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MORNING STAR.

For the Morning Star.

SACRED SONG.

Since the first breath of animate life floated

through the fresh young groves of Paradise,

there have been in every department of the

universe the voices of song. The emotions of joy

find expression in cheerful animated melody.

The world would be a dreary abode, if only for

the residence of the sombre ghost-like beings of

sadness, were not our ears saluted with the ex-

hilarating strains of music.

The heart sends forth from its deep and tran-

quil depths living fountains, "Out of the abun-

dant of the heart the mouth speaketh." The

beauty and glory of created things, as they are

brought to bear upon our senses—the bright

sunshine of life, the cheering of our hopes

and dispelling to our hearts the gloom of

despair, all these are calculated to excite

the heart of all animate nature the voice

of song. Music and poetry, those twin

sisters of gladness, walk hand in hand amid

the fair and beautiful things of earth; enlivening

the dark recesses of sorrow and embellishing

the abodes of wretchedness with their footprints

of light. That heart is indeed dead to their

sympathies, that gives no echo to their cheering

voice. There were no doubt voices of song very

early, celebrating the consummation of the stupen-

dous work of creation. How sweet must have been

the strains of praise that floated from the

Creator, viewing the magnificent product of cre-

ative energy, pronounced all "good," it would

not be strange if a thousand voices gave one

mighty echo to the same. It would not be

strange if the groves were filled with the

voice of simple, innocent praise. The clear and

limpid waters sparkled with life and beauty.

In the quiet hush of Eden, by the side of her

crystal fountains, in the early dawn of that

glorious morning, were brought into beautiful

being music and poetry. We do not know how

long they lingered in the heart of the

singing seraphim. We cannot tell

how soon they commenced their wanderings up

on the face of the fair earth.

But we have often thought how sweet must

have been that music, how rapturous that poetry,

first breathed in the blissful retreats of Eden.

No doubt it was the voice of sacred song. Not

a thought foretold to love and heavenly devotion

had yet mingled with the reflections of the hu-

man mind. O, blissful hour! What transport

melody would have been the strains of sacred

song. Purity and innocence reigned supreme.

What space of time intervened we know not.

How long this reign of bliss continued no his-

tory reveals. It was a glorious introduction of

human existence. No doubt it was the voice of

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phetic and figures before they venture to

sing. I have heard good "choir singing,"

and listened to the voluptuous swell of the deep

toned organ, when the congregation seemed full

well to appreciate the character of the music.

The leader was a "professor of music."

Then I have heard the whole congregation

sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow,"

or some pious brother breathe from his very

soul, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,"

while my heart seemed glowing with religious

devotion. One clear, pointed, practical sermon

would prove enough to hush the rapture of

the choir, and the organ, while the latter

gathers new life, and charms only under the

influence of living, burning truth. Very many

of the difficulties in churches and congregations

originate in the "choir." Envy and jealousy

are not unknown guests in many of our church

choirs. Some are promoted beyond their mer-

its, others are kept very much in the shade.

And green-eyed jealousy or some other viper,

lurks within the charm of the church music.

But let us heed the injunction of the apostle—

Sing and make melody in your hearts to the

Lord.

JAMES.

Niagara Falls.

For the Morning Star.

DAY OF JUDGMENT.

And must it be to Judgment brought,

And answer in that day?

For every vain and idle thought,

And every word of idle thought,

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