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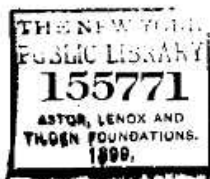
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ERRATA.

- Page 13, line 11, for "little" read *LIKE*.
" 30, " 10, for "hard labor" read *CONOCLASM*.
" 57, " 13, for "indisputably" read *SO SEEMINGLY*.
" 72, " 1, between "natural" and "depravity" insert *INFIRMITY, OR ACQUIRED*.

"CHARITY NEVER FAILETH."

Man's wisdom takes its rise in fear:
And "fear hath torment," though in hearts sincere,
God's wisdom flows in perfect LOVE,
And lifts the fallen soul all fear above.

Be ours to search that flood of strength,
To trace its rise and prosecute its length,
And view its breadth, as finite man
Such boundless bliss may incompletely scan.

See first a righteous fear induce
Faith in a guidance from which sin broke loose,—
Enlightened faith, as taught by grief
Unknown before its act of unbelief.

From faith so warned to keep its course,
And persevering, grows a nobler force,—
A faith renewed, with larger scope,
In which fear falls, and is replaced by hope.

So stayed by hope and turned toward things
Not seen, for else hope were not hope, faith brings
The faithful soul into such state,
That all its works on LOVE and knowledge wait.

Then faith and hope, not slain like fear,
Are lost, in that they can no more appear.
Through doubt and shame their fires endure:
LOVE is not LOVE, except its flame be pure.

So man, in vision clear, discerns
How all God's universe uninjured burns,
As burned the bush which Moses saw,
And yields his heart to LOVE's eternal law.

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Greet ye one another with an holy kiss."—1 Cor. xvi. 20, etc.

God speed thee, struggling neighbor !
All blessings on thy head !
May we be one in labor,
Till to temptation dead !

So shall we stand united ;
While parted, both might fall,
Although of God invited,
Who would be all in all.

He is before all creatures ;
In Him we all consist,
And glorify his features,
Or foul them, as we list.

We tread the world of matter
By means of outward sense,
Whose visions often flatter,
While veiling violence,

But as we win the graces
Which wait upon his will,
We read in fellow-faces
The signs of good and ill.

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