

Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore.

The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.

For the memorial virtue is immortal ; because it is known with God and with men.

When it is present, mankind take example of it, and when it is gone, they earnestly desire for it.

It weareth a crown, and triumpheth forever, having gotten the victory striving for undefiled rewards.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, and the memory of the just shall be blessed.

Though a good life hath but few days, yet a good name endureth for ever.

Though the righteous be overtaken by death, they shall be at rest, their souls are in the hand of God.

Though they vanish from the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.

LXXIII. A Psalm of Trust.

(Arranged from Psalms and Isaiah.)

M. Marvellous things of the Lord, our God, have we heard, and our fathers have told us.

C. Repeat to their children His ancient praise, that the generations may set their hope in God.

They that trust in the Lord, shall be as His holy hill, which cannot be removed.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord encompasseth them forever.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him;
in the time of trouble He hideth them in His
pavilion.

In the daytime He leadeth them with a cloud, and
in the night with a light of fire.

Though they fall, they shall not be utterly cast
down, for the Lord upholdeth them with His
arm.

They shall not be afraid of evil tidings, for their
times are in His hands.

Because their heart is not haughty, nor their eyes
lofty, and they are quiet as a weaned child ;

Therefore He lifteth them up and girdeth them
with might, though they know it not.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, wait patiently for
Him, and thou shalt never be forsaken ;

He will draw thee out of the dark waters and show
thee the path of life.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, yet walk-
eth in darkness, and hath no light ?

Let him surely trust in the Lord and stay upon his
God.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look upon the
earth beneath ;

The heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the
earth shall wax old like a garment ;

And they that dwell therein shall die in like
manner ;

But the salvation of the Lord shall be for ever, and
His righteousness shall not fail.

LXXIV. Spring.

- M.* Lo, the winter is over and gone, the flowers appear again on the earth;
- C.* The time of the singing of the birds has come and and the voice of the dove is heard in our land. The orchards put forth their green fruit, and the vines are fragrant with tender grapes. The cold came out of the north, by the breath of God the frost was given. The dust grew into hardness, and the clods cleaved fast together. The waters were hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep was frozen. Thou sendest out Thy word and meltest them, Thou causest Thy wind to blow and the waters flow. Thou visitest the earth and waterest it, Thou waterest the hills thereof abundantly ; Thou sendest rain into the valleys and makest them soft with showers ; Thou satisfiest the desolate ground and blessest the springing thereof. Wherefore if God so clothe the grass of the field, will He not much more care for His children ? The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

LXXV. National Anniversary.

- M.* Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord ; the people that He hath chosen for His inheritance.
- C.* Open ye the gates that the righteous nation may enter in.

For when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice ; but when the wicked bear rule the people mourn.

Woe unto thee, O land, when equity cannot enter, when judgment is turned away backward ;

When justice standeth afar off, and truth is fallen in the street ;

When thy rulers follow after rewards, and their eyes are blinded with bribes ;

When none bringeth his suit with justice, and no one pleadeth with truth.

Blessed art thou, O land, when thy law is not slackened ;

When thou makest thy rulers righteous, and thine officers peace ;

When each despiseth the gain of oppression, and shaketh his hands from holding bribes ;

When he respecteth not the person of the poor, nor honoureth the person of the mighty ;

But in righteousness serveth the people, and establisheth true judgment in thy gates.

Then shall violence be no more heard in thy land, wasting and destruction within thy borders.

Then shall justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

And thou shalt call thy walls Salvation and thy gates Praise.

For righteousness exalteth a nation, and injustice is a reproach to any people ;

And in righteousness hath the Lord called thee, and given thee for a light to the kingdoms.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us, what works Thou didst in their days, and in the old times before them.
Our lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places, yea we have a goodly heritage.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.
And pray for the peace of our country; all they shall prosper who love thee.
