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W. WHITTON BEDICK, A.M. this corruptible must put on incorruption, and the nortal must put on immortality.-1. Con. xy: 53. TO MY MOTHER. I take my harp, with cypress bound, And strike its chords with plaintive sound, To mourn, dear mother, mourn with thee, A parent lost to thee and me. Her kindly words, and counsels sage, And thoughts and deeds in reverend age, We both have known through all our years, And treasure now with sighs and tears. Yet, mother, why should we be sad, When heaven and all its hosts are glad That one more soul, so ripe as this, Has burst its clay, and reached its bliss? There is no sorrow in the death Of friends so near, we love so dear, If but assured their dying breath Uplifts them from their troubles here, And wafts their sainted souls away, To realms of bright, eternal day, Their Father and their Saviour near ! Then, though affliction's tears must fall,

Oh! let us still rejoice to know, Her pains, and fears, and troubles all. And toils, are ended here below; That death but waved her spirit up To heaven, her high and constant hope, Where now she wears that starry crown The Saviour promised to his own ; And, filled with rapture, moves among That sanctified and blood washed throng Of saints and prophets, round the throne, Who strike their golden barps, and tune their song Of praise and glory to the THREE IN ONE.

A Bible which she left me, still I have; A precious book to point us to the skies ; To me thrice precious for the hand that gave, And pages that were sacred in her eyes. Oft while on earth she read that sacred tome, And pondered o'er its truths sublime-Read of God's glories past, and those to come, Down to the distant verge of time; Those views from Patmos of the Eternal Home Of all the saints, the martyrs, and the good, Whose names are there ; of Moses, who once stood, When he had led the hosts to Jordan's plains, On Pisgah's top, and viewed the promised land, (As she, through faith, then saw the heavenly strand.

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But, disembodied now, all glowing, young, She walks amid that bright and glorious thong, Of Kings, Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs there, And mingles hallelujahs with their song ; And falls before the GREAT WHITE THRONE in

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