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Yes, if the intensities of hope and fear
Attract us still, and passionate exercise
Of lofty thoughts, the way before us lies
Distinct with signs—through which, in fixed career,
As through a zodiac, moves the ritual year
Of England's Church—stupendous mysteries!
Which whose travels in her bosom, eyes
As he approaches them, with solemn cheer.
Enough for us to cast a transient glance
The circle through.

WORDSWORTH.

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In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.—ISAIAH XXX. 15.

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TO
MY NEXT FRIEND
AND MORE THAN BROTHER,
THE REV. WILLIAM CROSWELL,
PASTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH, BOSTON.
THESE PIOUS BREATHINGS
OF
A KINDRED SPIRIT
ARE MOST AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED.

G. W. D.

*St. Mary's Parsonage,
Burlington, May 27, 1834.*

The annual course of God's great mystery,
"The word made flesh." On that with piercing eye
The angels gaze. On that the Church invites
Her sons to linger. As thereon we muse,
On each strange scene, or all together wove,
A wondrous tissue like the braided hues
Which blessen the Patriarch's sight, with eye above
Uplifted, faith the dear memorial's views,
Signs of oast mercy and enduring love.

BISHOP MANT.