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THOU art the King of glory, O Christ!
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
In the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge;
We therefore pray thee help thy servants
Whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints
In glory everlasting. Amen.



INTRODUCTORY.

MY DEAR TEACHER: I am afraid you thought me very irreverent in what I said in the class last Sabbath about the Old Testament and the sacrifices of the Bible. I did not mean to be irreverent. I was brought up to reverence the Bible and to believe everything that is in it, but I have heard so much lately—sometimes, too, from Christians, and even from ministers—that is contrary to what I was taught as a child that I hardly know what to believe. When I was in B—— last summer, I heard Dr. —— preach; he is a lovely preacher, and everybody went to hear him. He preached about Christ, and said “the blood of Christ was not an essential thing in Christ’s work: it was his life and the way that life influenced ours.” He said, too, we had “nothing to do with the sacrifices of