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Go, little book, go forth to-day,

Thy fate to God I leave;

Should one sad soul on life's dark way

Comfort from thee receive,

One spirit from thy feeble word

Be taught the Saviour's claim,

My soul will magnify the Lord,

And glorify His Name.

TO THE PASSION-FLOWER.

Pure garden-emblem of the Cross and shame, Honoured to bear the Passion's sacred name; Sweet sacramental flower, in whom we see Strange marks of Christ's mysterious agony.

Traced on thy petals by a Hand divine,
The cross, the nails, the thorny chaplet shine;
A monitor of Jesus' Cross to all,
Silent thou hangest on the garden wall.

Bearing the Cross through sunbeam and through shower,

Counting its portion as thy noblest dower; Oh, may each Christian soul as meekly bow, Beneath her cross, sweet passion-flower, as thou!

And may this prayer from every soul arise, Which gazeth on thy leaves with thoughtful eyes; "Oh, grant my soul a passion-flower may be, Bearing the marks, Lord Jesus Christ, of Thee!"

THE MASTER'S CALL.

THE Master is come, and calleth now for thee, Go forth, immortal soul, thy King to greet; He waits for thee, as once at Bethany, Go, fall like Martha at His sacred feet.

He calls thee from the world's Destruction town, Go swiftly forth to Him without the gate: There, from His Cross, He offereth thee a crown, Arise, and take it, are it be too late!

He calls thee from earth's wells of Marah strife,

Those waters they who drink must thirst again;
He calls thee to the streams of endless life,

Nor let His thrilling "Come" be heard in vain.

He calls thee from earth's pleasures and its crime,
Its thorny cares, its toils and sorrows grim;
Go! ere He close the iron gate of time,
And thou shalt call, but vainly call on Him.

He calls thee from the strange Assyrian camp,
Where all who dwell must perish by the sword;
Arise! and swiftly trim thy midnight lamp,
Go forth, a virgin wise, to meet Thy Lord.