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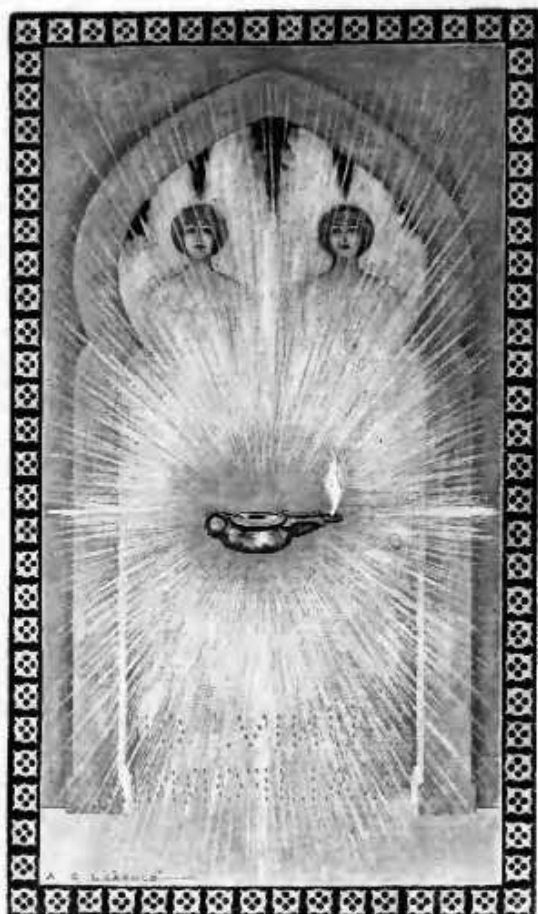
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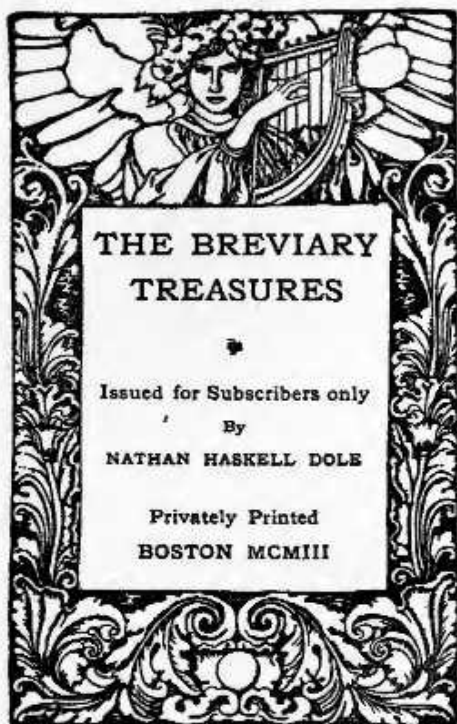
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AL KORAN

A PRAYER

In the Name of the Most Merciful God

PRAISE be to God, the Lord of all creatures; the most merciful, the king of the day of judgment.

Thee do we worship, and of thee do we beg assistance.

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TO WHOM
IT SHALL COME
ADMONISH

Direct us in the right way, in the way of those to whom thou hast been gracious; not of those against whom thou art incensed, nor of those who go astray.

DIRECTION TO THE PIOUS

A. L. M. There is no doubt in this book; it is a direction to the pious, who believe in the mysteries, who observe the appointed times of prayer, and distribute alms out of what we have bestowed on them; and who believe in that revelation, which has been sent down unto thee, and that which has been sent down to the prophets before thee, and have firm assurance in the life to come: these are directed by their Lord, and they shall prosper.

As for the unbelievers, it will be equal to them whether thou admonish them, or do not admonish them; they will not believe. God has sealed up their hearts and their hearing; a dimness covers their sight, and they shall suffer a grievous punishment. There are some who say, We believe in God and the

last day, but are not believers ; they seek to deceive God, and those who do believe, but they deceive themselves only, and are not sensible thereof. There is an infirmity in their hearts, and God has increased that infirmity ; and they shall suffer a most painful punishment because they have disbelieved.

When one says unto them, Act not corruptly on the earth, they reply, Verily, we are men of integrity.

Are not they themselves corrupt doers ? but they are not sensible thereof. And when one says unto them,

Believe ye as others believe ; they answer, Shall we believe as fools believe ?

Are not they themselves fools ? but they know it not. When they meet those who believe, they say, We do believe : but when they retire privately to their devils, they say, We really hold with you, and only mock at those people : God shall mock at them, and continue them in their impiety ; they shall wander in confusion.

These are the men who have pur-

chased error at the price of true direction: but their traffic has not been gainful, neither have they been rightly directed. They are like unto one who kindles a fire, and when it has enlightened all around him, God takes away their light and leaves them in darkness, they shall not see; they are deaf, dumb, and blind, therefore will they not repent. Or like a stormy cloud from heaven, fraught with darkness, thunder, and lightning, they put their fingers into their ears, because of the noise of the thunder, for fear of death; God encompasses the infidels: the lightning wants but little of taking away their sight; as often as it enlightens them, they walk therein, but when darkness comes on them, they stand still; and if God so pleased, he would certainly deprive them of their hearing and their sight, for God is almighty.

TO THE MEN OF MECCA

O men of Mecca! serve your Lord
who has created you, and those who