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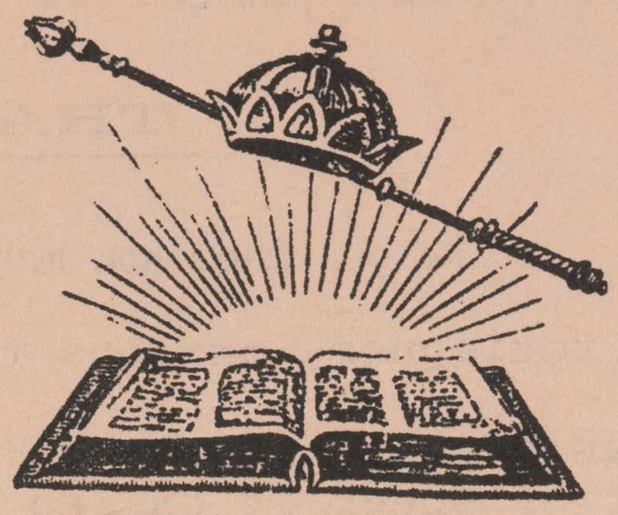

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GOD OUR DEFENCE

A strong tower is the LORD our God,
  To shelter and defend us;
Our shield His arm, our sword His rod
  Against our foes befriend us:
That Ancient Enemy---
His gathering powers we see,
His terrors, and his toils;
Yet victory, with its spoils,
  Not earth, but Heaven shall send us!

Though, wrestling with the wrath of hell,
  No might of man avails us,
Our Captain is IMMANUEL,
  And angel-comrades hail us!
Still challenge ye His name?
"CHRIST, in the flesh who came,"---
Our cause His succor boasts;
  And God shall never fail us!

Though earth by peopling fiends be trod,
  Embattled all, yet hidden,
And though their proud usurping god
  O'er thrones and shrines have stridden,
Nay! Let them stand reveal'd,
And darken all the field,---
We fear not; fall they must!
The Word wherein we trust
  Their triumph hath forbidden.

While mighty Truth with us remains,
  Hell's arts shall move us never;
Nor parting friendship, honors, gains,
  Or love from Jesus sever:
They leave us, when they part---
With Him---A peaceful heart;
And when from dust we rise,
Death yields us, as HE dies,
  The crown of life forever!

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