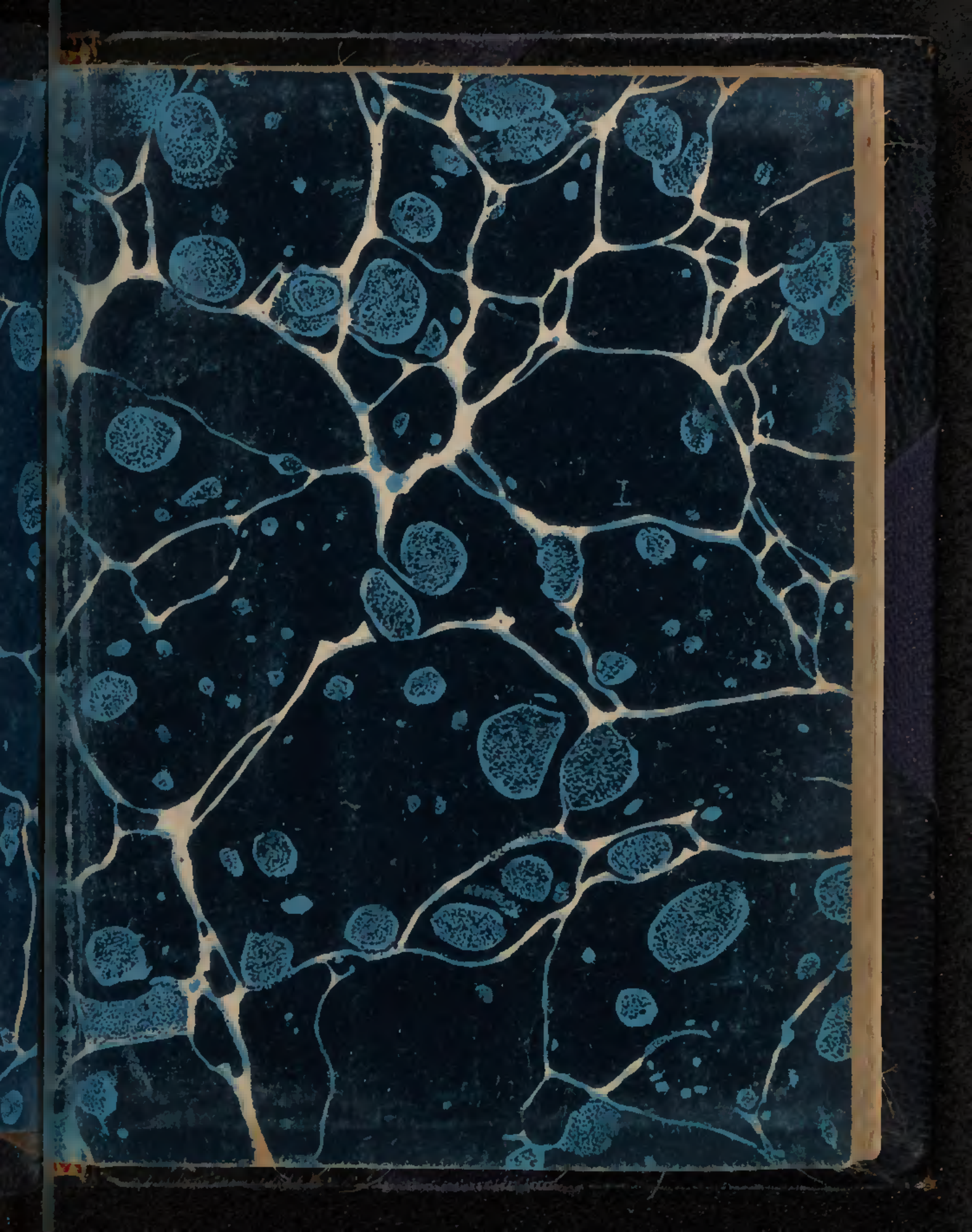

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A Divine Song of Praise to GOD, for a Child, by the Rev. Dr. WATTS.

HOW glorious is our Heav'nly King,
Who reigns above the Sky !
How shall a Child presume to sing
His dreadful Majesty !
How great his Pow'r is none can tell,
Nor think how large his Grace :
Nor Men below, nor Saints that dwell
On high before his Face.
Nor Angels that stand round the Lord,
Can search his secret Will ;
But they perform his heav'nly Word,
And sing his Praises still.
Then let me join this holy Train,
And my first Offrings bring ;
Th' 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.

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The young Infant's or Child's Morning Prayer. From Dr. *Watts.*

ALmighty God the Maker of every Thing in Heaven and Earth; the Darkneſs goes away and the Day light comes at thy Command. Thou art good and doeſt good continually.

I thank thee that thou haſt taken ſuch Care of me this Night, and that I am alive and well this Morning.

Save me, O God, from Evil, all this Day long, and let me live and ſerve thee forever for the Sake of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son. AMEN.

The Infant's or young Child's Evening Prayer. From Dr *Watts*

O Lord God who knoweſt all Things, thou ſeeſt me by Night as well as by Day.

I pray thee for Chriſt's Sake, forgive me whatſoever I have done amiſs this Day and keep me all this Night while I am aſleep.

I deſire to lie down under thy Care and to abide forever under thy Bleſſing for thou art a God of all Power and everlaſting Mercy.

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Easy Syllables, &c.

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ta	te	ti	to	tu
va	ve	vi	vo	vu
wa	we	wi	wo	wu
xa	ye	yi	yo	yu
za	ze	zi	zo	zu

Words of one Syllable.

Age	all	ape	are
Ibe	beef	beſt	bold
Cat	cake	crown	cup
Deaf	dead	dry	dull

Words of one Syllable.

Eat	ear	eggs	eyes
Face	feet	fiſh	foul
Gate	good	graſs	great
Hand	hat	head	heart
Ice	ink	iſle	jobb
Kick	kind	kneel	know
Lamb	lame	land	long
Made	mole	moon	mouth
Name	night	noſe	noon
Oak	once	one	ounce
Pain	pair	pence	pound
Quart	queen	quick	quilt
Rain	raiſe	roſe	run
Saint	ſage	ſalt	ſaid
Take	talk	time	throat
Vain	vice	vile	view
Way	wait	waſte	would

Words of two Syllables.

Ab ſent	ab hor	a pron	au thor
Ba bel	be came	be guile	bold ly
Ca non	cel lar	con ſtant	cup board
Dai ly	de pend	di vers	du ty
En gle	ea ger	en cloſe	e ven
Fa ther	fa mous	fe male	fu ture
Ga ther	gar den	gra vy	glory

Words of two Syllables.

Hei nous	hate ful	hu mane	huſ band
In ſant	in deed	in cenſe	i ſland
Ja cob	jea lous	juſ tice	ju lep
La bour	la den	la dy	la zy
Ma ny	ma ry	mo tive	mu ſick

Words of three Syllables.

A bu ſing	a mend ing	ar gu ment
bar ba rous	be ne fit	beg gar ly
Cal cu late	can dle ſtick	con found ed
Dam ni fy	di fi cult	drow ſi neſs
Ea gar ly	em ploy ing	e vi dence
Fa cul ty	fa mi ly	fu ne ral
Gar den er	glo ri ous	gra ti tude
Hap pi neſs	har mo ny	ho li neſs

Words of four Syllables.

A bi li ty	ac com pa ny	af fec ti on
Be ne fit ed	be a ti tude	be ne vo lent
Ca la mi ty	ca pa ci ty	ce re mo ny
De li ca cy	di li gent ly	du ti ful ly
E dy fy ing	e ver laſt ing	e vi dent ly
Fe bru a ry	fi de li ty	for mi dab ly
Ge ne ral ly	glo ri fy ing	gra ci ouſ ly

Words of five Syllables.

A bo mi na ble
Be ne dic ti on
Ce le bra ti on
De cla ra ti on
E du ca ti on
For ni ca ti on
Ge ne ra ti on
ad mi ra ti on
be ne fi ci al
con so la ti on
de di ca ti on
ex hor ta ti on
fer men ta ti on
ge ne ro si ty

Words of six Syllables.

A bo mi na ti on
Be ne fi ci al ly
Con ti nu a ti on
De ter mi na ti on
E di fi ca ti on
Fa mi li a ri ty
Gra ti fi ca ti on
Hu mi li a ti on
I ma gi na ti on
Mor ti fi ca ti on
Pu ri fi ca ti on
Qua li fi ca ti on

A Lesson for Children.

Pray to God,
Love God,
Fear God,
Serve God,
Take not God's
Name in vain.
Do not swear.
Do not steal.
Cheat not in your play.
Play not with bad Boys.
Call no ill Names,
Use no ill Words,
Tell no Lies
Hate Lies.
Speak the Truth.
Spend your time well
Love your School.
Mind your Book.
Strive to learn.
Be not a Dunce.

A

In ADAM's Fall
We sinned all.

B

Heaven to find,
The BIBLE mind.

C

Christ crucify'd,
For Sinners dy'd.

D

The Deloge drown'd
The Earth around.

E

ELIJAH hid,
By Ravens fed.

F

The Judgment made
FELIX afraid.

G

As runs the Glaſs,
Our Life doth paſs.

H

My Book and Heart,
Muſt never part.

I

Job feels the Rod,
Yet bleſſes GOD.

K

Proud *Korah*'s Troop,
Was ſwallowed up.

L

Lot fled to *Zoar*,
Saw fiery Shower
On *Sodom* pour.

M

Moſes was he,
Who *Iſrael*'s Hoſt
Led thro' the Sea.

N

Noah did view
The old world & new.

O

Young *Obadias*,
David, *Josias*,
All were pious.

P

Peter deny'd,
His Lord and cry'd.

Q

Queen *Esther* sees,
And saves the *Jews*,

R

Young pious *Ruth*,
Left all for Truth.

S

Young *Samuel* dear,
The Lord did fear.

T Young *Timothy*.
Learnt Sin to fly.

U *Vashti* for Pride,
Was set aside.

W Whales in the Sea,
GOD's Voice obey.

X *Xerxes* did die,
And so must I.

Y While Youth do chear,
DEATH may be near.

Z *Zaccheus* he,
Did climb the Tree,
Our Lord to see.

WHO was the first Man? *Adam.*
Who was the first Woman? *Eve.*
Who was the first Murderer? *Cain.*
Who was the first Martyr? *Abel.*
Who was the first Translated? *Enoch.*
Who was the oldest Man? *Methuselah.*
Who built the Ark? *Noah.*
Who was the Patientest Man? *Job.*
Who was the meekest Man? *Moses.*
Who led *Israel* into *Canaan*? *Joshua.*
Who was the strongest Man? *Samson.*
Who kill'd *Goliah*? *David.*
Who was the wisest Man? *Solomon.*
Who was in the Whale's Belly? *Jonah.*
Who saves lost Men? *Jesus Christ.*
Who is *Jesus Christ*? *the Son of God.*
Who was the Mother of Christ? *Mary.*
Who betray'd his Master? *Judas.*
Who deny'd his Master? *Peter.*
Who was the first Christian Martyr? *Stephen.*
Who was chief Apostle of the Gentiles? *Paul.*

The Infants Grace before and after Meat.

BLess me, O Lord, and let my food strengthen me to serve thee for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

I Desire to thank God who gives me Food to eat every Day of my Life. AMEN.

WHat's right and good
Now shew me Lord
And lead me by
Thy Grace and Word;
Thus shall I be
A Child of God,
And love and fear
His Hand & Rod.

An Alphabet of Lessons for Youth.

A Wise Son maketh a glad Father, but a foolish Son is the Heaviness of his Mother.

BEtter is a little with the Fear of the Lord, than great Treasure and Trouble therewith.

COme unto Christ all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and he will give you Rest.

DO not the abominable Thing which I hate, saith the Lord.

EXcept a Man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of GOD.

FOolishness is bound up in the Heart of a Child, but the Rod of Correction shall drive it far from him.

GOdliness is profitable unto all Things, having the Promise of the Life that now is, and of that which is to come

HOLINESS becomes GOD's House forever

IT is good for me to draw near unto GOD.

KEep thy Heart with all Diligence, for out of it are the Iſſues of Life.

LIars ſhall have their Part in the Lake which burns with Fire and Brimſtone.

MAny are the Afflictions of the Righteous, but the Lord delivereth them out of them all.

NOw is the accepted Time, now is the Day of Salvation.

OUt of the Abundance of the Heart the Mouth ſpeaketh.

PRay to thy Father which is in ſecret; and thy Father which ſees in ſecret ſhall reward thee openly.

QUit you like Men, be ſtrong, ſtand faſt in the Faith.

REmember thy Creator in the Days of thy Youth.

SEeſt thou a Man wiſe in his own Conceit, there is more Hope of a Fool than of him.

TRuſt in God at all Times, ye People, pour out your Hearts before him.

UPon the Wicked God ſhall rain an horrible Tempeſt.

WO to the Wicked it ſhall be ill with him, for the Reward of his Hands ſhall be given him.

EXHort one another daily, while it is called To-day, lest any of you be hardened through the Deceitfulness of Sin.

YOung Men, ye have overcome the wicked one.

ZEal hath consumed me, because thy Enemies have forgotten the Words of God.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father which art in Heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Debts as we forgive our Debtors. And lead us not into Temptation: but deliver us from Evil. For thine is the Kingdom the Power and the Glory, for ever, AMEN.

The Creed.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, which was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin *Mary*, suffered under *Pontius Pilate*, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Hell. The third Day he arose again from the Dead, and ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the Right-Hand of GOD the Father Almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge both the quick and the dead. I believe in the holy Ghost, the holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of Sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life everlasting. AMEN.

Dr. WATTS's *Cradle Hymn.*

HUsh my Dear, lie still and slumber,
Holy Angels guard thy Bed,
Heavenly Blessings without Number,
gently falling on thy Head.
Sleep my Babe, thy Food and Raiment,
house and home thy Friends provide,
All without thy Care or Payment
all thy wants are well supply'd.
How much better thou'rt attended,
than the Son of God could be.
When from Heaven he descended,
and became a Child like thee.
Soft and easy is thy Cradle,
course and hard thy Savior lay,
When his Birth Place was a Stable
and his softest Bed was Hay.
Blessed Babe! what glorious Features,
Spotless fair divinely bright!
Must he dwell with brutal Creatures?

How could Angels bear the Sight!
Was there nothing but a Manger
Curſed Sinners could afford,
To receive the heav'nly Stranger?
Did they thus affront their Lord?
Soft, my Child, I did not chide thee,
Though my Song may ſound too hard,
'Tis thy Mother ſits beſide thee,
And her Arms ſhall be thy Guard.
Yet to read the ſhameful Story,
How the Jews abus'd their King,
How they ſerv'd the Lord of Glory,
Makes me angry while I ſing.
See the kinder Shepherds round him,
Telling Wonders from the Sky;
There they ſought him, there they found him,
With his virgin Mother by.
See the lovely Babe a dreſſing,
Lovely Infant, how he ſmil'd!
When he wept, the Mother's Bleſſing
Sooth'd and huſh'd the holy Child.
Lo! he ſlumbers in his Manger,
Where the horned Oxen fed;
Peace, my Darling, here's no Danger,
Here's no Ox a-near thy Bed.
'Twas to ſave thee, Child, from dying,
Save my Dear from burning Flame,

Bitter Groans and endleſs Crying,
That thy bleſt Redeemer came.
May'ſt thou live to know and fear him,
Truſt and love him all thy Days!
Then go dwell for ever near him,
See his Face and ſing his Praiſe.
I could give thee thouſand Kiſſes,
Hoping what I moſt deſire:
Not a Mother's fondeſt Wiſhes,
Can to greater Joys aſpire.

Verſes for Children.

THough I am young a little One,
If I can ſpeak and go alone,
Then I muſt learn to know the Lord,
And learn to read his holy Word.
'Tis Time to ſeek to God, and pray
For what I want for every Day:
I have a precious Soul to ſave,
And I a mortal Body have.
Though I am young yet I may die,
And haſten to Eternity:
There is a dreadful fiery Hell,
Where wicked Ones ſhall always dwell:
There is a Heaven full of Joy,
Where godly Ones muſt always ſtay:
To one of theſe my Soul will fly,
As in a Moment when I die:

When GOD that made me calls me Home,
I may not ſtay, I muſt be gone,
He gave me Life, and gives me Breath,
And he can ſave my Soul from Death,
By JESUS CHRIST my only Lord,
According to his holy Word.
He cloaths my Back and makes me warm;
He ſaves my Fleſh and Bones from Harm;
He gives me Bread, and Milk, and Meat,
And all I have that's good to eat.
When I am ſick, he if he pleaſe,
Can make me well, and give me Eaſe:
He gives me Sleep and quiet Reſt,
Whereby my Body is refreſh'd.
The Lord is good and kind to me,
And very thankful I muſt be:
I muſt obey and love and fear him,
By Faith in Chriſt I muſt draw near him.
I muſt not ſin as others do,
Leſt I lie down in Sorrow too:
For God is angry every Day,
With wicked Ones who go aſtray.
All ſinful Words I muſt refrain;
I muſt not take God's Name in vain:
I muſt not work, I muſt not play
Upon God's holy Sabbath-Day.
And if my Parents ſpeak the Word,

I must obey them in the Lord;
Nor steal, nor lie, nor spend my Days
In idle Tales and foolish Plays.
I must obey my Lord's Commands,
Do something with my little Hands:
Remember my Creator now,
In Youth, while Time will it allow.
Young *Samuel*, that little Child,
He serv'd the Lord, liv'd undefil'd;
Him in his Service God employ'd,
While *Eli*'s wicked Children dy'd.
When wicked Children, mocking, said,
To a good Man, *Go up Bald-head*;
God was displeas'd with them, and sent
Two Bears, which them in Pieces rent.
I must not, like these Children vile,
Displease my God, myself defile;
Like young *Abijah* I must see
That good Things may be found in me.
Young King *Josiah*, that blest Youth,
He sought the Lord, and lov'd the Truth;
He like a King did act his Part,
And follow'd God with all his Heart.
The little Children they did sing,
Hosannas to their heavenly King.
That blessed Child, young *Timothy*,
Did learn God's Word most heedfully.

It seem'd to be his Recreation,
Which made him wise unto Salvation:
By Faith in Christ which he had gain'd,
With Prayers and Tears and Faith unfeign'd,
These good Examples were for me,
Like these good Childrea I must be;
Give me true Faith in Christ my Lord,
Obedience to his holy Word.
No Word is in the World like thine.
There's none so pure, sweet and divine;
From thence let me thy Will behold,
And love thy Word above fine Gold.
Make my Heart in thy Statutes sound,
And make my Faith and Love abound.
Lord, circumcise my Heart to love thee;
And nothing in this World above thee.
Let me behold thy pleasant Face,
And make my Soul to grow in Grace,
And in the Knowledge of my Lord
And Saviour Christ, and of his Word.

Another.

AWake, arise, behold thou hast,
Thy Life a Leaf, thy Breath, a Blast,
At Night lay down prepar'd to have
Thy Sleep, thy Death, thy Bed, thy Grave.
LORD; *if thou lengthen out my Days,*
Then let my Heart so fixed be,

That I may lengthen out thy Praise,
And never turn aside from thee.
So in my End I shall rejoice,
In thy Salvation joyful be;
My Soul shall say with loud glad Voice,
JEHOVAH, *Who is like to thee?*
Who takes the Lambs into thine Arms,
And gently leadest those with Young,
Who savest Children from all Harms;
Lord, I will praise thee with my Song.
And when my Days on Earth shall end,
And I go hence and be no more,
Give me Eternity to spend,
My God to praise for evermore.

Another.

Good Children must,
Fear God all Day, Love Christ always,
Parents obey, In secret pray,
No false Thing say, Mind little Play,
By no Sin stray, Make no Delay,
In doing Good.

Another.

In the Burying Place may see,
Graves shorter there than I;
From Death's Arrest no Age is free,
Young Children too must die;
My God, may such an awful Sight,

Awakening be to me!
Oh! that by early Grace I might
For Death prepared be.

Another.

NOw I lay me down to take my sleep,
I pray the Lord my Soul to keep,
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my Soul to take.

Another.

FIrst in the Morning when thou dost awake,
To God for his Grace thy Petition make,
Some heavenly Petition use daily to say,
That the God of Heaven may bless thee alway.

Duty to God and our Neighbour.

LOve God with all your Soul and Strength,
With all your Heart and Mind,
And love your Neighbour as yourself,
Be faithful, just and kind.
Deal with another as you'd have
Another deal with you,
What you're unwilling to receive,
Be sure you never do.

Our Saviour's Golden Rule.

BE 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.

The Sum of the Ten Commandments.

With all thy Soul love God above,
And as thy self thy Neighbour love.

Advice to Youth, Eccle. xii.

Now in the heat of Youthful Blood,
Remember your Creator God;
Behold the Months come hast'ning on,
When you shall say, *My Joys are gone.*
Behold the aged Sinner goes
Laden'd with Guilt and heavy Woes,
Down to the Regions of the Dead,
With endless Curses on his Head.
The Dust returns to Dust again,
The Soul in Agonies of Pain
Ascends to God not there to dwell,
But hears her Doom and sinks to Hell.
Eternal King I fear thy Name,
Teach me to know how frail I am,
And when my Soul must hence remove,
Give me a Mansion in thy Love.

Remember thy Creator in the Days of thy Youth.

Children your great Creator fear,
To him your Homage pay,
While vain Employments fire your Blood
And lead your Thoughts astray,
The due Remembrance of his Name
Your first regards require:

Till your Breaſt glows with ſacred Love,
Indulge no meaner Fires.
Secure his Favour, and be wiſe,
Before theſe cheerleſs Days,
When Age comes on, when Mirth's no more,
And Health and Strength decays.

Some proper Names of Men and Women, to teach Children to ſpell their own.

Men's Names.

ADAM, Abel,
Abraham,
Amos, Aaron,
Abijah, Andrew,
Alexander, Anthony,
Bartholomew,
Benjamin, Barnabas,
Beroni Barzillai,
Caleb, Cæſar,
Charles, Chriſtopher,
Clement, Cornelius,
David, Daniel,
Ephraim, Edward,
Edmond, Ebenezer,
Elijah, Eliphalet,
Eliſha, Eleazer,
Elihu, Ezekiel,
Elias, Elizur,
Frederick, Francis,
Gilbert, Giles,
George, Gamaliel,
Gideon, Gerſhom,
Heman, Henry,
Hezekiah, Hugh,
John, Jonas, Iſaac,
Jacob, Jared, Job,
James, Jonathan,
Iſrael, Joſeph,
Jeremiah, Joſhua,
Joſiah, Jedediah,
Jabes, Joel, Judah,
Lazarus, Luke,
Matthew, Michael,
Moſes, Malachi,
Nathaniel, Nathan,

Nicholas, Noadiah,
Nehemiah, Noah,
Obadiah, Ozias,
Paul, Peter, Philip,
Phineas, Pelatiah,
Ralph, Richard,
Samuel, Samfon,
Stephen, Solomon,
Seth, Simeon, Saul,
Shem, Shubael,
Timothy, Thomas,
Titus, Theophilus,
Uriah, Uzah,
Walter, William,
Xerxes, Xenophon,
Zechariah, Zebdiel,
Zedekiah, Zadock,
Zebulon, Zebadiah.

Women's Names.

ABigail, Anne,
Alice, Anna,
Bethiah, Bridget,
Chloe, Charity,
Deborah, Dorothy,
Dorcas, Dinah,
Damaris,
Elizabeth. Eſther,
Eunice, Eleanor,
Frances, Flora,
Grace, Gillet,
Hannah, Huldah,
Hepzibah,
Henrietta, Hagar,
Joanna, Jane,
Jemima, Iſabel,
Judith, Janet,
Katharine, Keturah,
Kezia, Lydia,
Lucretia, Lucy,
Louis, Lettice,
Mary, Margaret,
Martha, Mehitabel,
Marcy, Meriel,
Patience, Phillis,
Phebe, Priſcillia,
Rachel, Rebecca,
Ruth, Rhoda, Roſe,
Sarah, Suſanna,
Tabitha, Tameſin,
Urſula.
Zipporah, Zibiah.

MR. JOHN ROGERS, Minister of the Gospel in *London*, was the first Martyr in Queen *Mary's* Reign, and was burnt at *Smithfield*, *February* 14th, 1554. His Wife with nine small Children, and one at her Breast following him to the Stake; with which sorrowful Sight he was not in the least daunted, but with wonderful Patience died courageously for the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST,

Some few Days before his Death he wrote the following Advice to his Children.

GIve ear my Children, to my Words,
Whom God hath dearly bought,
Law up his Laws within your Hearts,
And print them in your Thoughts.
I leave you here a little Book,
For you to look upon;
That you may see your Father's Face,
When he is dead and gone:
Who for the Hope of heavenly Things,
While he did here remain,
Gave over all his golden Years,
To Prison and to Pain;
Where I, among my Iron Bands,
Enclosed in the Dark,
Not many Days before my Death,
I did compose this Work:
And for Example to your Youth,
To whom I wish all Good.
I send you here God's perfect Truth,
And seal it with my Blood;
To you, my Heirs of earthly Things,
Which I do leave behind,
That you may read and understand,
And keep it in your Mind;
That as you have been Heirs of that

That once shall wear away,
You also may possess that Part,
Which never shall decay.
Keep always God before your Eyes,
With all your whole Intent;
Commit no Sin in any wise,
Keep his Commandement.
Abhor that arrant Whore of *Rome*,
And all her Blasphemies;
And drink not of her cursed Cup,
Obey not her Decrees:
Give Honeur to your Mother dear,
Remember well her Pain,
And recompence her in her Age,
With the like Love again;
Be always ready for her Help,
And let her not decay;
Remember well your Father all,
Who would have been your Stay.
Give of your Portion to the Poor,
As Riches do arise,
And from the needy naked Soul,
Turn not away your Eyes,
For he that doth not hear the Cry
Of those that stand in Need,
Shall cry himself and not be heard,
When he does hope to speed.

If God hath given you Increaſe,
3 And bleſſed well your Store,
Remember you are put in Truſt,
And ſhould relieve the Poor.
Beware of foul and filthy Luſt,
Let ſuch Things have no Place,
Keep clean your Veſſels in the Lord,
That he may you embrace.
Ye are the Temples of the Lord,
For you are dearly bought,
And they that do defile the ſame,
Shall ſurely come to nought.
Be never proud by any Means.
Build not your Houſe too high,
But always have before your Eyes,
That you are born to die.
Defraud not him that hired is,
Your Labour to ſuſtain,
But pay him ſtill without Delay,
His Wages for his Pain.
And as you would another Man,
Againſt you ſhould proceed,
Do you the ſame to them again,
When they do ſtand in Need.
9 Impart your Portion to the Poor,
In Money and in Meat,

And send the feeble fainting Sou',
Of that which you do eat.
Ask Counsel always of the Wise,
Give Ear unto the End,
And ne'er refuse the sweet Rebuke
Of him that is thy Friend.
Be always thankful to the Lord,
With Prayer and with Praise,
Begging of him to bless your Work,
And to direct your Ways.
Seek first, I say, the living God,
And always him adore,
And then be sure that he will bless
Your Basket and your Store.
And I beseech almighty God,
Replenish you with Grace,
That I may meet you in the Heav'ns,
And see you Face to Face,
And though the Fire my Body burns,
Contrary to my Kind,
That I cannot enjoy your Love
According to my Mind:
Yet I do hope that when the Heav'ns
Shall vanish like a Scroll,
I shall see you in perfect Shape,
In Body and in Soul.
And that I may enjoy your Love,

And you enjoy the Land,
I do beseech the living Lord
To hold you in his Hand.
Though here by Body be adjudg'd
In flaming Fire to fry;
My Soul, I trust, will strait ascend
To live with God on high.
What though this Carcase smart a While?
What though my Life decay?
My Soul, I Hope, will be with God,
And live with him for aye.
I know I am a Sinner born,
From the Original,
And that I do deserve to die,
By my Fore-Father's Fall.
But by our Saviour's precious Blood,
Which on the Cross was spilt,
Who freely offer'd up his Life,
To save our Souls from Guilt.
I hope Redemption I shall have,
And all who in him trust,
When I shall see him Face to Face,
And live among the Just.
Why then should I fear Death's grim Look,
Since *Christ* for me did die?
For King and *Cæsar*, Rich and Poor,
The Force of Death must try.

When I am chained to the Stake,
And Faggots girt me round,
Then pray the Lord my Soul in Heaven,
May be with Glory crown'd.
Come, welcome Death, the End of Fear,
I am prepar'd to die,
Thoſe earthly Flames will ſend my Soul
Up to the Lord on high;
Farewell, my Children, to the World,
Where you muſt yet remain;
The Lord of Hoſts be your Defence
'Till we do meet again.
Farewell, my true and loving Wife,
My Children and my Friends,
I hope in Heaven to ſee you all,
When all Things have their End.
If you go on to ſerve the Lord,
As you have now begun,
You ſhall walk ſafely all your Days,
Until your Life be done.
God grant you ſo to end your Days,
As he ſhall think it beſt,
That I may meet you in the Heavens,
Where I do hope to reſt.

OUR Days begin with Trouble here,
Our Life is but a Span,

And cruel Death is always near,
So frail a Thing is Man.
Then sow the Seeds of Grace whilst young,
That when thou com'st to die
Thou may'st sing forth that triumph Song,
Death, where's thy Victory!

Choice Sentences.

1. PRaying will make us leave sinning, or sinning will make us leave praying.

2. Our Weakness and Inabilities break not the Bond of our Duties.

3. What we are afraid to speak before Men, we should be afraid to think before God.

Learn these four Lines by Heart.

HAve Communion with few,
Be intimate with ONE,
Deal justly with all,
Speak Evil of none.

AGUR's PRAYER.

REmove far from me Vanities and Lies; give me neither Poverty nor Riches, feed me with Food convenient for me; lest I be full and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? lest I be poor and steal, and take the Name of my GOD in vain.

THE SHORTER CATECHISM,

Agreed upon by the Reverend Assembly of DIVINES at *Westminster*.

Q 1 *WHAT is the chief End of Man?*

A Man's chief End is to glorify God and enjoy him for ever.

Q 2 *What Rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?*

A The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New-Testaments, is the only Rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q 3 *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

A The Scriptures principally teach what Man is to believe concerning God, and what Duty God requireth of Man.

Q 4 *What is God?*

A God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, unchangeable, in his Being, Wisdom, Power, Holiness, Justice, Goodness and Truth.

Q 5 *Are there more Gods than one?*

There is but ONE only, the living and true GOD.

Q 6 *How many Persons are there in the God-Head?*

A There are three Persons in the God-Head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one GOD, the same in Substance, equal in Power and Glory.

Q 7 *What are the Decrees of God?*

A The Decrees of God are his eternal Purpose, according to the Counsel of his own Will, whereby for his own Glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q 8 *How doth God execute his Decrees?*

A God executeth his Decrees in the Works of Creation and Providence.

Q 9 *What is the Work of Creation?*

A The Work of Creation is God's making all Things of nothing by the Word of his Power in the Space of six Days, and all very good.

Q 10 *How did God create Man?*

A God created Man male and female after his own Image, in Knowledge, Righteousness and Holiness, with Dominion over the Creatures.

Q. 11 *What are God's Works of Providence?*

A God's Works of Providence are his most holy, wise and powerful, preserving and

cerning all his Creatures and all their Actions.

Q 12 *What special Act of Providence did God exercise towards Man in the Estate wherein he was created?*

A When God had created Man, he entered into a Covenant of Life with him, upon Condition of perfect Obedience, forbidding him to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, upon Pain of Death.

Q 13 *Did our first Parents continue in the Estate wherein they were created?*

A Our first Parents being left to the Freedom of their own Will, fell from the Estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Q 14 *What is Sin?*

A Sin is any Want of Conformity unto, or Transgression of the Law of God.

Q 15 *What was the Sin whereby our first Parents fell from the Estate wherein they were created?*

A The Sin whereby our first Parents fell from the Estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden Fruit.

Q 16 *Did all Mankind fall in Adam's first Transgression?*

A The Covenant being made with Adam not only for himself, but for his Po

Mankind descending from him by ordinary Generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first Transgression.

Q 17 *Into what Estate did the Fall bring Mankind?*

A The Fall brought Mankind into a State of Sin and Misery.

Q 18 *Wherein consists the Sinfulness of that Estate whereinto Man fell?*

A The Sinfulness of that Estate whereinto Man fell, consists in the Guilt of *Adam's* first Sin, the Want of original Righteousness, and the Corruption of his whole Nature, which is commonly called original Sin, together with all actual Transgressions which proceed from it.

Q 19 *What is the Misery of that Estate whereinto Man fell?*

A All Mankind by the Fall lost Communion with God, are under his Wrath and Curse, and so made liable to all the Miseries in this Life, Death itself, and to the Pains of Hell for ever.

Did God leave all Mankind to perish
of Sin and Misery?
wing out of his meer good Plea-
Eternity, elected some to everlast-
enter into a Covenant of Grace,
out of a State of Sin and Misc-

ry, and to bring them into a State of Salvation by a Redeemer.

Q 21 *Who is the Redeemer of God's Elect?*

A The only Redeemer of God's Elect, is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, became Man, and so was, and continues to be God and Man, in two distinct Natures, and one Person for ever.

Q 22 *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become Man?*

A Christ, the Son of God, became Man by taking to himself a true Body, and a reasonable Soul, being conceived by the Power of the Holy Ghost, in the Womb of the Virgin *Mary*, and born of her, and yet without Sin.

Q 23 *What Offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?*

A Christ as our Redeemer executeth the Office of a Prophet, of a Priest, and of a King, both in his Estate of Humiliation and Exaltation.

Q 24 *How doth Christ execute the Office of a Prophet?*

A Christ executeth the Office of [illegible] in revealing to us by his Word and [illegible] Will of God for our Salvation.

Q 25 *How doth Christ execute the Office of a Priest?*

A Christ executeth the Office of a Priest, in his once offering up himself a Sacrifice to satisfy divine Justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual Intercession for us.

Q 26 *How doth Christ execute the Office of a King?*

A Christ executeth the Office of a King, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our Enemies.

Q 27 *Wherein doth Christ's Humiliation consist?*

A Christ's Humiliation consisteth in his being born, and that in a low Condition, made under the Law, undergoing the Miseries of this Life, the Wrath of God, and the cursed Death of the Cross, in being buried, and continuing under the Power of Death for a Time.

Q 28 *Wherein consisteth Christ's Exaltation?*

A Christ's Exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the Dead, on the third Day, in ascending up into Heaven, and sitting at the Right-Hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the World at the last Day.

Q 29 *How are we made Partakers of the Redemption purchased by Christ?*

A We are made Partakers of the Redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual Ap-

plication of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Q 30 *How doth the Spirit apply to us the Redemption purchased by Christ?*

A The Spirit applieth to us the Redemption purchased by Christ by working Faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual Calling.

Q 31 *What is effectual Calling?*

A Effectual Calling is the Work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our Sin and Misery, enlightning our Minds in the Knowledge of Christ, and renewing our Wills he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.

Q 32 *What Benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this Life?*

A They that are effectually called do in this Life partake of Justification, Adoption and Sanctification, and the several Benefits which in this Life do either accompany or flow from them.

Q 33 *What is Justification?*

A Justification is an Act of God's free Grace, wherein he pardoneth all our Sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his Sight, only for the Righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by Faith alone.

Q 34 *What is Adoption?*

A Adoption is an Act of God's free Grace, whereby we are received into the Number, and have a Right to all the Priviledges of the Sons of God.

Q 35 *What is Sanctification?*

A Sanctification is a Work of God's free Grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole Man, after the Image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto Sin, and live unto Righteousness.

Q 36 *What are the Benefits which in this Life do accompany or flow from Justification, Adoption and Sanctification?*

A The Benefits which in this Life do accompany or flow from Justification, Adoption, and Sanctification, are Assurance of God's Love. Peace of Conscience, Joy in the Holy Ghost, Increase of Grace, and Perseverance therein to the End.

Q 37 *What Benefits do Believers receive from Christ at their Death?*

A The Souls of Believers are at their Death, made perfect in Holiness, and do immediately pass into Glory, and their Bodies being still united to Christ, do rest in their Graves 'till the Resurrection.

Q 38 *What Benefits do Believers receive from Christ at the Resurrection?*

A At the Resurrection, Believers being raised up to Glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full Enjoyment of God to all Eternity.

Q 39 *What is the Duty which God requires of Man?*

A The Duty which God requires of Man, is Obedience to his revealed Will.

Q 40 *What did God at first reveal to Man for the Rule of his Obedience?*

A The Rule which God at first revealed to Man for his Obedience, was the Moral Law.

Q 41 *Where is the Moral Law summarily comprehended?*

A The Moral Law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.

Q 42 *What is the Sum of the Ten Commandments?*

A The Sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God, with all our Heart, with all our Soul, and with all our Strength, and with all our Mind, and our Neighbour as ourselves.

Q 43 *What is the Preface to the Ten*

Commandments ?

A The Preface to the Ten Commandments is in these Words. *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the Land of Egypt and out of the House of Bondage.*

Q 44 *What doth the Preface to the Ten Commandments teach us ?*

A The Preface to the Ten Commandments teach us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his Commandments.

Q 45 *Which is the first Commandment ?*

A The first Commandment is, *Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.*

Q 46 *What is required in the first Commandment ?*

A The first Commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Q 47 *What is forbidden in the first Commandment ?*

A The first Commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God, and the giving that Worship and Glory to any other which is due to him alone,

Q 48 *What are we especially taught by these Words (before me) in the first Commandment?*

A These Words (before me) in the first Commandment, teacheth us that God who seeth all Things, taketh Notice of, and is much displeased with the Sin of having any other God.

Q 49 *Which is the second Commandment?*

A The second Commandment is *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven Image, or any Likeness of any Thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the Earth beneath, or that is in the Waters under the Earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them, for I the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the Iniquities of the Fathers upon the Children unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me, and shewing Mercy unto Thousands of them that love me. and keep my Commandments.*

Q 50 *What is required in the second Commandment?*

A The second Commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire all such religious Worship and Ordinances, as God hath appointed in his Word.

Q 51 *What is forbidden in the second Commandment?*

A The second Commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by Images, or any other Way not appointed in his Word.

Q 52 *What are the Reasons annexed to the second Commandment?*

A The Reasons annexed to the second Commandment is, God's Sovereignty over us, his Propriety in us, and the Zeal he hath to his own Worship.

Q 53 *Which is the third Commandment?*

A The third Commandment is, *Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.*

Q 54 *What is required in the third Commandment?*

A The third Commandment requireth the holy and reverend Use of God's Names, Titles, Attributes, Ordinances, Word and Works.

Q 55 *What is forbidden in the third Commandment?*

A The third Commandment forbiddeth all prophaning or abusing of any Thing whereby God maketh himself known.

Q 56 *What is the Reason annexed to the third Commandment?*

A The Reason annexed to the third Commandment is, That however the Breakers of this Commandment may escape Punishment from Men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous Judgment.

Q 57 *Which is the fourth Commandment?*

A The fourth Commandment is, *Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. six Days shalt thou labour, and do all thy Work, but the seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any Work, thou nor thy Son, nor thy Daughter, thy Man-Servant, nor thy Maid-Servant, nor thy Cattle, nor the Stranger that is within thy Gates; for in six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it.*

Q 58 *What is required in the fourth Commandment?*

A The fourth Commandment requireth, the keeping holy to God such set Times as he hath appointed in his Word, expressly one whole Day in seven to be an holy Sabbath to himself.

Q 59 *Which Day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?*

A From the beginning of the World, to the Resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh Day of the Week to be the weekly Sabbath, and the first Day of the Week ever since to continue to the end of the World, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Q 60 *How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?*

A The Sabbath is to be sanctified by an holy rested all that Day, even from such worldly Employments and Recreations as are lawful on other Days and in spending the whole Time in publick and private Exercises of God's Worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the Works of Necessity and Mercy.

Q 61 *What is forbidden in the fourth Commandment?*

A The fourth Commandment forbiddeth the Omission or careless Performance of the Duties required, and the prophaning the Day by Idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary Thoughts, Words, or Works, about worldly Employments or Recreations.

Q 62 *What are the Reasons annexed to the fourth Commandment?*

A The Reasons annexed to the fourth Commandment, are God's allowing us six Days of the Week for our own Employment, his cha-

lenging a special Propriety in the seventh, his own Example, and his blessing the Sabbath Day.

Q 63 *Which is the fifth Commandment?*

A The fifth Commandment is, *Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long upon the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

Q 64 *What is required in the fifth Commandment?*

A The fifth Commandment requireth the preserving the Honour, and performing the Duties belonging to every one in their several Places and Relations, as Superiors, Inferiors or Equals.

Q 65 *What is forbidden in the fifth Commandment?*

A The fifth Commandment forbiddeth the neglecting or doing any Thing against the Honour and Duty which belongeth to every one in their several Places and Relations.

Q 66 *What is the Reason annexed to the fifth Commandment?*

A The Reason annexed to the fifth Commandment is, a Promise of long Life and Prosperity, (as far as it shall serve for God's Glory and their own Good) to all such as keep this Commandment.

Q 67 *Which is the sixth Commandment?*

A The sixth Commandment is, *Thou shalt not kill.*

Q 68 *What is required in the sixth Commandment?*

A The sixth Commandment requireth all lawful Endeavours to preserve our own Life, and the Life of others.

Q 69 *What is forbidden in the sixth Commandment?*

A The sixth Commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own Life, or the Life of our Neighbour unjustly, and whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

Q 70 *Which is the seventh Commandment?*

A The seventh Commandment is, *Thou shalt not commit Adultery.*

Q 71 *What is required in the seventh Commandment?*

A The seventh Commandment requireth the Preservation of our own and our Neighbour's Chastity, in Heart, Speech and Behavior.

Q 72 *What is forbidden in the seventh Commandment?*

A The seventh Commandment forbiddeth all unchaste Thoughts, Words or Actions.

Q 73 *Which is the eighth Commandment?*

A The eighth Commandment is, *Thou*

shalt not steal.

Q 74 *What is required in the eighth Commanament?*

A The eighth Commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the Wealth and outward Estate of ourselves and others.

Q 75 *What is forbidden in the eighth Commandment?*

A The eighth Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth, or may unjustly hinder our own or our Neighbour's Wealth or outward Estate.

Q 76 *Which is the ninth Commandment?*

A The ninth Commandment is, *Thou shalt not false Witness against thy Neighbour.*

Q 77 *What is required in the ninth Commandment?*

A The ninth Commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of Truth between Man and Man, and of our own, and our Neighbour's good Name, especially in Witness bearing.

Q 78 *What is forbidden in the ninth Commandment?*

A The ninth Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to Truth, or injurious to our own or our Neighbour's good Name.

Q 79 *Which is the tenth Commandment?*

A The tenth Commandment is, *Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's House, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife, nor his Man-Servant, nor his Maid-Servant, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any Thing that is thy Neighbour's.*

Q 80 *What is required in the tenth Commandment?*

A The tenth Commandment requireth full Contentment with our own Condition, with a right and charitable frame of Spirit towards our Neighbour, and all that is his.

Q 81 *What is forbidden in the tenth Commandment?*

A The tenth Commandment forbiddeth all Discontentment with our own Estate, envying or grieving at the good of our Neighbour, and all inordinate Motions and Affections to any Thing that is his.

Q 82 *Is any Man able perfectly to keep the Commandments of God?*

A No mere Man since the Fall is able in this Life perfectly to keep the Commandments of God, but daily doth break them in Thought, Word and Deed.

Q 83 *Are all Transgressions of the Law equally heinous?*

A Some Sins in themselves, and by Reason

of several Aggravations, are more heinous in the Sight of God than others.

Q 84 *What doth every Sin deserve?*

A Every Sin deserveth God's Wrath & Curse both in this Life, and that which is to come.

Q 85 *What doth God require of us that we may escape his Wrath and Curse due to us for Sin?*

A To escape the Wrath and Curse of God due to us for Sin, God requireth of us Faith in Jesus Christ, Repentance unto Life, with the diligent Use of all outward Means whereby Christ communicateth to us the Benefits of Redemption.

Q 86 *What is Faith in Jesus Christ?*

A Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving Grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for Salvation, as he is offered to us in the Gospel.

Q 87 *What is Repentance unto Life?*

A Repentance unto Life is a saving Grace, whereby a Sinner out of the true Sense of his Sin, and Apprehension of the Mercy of God in Christ, doth with Grief and Hatred of his Sin, turn from it unto God, with full Purpose of and Endeavours after new Obedience.

Q 88 *What are the outward and ordinary Means whereby Christ communicateth to us the Benefits of Redemption?*

A The outward and ordinary Means where-

by Christ communicateth to us the Benefits of Redemption, are his Ordinances, especially the Word, Sacraments and Prayer; all which are made effectual to the Elect for Salvation.

Q. 89 *How is the Word made effectual to Salvation?*

A The Spirit of God maketh the Reading, but especially the Preaching of the Word, an effectual Means of convincing and converting Sinners, and of building them up in Holiness and Comfort through Faith unto Salvation.

Q 90 *How is the Word to be read and heard that it may become effectual to Salvation?*

A That the Word may become effectual to Salvation, we must attend thereunto with Diligence, Prepararion and Prayer, receive it with Faith and Love, lay it up in our Hearts, and practice it in our Lives.

Q. 91 *How do the Sacraments become effectual Means of Salvation?*

A The Sacraments become effectual Means of Salvation, not from any Vertue in them, or in him that doth adminster them, but only by the Blessing of Christ, and the working of the Spirit in them that by Faith receive them.

Q 92 *What is a Sacrament?*

A A Sacrament is an holy Ordinance in-

ſtituted by Chriſt, wherein by ſenſible Signs, Chriſt and the Benefits of the new Covenant are repreſented, ſealed and applied to Believers.

Q 93 *What are the Sacraments of the New Teſtament?*

A The Sacraments of the New Teſtament are Baptiſm and the Lord's Supper.

Q 94 *What is Baptiſm?*

A Baptiſm is a Sacrament wherein the waſhing of Water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt, doth ſignify and ſeal our ingrafting into Chriſt, and partaking of the Benefits of the Covenant of Grace, and our Engagements to be the Lord's.

Q 95 *To whom is Baptiſm to be adminiſtred?*

A Baptiſm is not to be adminiſtred to any that are out of the viſible Church, till they profeſs their Faith in Chriſt, and Obedience to him, but the Infants of ſuch as are Members of the viſible Church are to be baptized.

Q 96 *What is the Lord's Supper?*

A The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament wherein by giving and receiving Bread and Wine according to Chriſt's Appointment, his Death is ſhewed forth, and the worthy Receivers are not after a corporal and carnal Manner, but by Faith made Partakers of his Body

and Blood, with all his Benefits, to their spiritual Nourishment and Growth in Grace.

Q 97 *What is required in the worthy receiving the Lord's Supper?*

A It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their Knowledge to discern the Lord's Body, of their Faith to feed upon him, of their Repentance, Love and new Obedience, lest coming unworthily they eat and drink Judgment to themselves.

Q 98 *What is Prayer?*

A Prayer is an offering up of our Desires to God, for Things agreeable to his Will, in the Name of Christ, with Confession of our Sins, and thankful Acknowledgment of his Mercies.

Q 99 *What Rule hath God given for our Direction in Prayer?*

A The whole Word of God is of Use to direct us in Prayer but the special Rule of Direction is that Form of Prayer which Christ taught his Disciples, commonly called, *The Lord's Prayer.*

Q 100 *What doth the Preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?*

A The Preface of the Lord's Prayer which is, *Our Father which art in Heaven*, teacheth us, to draw near to God with all holy Reverence

and Confidence, as Children to a Father, able and ready to help us, and that we ſhould pray with and for others.

Q 101 *What do we pray for in the firſt Petition?*

A In the firſt Petition, which is, *Hallowed be thy Name*, we pray, that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he makes himſelf known, and that he would diſpoſe all Things to his own Glory.

Q. 102 *What do we pray for in the ſecond Petition?*

A In the ſecond Petition, which is, *Thy Kingdom come*, we pray, that Satan's Kingdom may be deſtroyed, the Kingdom of Grace may be advanced, ourſelves and others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of Glory may be haſtened.

Q 103 *What do we pray for in the third Petition?*

A In the third Petition. which is, *Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven*, we pray, that God by his Grace would make us able and willing to know, obey, and ſubmit to his Will in all Things as the Angels do in Heaven.

Q. 104 *What do we pray for in the fourth Petition?*

A In the fourth Petition which is, *Give*

us this Day our daily Bread, we pray, that of God's free Gift we may receive a competent Portion of the good Things of this Life, and enjoy his Bleſſing with them.

Q. 105 *What do we pray for in the fifth Petition?*

A In the fifth Petition which is, *And forgive us our Debts, as we forgive our Debtors*, we pray, that God for Chriſt's Sake would freely pardon all our Sins, which we are the rather encouraged to aſk, becauſe by his Grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

Q. 106 *What do we pray for in the ſixth Petition?*

A In the ſixth Petition which is, *And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil*, we pray, that God would either keep us from being tempted to Sin, or ſupport and deliver us when we are tempted.

Q. 107 *What doth the Concluſion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?*

A The Concluſion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, *For thine is the Kingdom the Power, and the Glory forever*. AMEN, teacheth us, to take our Encouragement in Prayer, from God only, and in our Prayers to praiſe him, aſcribing Kingdom, Power and Glory to him,

and in Testimony of our Desires, and Assurance to be heard, we say, AMEN.

Blessed are they that do his Commandments, that they may have Right to the Tree of life, and may enter in through the Gates into the City. Rev. 22 14.

SPIRITUAL MILK
FOR
AMERICAN BABES.

Drawn out of the Breasts of both *Testaments*, for their Souls Nourishment,

By JOHN COTTON.

Quest. *WHAT hath God done for you?*

Ans God hath made me, he keepeth me, and he can save me.

Q. *What is God?*

A. God is a Spirit of himself and for himself.

Q. *How many Gods be there?*

A. There is but one God in three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Q. *How did God make you?*

A. In my first Parents Holy and Righteous.

Q. *Are you then born Holy and Righteous?*

A. No, my first Father sinned and I in him.

Q. *Are you then born a Sinner?*

A. I was conceived in Sin, & born in Iniquity.

Q. *What is your Birth Sin?*

A. Adam's Sin imputed to me, and a corrupt Nature dwelling in me.

Q. *What is your corrupt Nature?*

A. My corrupt Nature is empty of Grace bent unto Sin, only unto Sin and that continually.

Q. *What is Sin?*

A. Sin is a Transgression of the Law.

Q. *How many Commandments of the law be there?* A Ten.

Q. *What is the first Commandment?*

A. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.

Q. *What is the meaning of this Commandment?*

A. That we should worship the only true God, and no other besides him.

Q. *What is the second Commandment?*

A Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven Image, &c.

Q. *What is the meaning of this Commandment?*

A. That we should worship the only true GOD, with true worship, such as he hath ordained not such as Man hath invented.

Q. *What is the third Commandmet?*

A Thou ſhalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Q. *What is meant by the Name of God?*

A God himſelf, and the good Things of God, whereby he is known as a Man by his Name, and his Attributes, Worſhip, Word and Works.

Q. *What is it not to take his Name in vain?*

A To make uſe of God, and the good Things of God, to his Glory and our own Good, not vainly, nor irreverently, not unprofitably.

Q. *Which is the fourth Commandment?*

A Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day.

Q. *What is the meaning of this Commandment?*

A That we ſhould reſt from Labour, and much more from Play, on the Lord's Day, that we may draw near to God in holy Duties.

Q. *What is the fifth Commandment?*

A Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long in the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Q. *What are meant by Father and Mother?*

A All our Superiors, whether in Family, School, Church and common Wealth.

Q. *What is the Honour due unto them?*

A Reverence, Obedience, and (when I am able) Recompence.

Q. *What is the sixth Commandment?*

A. Thou shalt do no Murder.

Q. *What is the Meaning of this Commandment?*

A. That we should not shorten the Life or Health of ourselves or others, but preserve both

Q. *What is the seventh Commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

Q. *What is the Sin here forbidden?*

A. To defile ourselves or others with unclean Lusts.

Q. *What is the Duty here Commanded?*

A. Chastity to possess our Vessels in Holiness and Honour.

Q. *What is the eighth Commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not Steal.

Q. *What is the Stealth here forbidden?*

A. To take away another Man's Goods without his Leave, or to spend our own without Benefit to ourselves or others.

Q. *What is the Duty here Commanded?*

A. To get our Goods honestly, to keep them safely, and spend them thriftily.

Q. *What is the ninth Commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not beare false Witness &c.

Q. *What is the Sin here forbidden?*

A. To lie falsely, to think or speak untruly of ourselves or others.

Q. *What is the Duty here required?*

A. Truth and Faithfulness.

Q. *What is the tenth Commandment?*

A. Thou shalt not covet, *&c.*

Q. *What is the coveting here forbidden?*

A. Lust after the Things of other Men, and want of Contentment with our own.

Q. *Whether have you kept these Commandments?*

A. No, I and all Men are Sinners.

Q. *What is the Wages of Sin?*

A. Death and Damnation.

Q. *How then look you to be saved?*

A. Only by Jesus Christ.

Q. *Who is Jesus Christ?*

A. The eternal Son of God who for our sakes became Man, that he might redeem & save us.

Q. *How doth Christ redeem and save us?*

A. By his righteous Life and bitter Death, and glorious resurrection to Life again.

Q. *How do we come to have a Part and Fellowship with Christ in his Death and Resurrection?*

A. By the Power of his Word and Spirit, which brings us to him, and keeps us in him.

Q. *What is the Word?*

A. The Holy Scriptures of the Prophets and Apostles, the old and new Testament, the Law and Gospel.

Q. *How doth the Ministry of the Law bring you towards Christ?*

A. By bringing me to know my Sin, and the Wrath of God against me for it.

Q. *What are you hereby the nearer to Christ?*

A. So I come to feel my cursed Estate and Need of a Saviour.

Q. *How doth the Ministry of the Gospel help you in this cursed Estate?*

A. By humbling me yet more, and then raising me out of this Estate.

Q. *How doth the Ministry of the Gospel humble you?*

A. By revealing the Grace of the Lord Jesus in dying to save Sinners, and yet convincing me of my Sin in not believing on him, and of my utter Insufficiency to come to him, and so I feel my self utterly lost.

Q. *How doth the Ministry of the Gospel raise you up out of this lost Estate to come to Christ?*

A. By teaching me the Value & Virtue of the Death of Christ, and the Riches of his Grace to lost Sinners, by revealing the Promise of Grace to such, and by ministring the Spirit of Grace

to apply to Christ, and his Promise of Grace unto my self, and to keep me in him.

Q. *How doth the Spirit of Grace apply Christ, his Promise of Grace unto you, and keep you in him?*

A. By begetting in me Faith to receive him, Prayer to call upon him, Repentance to mourn after him, and new Obedience to serve him.

Q. *What is Faith?*

A. Faith is the Grace of the Spirit, whereby I deny my self, and believe on Christ for Righteousness and Salvation.

Q. *What is Prayer?*

A. It is a calling upon God in the Name of Christ, by the help of the Holy Ghost, according to the Will of God.

Q. *What is Repentance?*

A. Repentance is a Grace of the Spirit, whereby I loath my Sins, and my self for them, and confess them before the Lord, and mourn after Christ for the Pardon of them, and for Grace to serve him in newness of Life.

Q. *What is newness of Life or new Obedience?*

A. Newness of Life is a Grace of the Spirit, whereby I forsake my former Lusts & vain Company and walk before the Lord in the Light of his Word, and in the Communion of Saints?

Q. *What is the Communion of Saints?*

A. It is the Fellowship of the Church in the Blessings of the Covenant of Grace, and the Seals thereof.

Q. *What is the Church?*

A. It is a Congregation of Saints joined together in the Bond of the Covenant to worship the Lord, and to edify one another in all his holy Ordinances.

Q. *What is the Bond of the Covenant by which the Church is joined together?*

A. It is the Profession of that Covenant which God hath made with his faithful People, to be a God unto them, and to their Seed.

Q. *What doth the Lord bind his People to in this Covenant?*

A. To give up themselves and their Seed, first to the Lord to be his People, and then to the Elders and Brethren of the Church, to set forward the worship of God & their mutual Edification.

Q. *How do they give up themselves and their Seed to the Lord?*

A. By receiving thro' Faith the Lord and his Covenant to themselves, & to their Seed, & accordingly walking themselves, and training up their Children in the ways of the Covenant.

Q. *How do they give up themselves and their Seed to the Elders and Brethren of the Church?*

A. By Confeſſion of their Sins and Profeſſion of their Faith, and of their Subjection to the Goſpel of Chriſt; and ſo they and their Seed are received into the Fellowſhip of the Church and the Seals thereof.

Q. *What are the Seals of the Covenant now in the Days of the Goſpel?*

A. Baptiſm and the Lord's Supper.

Q. *What is done for you in Baptiſm?*

A. In Baptiſm, the waſhing with Water is a Sign and Seal of my waſhing in the Blood and Spirit of Chriſt and thereby of my ingrafting into Chriſt, of the Pardon and cleanſing of my Sins, of my raiſing up out of Afflictions, & alſo of my Reſurrection from the Dead at the laſt Day.

Q. *What is done for you in the Lord's Supper?*

A In the Lord's Supper, the receiving of the Bread broken & the Wine poured out, a Sign and Seal of my receiving the Communion of the Body of Chriſt broken for me, and of his Blood ſhed for me, and thereby of my growth in Chriſt, and the Pardon and Healing of my Sins, of the Fellowſhip of the Spirit, of my ſtrengthning and quickning in Grace, and of my ſitting together with Chriſt on his Throne of Glory at the laſt Judgment.

Q. *What was the Reſurrection from the Dea-?*

which was sealed up to you in Baptism?

A. When Christ shall come to his last Judgment, all that are in their Graves shall rise again, both the Just and the Unjust.

Q. *What is the last Judgment which is sealed up to you in the Lord's Supper?*

A. At the last Day we shall all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, to give an Account of our Works, and to receive our Reward, according to them.

Q. *What is the Reward that shall then be given?*

A. The Righteous shall go into Life eternal and the Wicked shall be cast into everlasting Fire with the Devil and his Angles.

A Dialogue *between* CHRIST, YOUTH, *and the* Devil. YOUTH.

THOSE days which God to me doth send,
In pleasure I'm resolv'd to spend;
Like as the birds in lovely spring,
Sit chirping on the boughs and sing.
Who straining forth those warbling notes,
Do make sweet musick in their throats.
So I resolve in this my prime,
In sports and plays to spend my time;
Sorrow and grief I'll put away,
Such things agree not with my day,

From clouds my morning shall be free,
And nought on Earth shall trouble me,
I will embrace each sweet delight,
This Earth affords me day and night;
Though parents grieve and me correct,
Yet I their counsel will reject.

Devil.

The resolution which you take,
Sweet youth, it doth me merry make,
If thou my counsel wilt embrace,
And shun the ways of truth and grace,
And learn to lie, to curse and swear,
And be as proud as any are;
And with thy brothers wilt fall out,
And sisters with vile language flout.
Yea, fight and scratch, and also bite,
Then in thee I will take delight.
If thou wilt but be rul'd by me,
An artist thou shalt quickly be,
In all my ways which lovely are,
There's few with thee who shall compare,
Thy parents always disobey,
Don't mind at all what they do say;
And also pout and sullen be,
And thou shalt be a child for me.
When others read, be thou at play,
Think not God, don't sigh nor pray,

Nor be thou such a silly fool,
To mind thy book, or go to school;
But play the truant; fear not. I
Will straightway help you to a lie,
Which will excuse you for the same,
From being whip'd, and from all blame.
Come, bow to me uphold my crown,
And I'll thee raise to high renown.

YOUTH.

These motions I will cleave unto,
And let all other counsels go;
My heart against my parents now,
Shall hardned be, and will not bow;
I won't submit at all to them,
But all good counsel will contemn:
And what I list, that do will I,
And stubborn be continually.

CHRIST.

Wilt thou, O youth! make such a choice,
And thus obey the Devil's voice!
Curst sinful Ways wilt thou embrace,
And hate the Ways of Truth and Grace?
Wilt thou to me a rebel prove;
And from thy parents quite remove
Thy heart also? then shalt thou see,
What will e'er long become of thee.
Come, think on God, who did thee make,

And at his presence dread and quake;
Remember him now in thy youth,
And let thy soul take hold of truth;
The Devil and his ways defy,
Believe him not, he doth but lie!
His ways seem sweet, but youth beware,
He for thy soul hath laid a snare.
His sweet will into sower turn,
If in those ways thou still wilt run,
He will thee into pieces tear,
Like lions which most hungry are.
Grant me thy heart, thy folly leave,
And from this Lion I'll thee save;
And thou shalt have sweet joy with me,
Which will last to eternity.

YOUTH.

My heart shall chear me in my youth,
I'll have my frolicks in good truth;
Whate'er seems lovely in mine eye,
My self I cannot it deny.
In my own ways I still will walk,
And take delight among young folk,
Who spend their days in joy and mirth,
Nothing like that I'm sure on earth.
Thy ways, O Christ, are not for me,
They with my age do not agree;
If I unto thy laws should cleave,

No more good days then ſhould I have.

CHRIST.

Wouldſt thou live long and good days ſee,
Refrain from all iniquity:
True good alone doth from me flow,
It can't be had in things below.
Are not my ways, O youth for thee,
Then thou ſhalt never happy be;
Nor ever ſhall thy ſoul obtain
True good, whilſt thou doſt here remain.

YOUTH.

To thee, O Chriſt! I'll not adhere,
What thou ſpeak'ſt of does not appear
Lovely to me; I cannot find
'Tis good to ſet or place my mind
On ways whence many ſorrows ſpring,
And to the fleſh ſuch croſſes bring.
Don't trouble me, I muſt fulfil
My fleſhly mind and have my will.

CHRIST.

Unto thy ſelf then I'll thee leave,
That Satan may thee wholly have:
Thy heart in ſin ſhall hardned be,
And blinded in iniquity.
And then in wrath I'll cut thee down,
Like to the graſs and flowers mown;
And to thy wo thou ſhalt eſpy,

Childhood and youth are vanity.
For all such things I'll make thee know,
To judgment thou shalt come also;
In Hell at last thy soul must burn,
When thou thy sinful race hast run.
Consider this, think on thy end,
Lest God do thee in pieces rend.

YOUTH.

Amazed, Lord! I now begin,
O help me, and I'll leave my sin:
I tremble, and do greatly fear,
To think upon what I do hear.
Lord! I religious now will be,
And I'll from Satan turn to thee.

Devil.

Nay, foolish youth, don't change thy mind,
Unto such thoughts be not inclin'd;
Come, chear thy heart, rouse up, be glad,
There is no Hell; why art thou sad?
Eat, drink, be merry with thy friends,
For when thou dieſt, that's thy last end.

YOUTH.

Such thoughts as these I can't receive,
Because GOD's word I do believe;
None shall in this destroy my faith,
Nor do I mind what Satan saith.

Devil. Altho' to thee herein I yield,
Yet e're long I ſhall win the Field.
That there's a Heaven I can't deny,
Yea, and a Hell of miſery.
That Heaven is a lovely place
I can't deny; 'tis a clear caſe;
And eaſy 'tis for to come there,
Therefore take thou no further care.
All human laws do thou obſerve.
And from old cuſtoms never ſwerve;
Do not oppoſe what great Men ſay,
And thou ſhalt never go aſtray,
Thou may'ſt be drunk, and ſwear and curſe,
And ſinners like thee ne'er the worſe;
At any time thou may'ſt repent,
'Twill ſerve when all thy days are ſpent.

CHRIST.

Take heed or elſe thou are undone,
Theſe thoughts are from the wicked one;
Narrow's the way that leads to life,
Who walk therein do meet with ſtrife;
Few ſhall be ſaved, young man know,
Moſt do unto deſtruction go.
If righteous ones ſcarce ſaved be,
What will at laſt become of thee!
Oh! don't reject my precious call,
Leſt ſuddenly to Hell thou fall;

Unleſs you ſoon converted be,
God's kingdom thou ſhalt never ſee.

YOUTH.

Lord, I am now at a great ſtand,
If I ſhould yield to your command,
My comrades will me much deride,
And never more will me abide.
Moreover, this I alſo know,
Thou can'ſt at laſt great mercy ſhow;
When I am old and pleaſure's gone,
Then what thou ſay'ſt I'll think upon.

CHRIST.

Nay, bold vain youth, thy time is ſhort,
I have thy breath, I'll end thy ſport:
Thou ſhalt not live till thou art old,
Since thou in ſin art grown ſo bold.
I in thy youth grim Death will ſend,
And all thy ſports ſhall have an end.

YOUTH.

I am too young, alas, to die.
Let Death ſome old grey head eſpy,
O ſpare me, and I will amend,
And with thy grace my ſoul befriend,
Or elſe I am undone alas,
For I am in a woful caſe.

CHRIST.

When I did call thou would'ſt not hear,

But didſt to me turn a deaf ear;
And now in thy calamity,
I will not mind nor hear thy cry;
Thy day is paſt, begone from me,
Thou who didſt love iniquity,
Above thy ſoul and Saviour dear;
Who on the croſs great pains did bear,
My mercy thou didſt much abuſe,
And all good counſel didſt refuſe,
Juſtice will therefore vengeance take,
And thee a ſad example make.

YOUTH.

O ſpare me, Lord, forbear thy hand,
Don't cut me off who trembling ſtand,
Begging for mercy at thy door,
O let me have but one year more.

CHRIST.

If thou ſome longer time ſhould have,
Thou wouldſt again to folly cleave:
Therefore to thee I will not give,
One day on earth longer to live.

Death.

Youth, I am come to fetch thy breath,
And carry thee to th' ſhades of death,
No pity on thee can I ſhow,
Thou haſt thy God offended ſo.
Thy ſoul and body I'll divide,

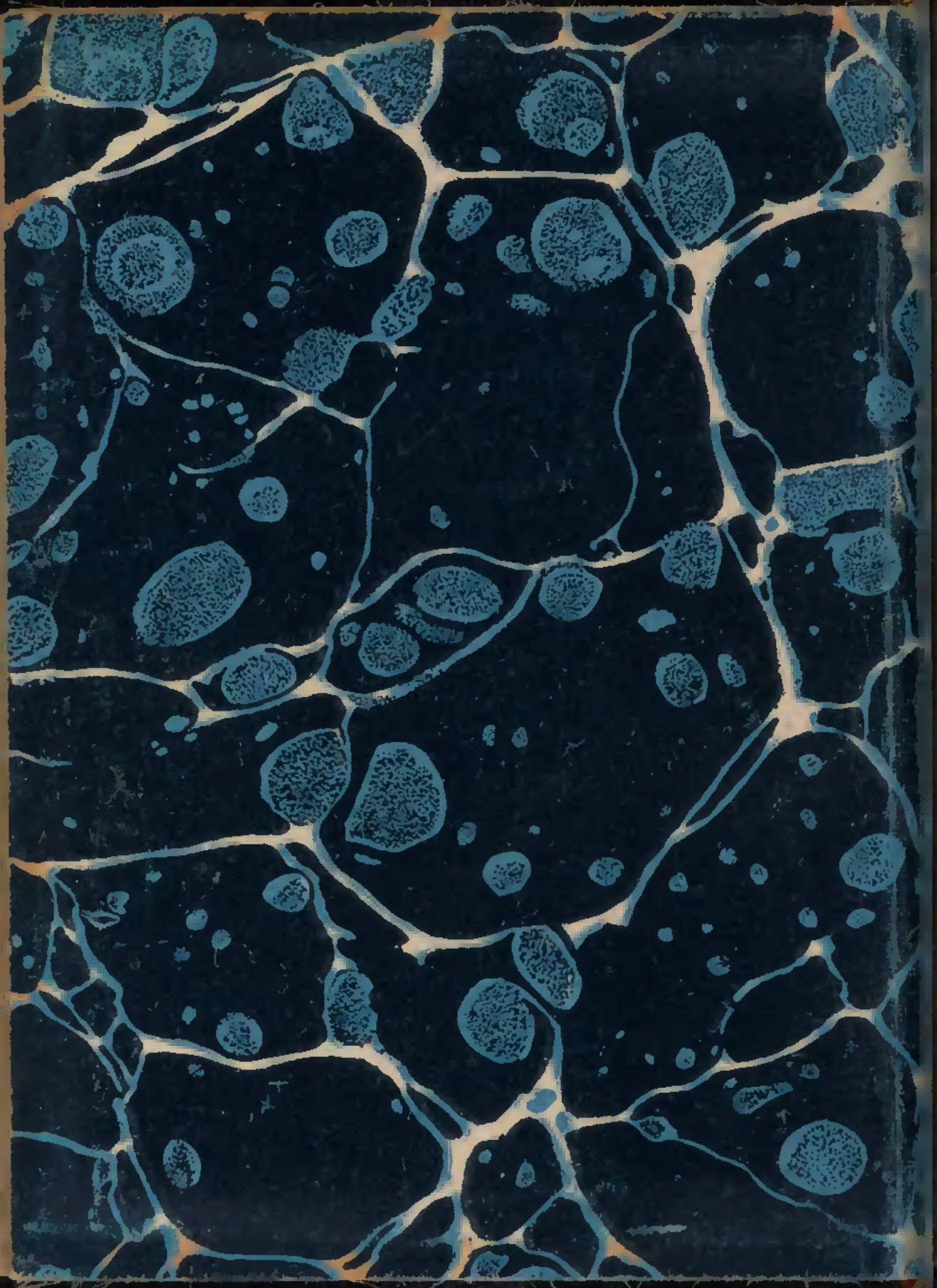
Thy body in the grave I'll hide,
And thy dear ſoul in hell muſt lie,
With Devils to eternity.

The concluſion.

Thus end the days of woful youth,
Who won't obey nor mind the truth;
Nor hearken to what preachers ſay,
But do their parents diſobey.
They in their youth go down to hell,
Under eternal wrath to dwell.
Many don't live out half their days,
For cleaving unto ſinful ways.

The late Reverend and Venerable Mr. NATHANIEL CLAP, *of* Newport *on* Rhode-Iſland; *his Advice to children.*

GOOD children ſhould remember daily God their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; to believe in, love and ſerve him; their parents to obey them in the LORD: their bible and catechiſm; their baptiſm; the LORD's day; the LORD's death and reſurrection; their own death and reſurrection; and the day of judgment, when all that are not fit for heaven muſt be ſent to hell. And they ſhould pray to GOD in the name of CHRIST, for ſaving grace.



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