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THE following Collection of passages from the Holy Evangelists has been put into my hands by the compiler to carry through the press. I could not but gladly avail myself of the opportunity, which a friend thus presented to me, of having a share, however small, in a work directed, in so pious a spirit, towards the promotion among Catholics of an habitual reverent meditation upon the sacred words of Him who spoke as "man never did speak."

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## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

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### AFFLICTION.

BLESSED are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. *St. Matt. v. 5.*

Blessed are ye that weep now: for you shall laugh. *St. Luke vi. 21.*

Come to me, all you that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt. xi. 28.*

In the world you shall have distress: but have confidence; I have overcome the world. *St. John xvi. 33.*

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he will take away: and every one that beareth fruit, he will purge it, that it may bring forth more fruit. *St. John xv. 2.*

### ALMSGIVING.

Give to him that asketh of thee, and from him that would borrow of thee, turn not away. *St. Matt. v. 42.*

Take heed that you do not your justice<sup>1</sup> before men, that you may be seen by them: otherwise you shall not have a reward from your Father, who is in heaven. *St. Matt.* vi. 1.

Therefore, when thou doest an alms-deed, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honoured by men. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. Ver. 2.

But when thou doest an alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: Ver. 3.

That thy alms may be in secret, and thy Father, who seeth in secret, will repay thee. Ver. 4.

And Jesus, sitting over against the treasury, beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. *St. Mark* xii. 41.

And there came a certain poor widow, and she cast in two mites, which make a farthing. Ver. 42.

And calling his disciples together, he saith to them: Amen I say to you, this poor widow hath cast in more than all they who have cast into the treasury. Ver. 43.

For they all did cast in of their abundance: but she, of her want, cast in all she had, even her whole living. Ver. 44.

He that hath two coats, let him give to him that hath none: and he that hath meat, let him do in like manner. *St. Luke* iii. 11.

<sup>1</sup> i. e. Fasting, prayer, and alms-deeds, which ought to be performed, not out of ostentation, or a view to please men, but solely to please God.

Give to every one that asketh thee ; and of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again. *St. Luke* vi. 30.

Give, and it shall be given to you : good measure, and pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you shall measure, it shall be measured to you again. *Ver. 38.*

Give alms ; and behold all things are clean unto you. *St. Luke* xi. 41.

Sell what you possess, and give alms. Make to yourselves bags which grow not old, a treasure in heaven which faileth not : where the thief approacheth not, nor the moth corrupteth. *St. Luke* xii. 33.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. *Ver. 34.*

When the Son of man shall come in his majesty, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit upon the seat of his majesty. *St. Matt. xxv. 31.*

And all nations shall be gathered together before him : and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats : *Ver. 32.*

And he shall set the sheep on his right hand : but the goats on the left. *Ver. 33.*

Then shall the King say to them that shall be on his right hand : Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. *Ver. 34.*

For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat : I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink : I was a stranger, and you took me in : *Ver. 35.*

Naked, and you clothed me ; sick, and you visited