Immortal Love, forever full, Forever flowing free, Forever shared, forever whole, A never-ebburg sea!

Our outward lips confess the name All other names above; Love only knoweth whence it came, And comprehendeth love.

Blow, winds of God, awake and blow The mists of earth away! Shine out, O Light-Divine, and show How wide and far we stray!

Hush every lip, close every book, The strife of tongues forbear; Why forward reach or backward look For love that clasps like air?

We may not climb the heavenly steeps

To bring the Lord Christ down; In vain we search the lowest deeps For him no depths can drown. Nor holy bread, nor blood of grape,

The lineaments restore
Of him we know in outward shape And in the flesh no more. He cometh not a king to reign; The world's long hope is dim; The weary centuries watch in vain

The clouds of heaven for him Death comes, life goes; the asking eye And ear are answerless;
The grave is dumb, the hollow sky
Is sad with silentness.

The letter fails, and systems fall, And every symbol wanes; The Spirit overbrooding all

And not for signs in heaven above Or earth below they look Who know with John his smile of love, With Peter his rebuke.

In joy of inward peace, or sense Of sorrow over sin, He is his own best evidence,

No fable old or mythic lore, Nor dream of bards and seers. N. dead fact stranded on the shore Of the oblivious years.

But warm, sweet, tender, even vet A present help is he; And faith has still its Olivet,

The healing of his seamless dress Is by our beds of pain, We touch him in life's throng and press, And we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said Our lips of childhood frame, The last low whispers of our dead Are burdened with his name.

O Lord and Master of us all! Whate'er our name or sign. We own thy sway, we hear thy call, We test our lives by thine.

Thou judgest us; thy purity Doth all our lusts condemn; The love that draws us nearer thee Is hot with wrath to them.

Our thoughts lie open to thy sight, And, naked to thy glance, Our secret sins are in the light Of thy pure countenance.

Thy tender light shines in; Thy sweetness is the bitterness Thy grace the pang of sin. Yet, weak and blinded though we be,

Thy healing pains, a keen distress

Thou dost our service own ; We bring our varying gifts to thee, And thou rejectest none.

To thee our full humanity,
Its joys and pains, belong;
The wrong of man to man on thee
Inflicts a deeper wrong. Who hates, hates thee; who loves, becomes

Therein to thee allied; All sweet accords of hearts and homes In thee are multipled,

Deep strike thy roots, O heavenly Vine, Within our earthly sod, Most human and yet most divine, The flower of man and God!

O Love! O Life! Our faith and sight Thy presence maketh one; As through transfigured clouds of white We trace the noon-day sun,

So, to our mortal eyes subdued. Flesh-veiled, but not concealed, We know in thee the fatherhood And heart of God revealed.

We faintly hear, we dimly see, In differing phrase we pray; But, dim or clear, we own in thee The Light, the Truth, the Way!

The homage that we render thee Is still our Father's own; Nor jealous claim nor rivalry Divide the Cross and Throne,

To do thy will is more than praise, As words are less than deeds, And simple trust can find thy ways We miss with chart of creeds,

No pride of self thy service hath, No place for me and mine: Our human strength is weakness, death Our life, apart from thine.

Apart from thee all gain is loss, All labor vainly done; The solemn shadow of the Cross Is better than the sun.

Alone, O Love ineffable! Thy saving name is given;
To turn aside from thee is hell,
To walk with thee is heaven!

How vain, secure in all thou art, Our noisy championship!
The sighing of the contrite heart
Is more than flattering lip.

Not thine the bigot's partial plea, Nor thine the zealot's ban; Thou well canst spare a love of thee Which ends in hate of man. Our Friend, our Brother, our Lord, A. W.

What may thy service be? Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word, But simply following thee.

We bring no ghastly holocaust, We pile no graven stone; He serves thee best who loveth most His brothers and thy own.

Thy litanies sweet offices Of love and gratitude; Thy sacramental liturgies
The joy of doing good.

In vain shall waves of incense drift.
The vaulted nave around. In vain the minster turret lift.
Its brazen weights of sound.

The heart must ring thy Christmas bells, Thy inward altars raise; Its faith and hope thy canticles, And its obedience praise!

Miss Louisa M. Alcott thus pleasantly tells, in the Independent, of her visit to the English I octors, Jean Ingelow: "Will you come and call on Jean Ingelow?" said my hostess one fine

Of course I would, so away we went along a shady lane, with the old caks of Holland Park on one side and the ivycovered walls of Aubury House on the other; for, though a part of London, Notting Hill is rich in gardens, lawns and parks, such as one sees only in England. Our way led us by Kensington Palace, the residence of Addison, the Duke of Argyle, Macaulay, and better than all the rest to me, the house of Thackeray. A low, long brick house, covered with ivy to the chimney top; a sunny bit of lawn in front, trees and flowers all about; and, though no longer haunted by the geniai presence of its former master, this unpretending place is to many eyes more attractive than any palace in the land. I looked long and lovingly at it, feeling a strong desire to enter its hospitably open door, recalling with ever fresh de-light the evening spent in listening to the lecture on Swift long ago in America, and experiencing again the sense of heavy loss which came to me with the tidings that the novelist whom I most loved and admired would never write again. Leaving my tribute of affection and respect in a look, a smile, and a sigh, I gathered a leaf of ivy as a relic, and went on my way.

Coming at last to a quiet street, where all the houses were gay with windowboxes full of flowers, we reached Miss Ingelow's. In the drawing-room we found themother of the poetess, a truly beautiful old lady, in widow's cap and gown, with the sweetest, serenest face I eversaw. Two daughters sat with her, both older than I had fancied them to be but both very attractive women. Eliza looked as if she wrote the poetry, Jean the prose—for the former wore curls, had a delicate face, fine eyes, and that indescribable something which suggests genius; the latter was plain, rather stout, hair touched with gray, shy, yet cordial manners, and a clear, straightforward glance, which I liked so much that I forgave her on the spot for writing those

dull stories.
Gerald Massey was with them, a dapper little man, with a large, fine head, and very un-English manners. Being oppressed with "the mountainous me," he rather bored the company with "my poems, my plans, and my pub-lishers," till Miss Eliza politely devoted herself to him, leaving my friend to chat with the lovely old lady, and myself with Jean. Being bashful, and both laboring under the delusion that it was proper to allude to each other's works. we tried to exchange a few compliments. blushed, hesitated, laughed, and wisely took refuge in a safer subject. Jean had been abroad; so we pleasantly compared notes, and I enjoyed the sound of her peculiarly musical voice, in which I seemed to hear the breezy rhythm of some of her charming songs. The ice which surrounds every English man and woman was beginning to melt, when Massey disturbed me to ask what was thought of his books, in America. As I really of his books in America. As I really had not the remotest idea, I said so; whereat he looked blank, and fell upon Longfellow, who seems to be the only one of our poets whom the English sation became general, and soon after it was necessary to leave, lest the safety of the nation should be endangered by overstepping the fixed limits of a morn-

ing call.

Later, I learned that Miss Ingelow was extremely conservative, and was very indignant when a petition for woman's right to vote was offered for her signature. A rampant radicial told me this, and shook her handsome head pathetically over Jean's narrowness; but when I heard that once a week several poor souls dined comfortably in the pleasant home of the poetess, I forgave her conservatism, and regretted that an unconquerable aversion to dinner-parties made me decline her invi-

Diamond Work.

The Intellectual Observer, an English periodical, has the following: The first real improvement in the design of diamond work originated in Vienna, and from its very characted led to new and more artistic development. It began in a parure of slender grass leaves, from which were pendent small stars, or dewdrops, and its best feature was a conscientious desire to follow closely upon nature. For a long time the simple field flower and long grasses were the ruling models of diamond work in the Austrian capital. The new fashion soon spread from Vienna to Paris, and thence, throuh French and German workmen, to London. At this time, what is technically called "thread setting," was little used in London. The English workman prided himself upon his "grain setting," i. e. his work, whether leaf, flowers or or nondescript or nament. er or nondescript ornament, was pared away on the edges, leaving long round-topped grains between and on the sidefacets of the stones. All ornament-alike were subjected to this treatment which gave a rounded appearance to the work and destroyed all outline. This style of setting is described as "cut-down," from the manner in which it is effected, and the Englishman was proud of his "cutting down." "Thread setting," on the contrary, preserves a fine filet, or line of silver, on the outer edge of the portion of the leaf or flower, the sharp outline of which it is desired to preserve, and by a judicious use of the two methods, an admirable degree of relief is given to the whole ornament.

The advance of the Viennese in their search for art in the footsteps of nature led to most important results. The sim ple grass leaves were succeeded by fo-liage of a more ornate character; flowers of most complex construction were made the prominent features in the tiara, the brooch, or the stomacher, till no object was considered too difficult of imitation in the plastic silver, to be afterwards encrusted with diamonds so thickly as to leave little but a shell or skin of the original material to bind them together. It may truly be said that jewelry, in its employment of the diamond chiefly, attained perfection in these floral ornaments. The taste of the draughtsman and the modeler, and the skill of the workman, were combined to produce them, and the result was the creation of works of true art. Many of the best specimens of this class of workmanship were made in London, but, it must also be said, by foreign artisans, chiefly French and German.

The style of the present day is no longer the same, but the skill and the

taste remain, aithough scarcely employed so advantageously. The fashion of the moment runs in favor of a species of Arabesque or Byzantine interlaced work, to which it would be very difficult to give a name, but which is effective in so far that it allows of the massing of stones on a rounded surface, broken up by narrow interstices, and a few gems are made to produce the dazzling effect of many. Diamond work finds a further development in simple five-pointed starplaced at intervals on an interlaced band

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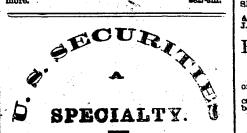
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