### Poetry.

Zion.

Translated from the German of Karl Gerok. BY REV. HENRY S. BURRAGE.

Lead me to the gates of Zion, Let me tread the sacred street; Where the Lord hath made His dwelling, Thither press my weary feet. From afar, a pilgrim come I, Over land and seas untold, E'en from Babel's gardens turning, Zion's splendors to behold. Alas, though, where are they, the palaces

O city of Judah, once proudly victorious, How low thou art fallen, how dim is thy gold

Say, where is the marble staircase To the ancient royal halls, Thronged by princes, robed in purple Stately as their palace walls? Where the roof, on which aforetime, Underneath the starry night, David swept his harp to praises Of Jehovah and his might? Through desolate chambers the serpents are

The columns have fallen, and ravens deriding Croak hoarsely as thither they wing their slow flight.

Say, where is the holy temple That adorned Moriah's crest With its holiest of holies, By Jehovah's presence blest; Where were heard the festal trumpets, And the hallelujahs loud, While from smoking altars heavenward Rose the sacrificial cloud? The heathen with armies have [hitherward hasted. And fire and the sword and the temple have

proud.

And with it laid low the vain hopes of the

Where, too, are thy sons, O Zion, Strong and fearless in the fight? Where thy daughters, in their beauty Glorying in Israel's might? Wakes the clangor of the trumpet No armed Maccabean band? Comes no more the bride with music To receive the bridegroom's hand? Thy daughters are captives; thy heroes, all gory Lie scattered o'er fields now sacred in story, And wild lamentation is heard in the land

Zion, say, where are the strangers Who, from Beersheba to Dan, Hither came, a crowd of pilgrims, Ere each festival began? Yonder, in the Jordan valley, Lift they still the pilgrim song? Through thy gates, the daylight fading, Moves, with palms, the gladsome throng? Ah, yes, but from other lands hitherward press-

The dusty crowds come, their great joy confessing,

To wander, O Zion, thy ruins among.

VI.

From thy heights at length I turn me To the once fair, fertile land,— To the rocky walls of Moab, To the blue sea's golden strand. Comes no more the voice of songsters From Judea's leafy bowers? Hill and vales, are they not radiant With the hues of brightest flowers? Alas, my eyes wander o'er wide desolation, Despoiled is the land and impoverished the nation,

While dark is the storm that on Israel lowers.

VII.

Zion, Zion, God's great judgments, Heavily upon thee rest; Bowing down to worthless idols Thou hast found thyself unblest. Once the light of all the nations, Morning star that leads the day, Now a sad memorial telling How thyself didst miss the way. Dost ask for relief from the burden of sadness? Ah ne'er shall thy mourning be turned into gladness. Until at the Lord's feet thyself thou shalt lay.

Zion's Advocate.

Small Keys and Great Treasures.

No. 4.

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" One Thing."

Let us study the Word of God in the frequent allusions to "one thing,' and we shall find its teachings precious and allimportant.

1. "ONE THING DESIRED."

The Psalmist said (Ps. xxvii. 4.) "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will who sought to win the prize. I seek after." Here is unity of desire. The Psalmist, doubtless, desired many ing above all others, the desire for communion and fellowship with God. actions may be very largely influenced by ings.

surrounding circumstances; but the desire of the heart when alone may be accepted as a true index of its condition. A heavenly mind gathers itself up into one wish, the new creature has one main desire, to enjoy God. He desires of the Lord; this is the door to knock at; desire of men and you may be disappointed; desire of the Lord and you will never fail. Let desire be followed by earnest action, "that will I seek after." Holy desires must lead to resolute action. Desires are compared to seeds, good desires like good seed sown in good soil, will yield a rich harvest.

2. "ONE THING LACKING."

Jesus said (Mark x. 21,) "One thing thou lackest." What did this lack? Not earnestness, for he came running, anxious to obtain what he sought. Not reverence for Christ, for he kneeled to to him and said "Good Master." His fair and respectful bearing is very marked. He to God's law as far as he knew it. was much in this man to be commended. Wherein then did he come short? What did he lack? The love that was here was a test for him. He could not stand that test. He thought he loved God best, but discovered that he did not. Love springs from a sense of sin and a grateful sense of forgiveness. In what this man says there is no apparent perception of the evil of sin and no application for pardon. Let us see to it that with all we may possess, we are not lacking the one grand, es sential principle of Love.

3. "ONE THING NEEDFUL."

Jesus said, (Luke x. 42.) "But one thing is needful." What is the one thing needful? Various answers have been given such as faith, love, or a teachable spirit; but one answer sems to comprehend them all, that good part which Mary chose, viz... "To sit at Jesus' feet," is the one thing needful. It implies faith. Mary believed what Jesus said, and therefore sat and listened to his words. She loved him and therefore was lost to all beside, while listening to his voice. She was a true disciple, and her delight was to sit at the allured by sin, perplexed by providence, with 800 Baptist churches and 70,000 in it. "But Jehoiada the priest took a special opportunity.

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4. "ONE THING KNOWN."

John. ix. 25, "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." He was a wise man, he refused to be perplexed by questions beyond his present attainments, but argues from what he knew. We shall city, reading of the building of many fine sured there is no record of Jehoiada's ever be wise if we imitate his example, and re- and costly churches, and of their being ded- having got out a patent for it, although if fuse to be drawn into profitless controversy icated free of debt. But the "free from he had lived in the United States he might about matters which we cannot under- debt," only meant that the debt had been have been tempted in that direction, and stand or explain. Happy the soul that can provided for by individual and society if he had it would have expired long ago testify, "One thing I know," whereas I pledges, which could never be realized, by limitation. A good collection was the was lost through sin, now I am saved by and after the lapse of ten years or more result of Jehoiada's tact, and the breaches grace; I was dead in trespasses and in the debt is still unpaid, and the great work in the Lord's house were repaired. sins, now I live in Christ; I was dead to of the present membership is to pay the his invitations, now I hear the shepherd's debt and make good the pledges of others. Son of God, now I see him to be the alto- derful things said about Chicago Univer- to give. Here Cyrus, a heathen king, gether levely. Hold fast by one thing sity; its rapid growth, fabulous wealth, headed the subscription-list with something known, and rest satisfied that what thou large endowment, fine buildings, learned worthy of a monarch. He was followed knowest not now thou shalt know hereaf-

5. "ONE THING TO BE DONE."

Phillipians iii. 13. "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things that are before," etc.

Nearly every figure by which Christians are described in the Bible, implies progress. The apostle stands out as a bright example in the matter, leading the way and charging us to follow him as he followed Christ. One thing I do forget; there were some things he would never forget; his sins, the remembrance of which humbled him; the pardon of his sins the recollection of which was exceedingly precious to him and enabled him to rightly estimate his present condition.

But far as glorying in any past attainments, and indulging in vain congratulations, he would "forget those things which are behind ard reach forth unto those things which are before," employing all his energy and putting forth every exertion in order to press forward, like the racer

If we all seek this new year to have one main object of desire, to glorify God, not things, but there was one desire ris- lacking the one thing needful; in the sweet enjoyment of the one thing known, the forgiveness of sins, we shall press forward the work in the churches, and greatly re- place. If it had not been for some of these man's character may be known and judged in the pursuit of as yet unknown joys very much by his desires. Words and and the realization of as yet untold bless-Lefter runni volta

Illinois Correspondence.

As you and some of your readers have lived in this part of the world, you may wish to hear from us again. Well, we are having an old fashioned Eastern Winterland very much unlike the muddy one a year ago, or even any you ever spent in the West. The north pole has come down into the Mississippi valley. On the morning of the 3rd inst., the mercury stood from 28 to 30 zero most of the time during the remainder of the week. Our Fall was as fine and pleasant as could be desired, and our farmers were as busy as any set of people ever were, from the last of September to the 7th of December, getting their corn, plough ing and doing other Fall work. Many were engaged in getting corn from 6 to 10 weeks, and some had not finished when also appeared very desirous of conforming the snow fell. More Fall ploughing has been done than ever before. Very many were busy at this up to Sunday, Dec. 7th, when the first heavy snow fell. On Friday, Dec. 13th, the snow was increased to nearly prepared for sacrifice. If he loved God 2 feet in depth, and now for over five weeks we have had as fine sleighing as was ever known anywhere. The drifts have not much interfered with travel and work, but to-day the snow is falling rapidly again. We have had no rain since the first fall of

> The religious interests are not what they ought to be; very few revivals have been enjoyed during the past two years. Most of the churches are supplied with earnest pastors and are pretty faithfully attending to their ordinary religious work. The great revival among the Teloogoos under the labors of Rev. J. E. Clough, has awakened a deep missionary spirit in the churches. One man in this (Salem) Association has given \$300 to the work and others are giving more liberally than usual. The week of prayer was observed here by the churches meeting in union meetings and is being followed up by protracted meeting work, with very hopeful

Master's feet and learn of him. This is this country within a few years. Illinois church finance. He had what is so often the one thing needful for us all, not merely has already grown to be one of the largest needed in ministers of the present day, a desirable but needful,—always needful. and most important States in the Union. talent for meeting-house building. He was You will become entangled by the world, It has a population of about three million, the inventor of the money box with a hole unless found at Jesus' feet. There you members. But our growth in churches chest and bored a hole in it and placed it will find the spring of your delight, the and members is not as rapid as it was a beside the altar," where people could see source of your strength, the secret of your few years ago, and no doubt some of the it as they came in, just as now-a-days they growth of those years was so rapid and put money-boxes in the entrances of our visionary as to require other years of hard churches, "right in peoples faces." Some work and more substantial growth to make have a dread of money-boxes. It might good even the reports of what was then be ascribed to conscientious desire not to said to take place.

voice; I was blind to the beauties of the Your readers will also remember the won-Professors, high standard, etc. On one by the princes and common people with occasion, before I left New Brunswick, I read in the papers that the President of and everything that could be serviceable the Board proposed to the Trustees that if at Jerusalem, to help rebuild "the taberthey would add to the endowment \$150,000 nacle of David, which was fallen down. he would put up the other wing of the University building at his own expense of \$50,000. But sad to relate, that other that were about them." Very few churches wing is not up yet, there is no endowment now-a-days can say as much as that. The on the Institution, but the endowment of Board of Ezras who have their headquarters a debt of \$150,000, and which would be at 71 Randolph street, in Dr. Blackall's \$74,000 larger but for the fact that the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, to original Ezra, would have to alter their whom most of the money was due, gene- record, and make it read concerning many rously threw off that sum on condition that churches, "None of them which were about the \$100,000 still due them should be paid. them" ever did anything to spread the Little remains of the University but a fine gospel beyond their own school-district. building, fine grounds, with a good school One feature of Ezra's collection must not and poorly paid teachers. And yet its be overlooked. Some of the brethren must friends do not all despair. Its present very have been called on a second time to help able and worthy President, Rev. G. Ander- make up deficiencies. It says some of the son, D.D., is trying hard to pay off these chiefs of the fathers when they came to debts and make the Institution what it the house of the Lord which is at Jerusalem should be. So you see there is plenty of work for the Baptists of this great North it up in his place. There has seldom been West. We have attempted great things a house erected to God which did not have for God, and have the work on our hands still.

joice in your prosperity.

Roseville, Ill., Jan. 15, 1879. military and reserved before and cause a surfaction, other beautifults.

Taking Collections.

VISITOR.

BY. W. ASHMORE, D.D.

Let it be remembered that this is an oldfashioned Bible custom. Certainly it is Let our brethren take their books in hand if they find me wrong, then so far as this mission is concerned, let them never "pass around the hat" for us again.

them. "This thing which the Lord commanded saying, 'Take ye from among you offering.'" such things as they had, blue and purple and fine linen and ram skins and oil and shittim-wood and abundance of gold and the store, or the office, or the shop.

Then along came King David and he took collections. He first made a contribution of his own; more than all the Baptists in the United States give for a whole generation. He was followed by the chief men of the nation, and then came the rank and file of the people with their gifts, large and small, according to their willingness and ability. It is not possible that all this was done without some sort of agents. At all events whoever did the collecting had a pleasant time, for we are told that the people rejoiced. It is difficult now to conceive such a state of public feeling as must then have existed when people rejoiced to see their money collectors come along.

Many years later the same temple of Da vid and Solomon got out of repair. Joash the king decided that something must be done. He did not sit down like some of the "old school" members of our "new school" Baptist churches and say "If the Lord wants his house cared for he will at. tend to it himself." He recognized his own and his people's responsibility. The money was raised by collection. Jehoiada was priest in those days. He was a shrewd Wonderful changes have taken place in man and understood human nature and infringe upon what might be the exclusive I remember while a resident of your property of another. But let all rest as-

In Ezra's day there was a repetition of the same old story. Some people doubt whether we should ask the outside world money, goods, beasts of burden, anything It is noticeable here that everybody gave something, for the record says: "All they office, if making a report of the style of the offered freely for the house of God to set supplementary collections made for it. The chiefs of the Baptists, if not the chiefs We take special note of all that you are of the fathers, are they who are willing to doing for Acadia College and Foreign put their hands in their pockets a second Missions, as well as Home Missions, and time to help set the house of God in its "chiefs" the Missionary Union would have gone away from Providence groaning under a heavy debt. All honor to chiefs!

But is it not time that the congregation of Israel begin to do more?

No doubt but down to the millennium there will be persons who will dislike collections. These will be in two classes: (1) Those who don't want to give, and (2) entitled to some respect on this account. those who seem to think God's work is not dependent on human agency. There is and have a Bible reading on this subject; hope for the last class if they can only be induced to study their Bibles. They will see that God has chosen to carry on his work by human agency to a certain extent. The originator of collections was none Human co-operation is essential, not bedegrees below zero, and remained below other than God himself, and Moses was the cause God needs it, but because he has first person that ever went around taking decreed it. The man who neglects or refuses to co-operate is the one who sets aside God's decrees. We are to co-operate an offering unto the Lord. Whosoever is and to give of such things as the Lord of a willing heart let him bring an hath bestowed upon us. Money is called The people complied for simply because money is the most There was a wonderful contribution of convenient, the most portable, the most readily convertible representative of God's proportion of the produce of the field, or

> Nothing is said yet of the New Testament usage.—Standard.

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