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## P R E F A C E.

**T**HE Prophet Zechariah (viii. 19) encourages the Jews by the assurance that all the fasts shall become "days of joy and gladness and cheerful feasts," and this should be the character of our Church festivals. Assuredly should this be true of the four great cardinal ones—Christmas, Easter, Ascension Day, and Pentecost—when we celebrate the Birth of our Saviour, His Resurrection and Ascension, and the Descent of the Holy Ghost. The minor ones, such as the Circumcision, Presentation, &c., all strike the same key. Feasts should be cheerful, as they are times of spiritual and social union. At a feast better fare is provided, and friends are asked to share the same, and the joy that is

in them is often expressed in mirth and song. The voice of song has ever been the natural accompaniment of feasts. The Lord hath His feasts, and will have His never-ending feast in the glory of the Resurrection. The Church hath her feasts, as foretastes of the coming kingdom, and these should be hallowed and familiarized to the spirits and minds of youth.


Verses are a suitable means to impress upon the young the truths which are brought before them, and which should be printed on their memories in a way that cannot be erased. The following verses are an attempt in this direction, and they are commended with all diffidence to the Great Head of the Church for His acceptance and blessing. May our young people, in keeping feasts of joy and gladness, be also acceptable worshippers by following the Prophet's injunction which concludes the verse we have taken as the basis of our preface, "Therefore, love the truth and peace" (Zech. viii. 19).

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