JOHN PARMENTER, HELIO-TROPES OR NEW POSIES FOR SUNDIALS

Original Notes by Parmenter of 1625, Edited by PERCEVAL LANDON and published in London 1904

HELIO-TROPES OR NEW POSIES FOR SUNDIALS WRITTEN IN AN OLD BOOK PARTLY IN ENGLISH AND PARTLY IN LATIN AND EXPOUNDED IN ENGLISH BY JOHN PARMENTER, CLERK, OF WINGHAM IN THE COUNTY OF KENT 1625 EDITED BY PERCEVAL LANDON 1904 With Travel far your Feet are sore: Your Brows with gold are crown'd. But is there Peace the wide World o'er Such as these Hedges bound? METHUEN & CO.

"HELIO-TROPES OR NEW POSIES FOR SUNDIALS. is a book publishing some hand written notes by John Parmenter. Part of the PREFACE written by Perceval Landon reads:

36 ESSEX STREET W.C.

The thick little volume of manuscript, written in a clear, minute hand, contains much other work of his, but is chiefly of a religious nature—commentaries upon obscure passages in the Bible, or hotly disputed doctrines of his youth—and the charm is lost when he becomes a partisan. He nowhere says where he collected or, as is more likely, copied in their entirety the "posies" which he "expounds."...

My sincere thanks are due to Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who has given me a singularly appropriate "posy" (XXVII) for this collection.

He places this notice at the start of the book:

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Your Clockes keep Christmas, I keepe euery Feast.

"BUT at Christmas, alone of all Feasts, euen the uerie Devil himself, who inuented Clockes, doth confess with Gnashing of Teeth that Our Sauiour is indeed Borne of Our Ladye, and doth so Amend the pace of his Engines that at Dawn they truely strike the verie houre. . . . Gloria in Excelsis Deo."

Quotation VI

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The stars may lie to you but not to me.

(From the Latin.)

"SIRIE, men say, hath cast a Shadowe. But 'tis a vaine Tale. A Foole will Consort with Astrologers and fare as the son of Kish fared at Endor: hee had better haue come by Daye to the Diall which prophecieth neither Good nor Ill. Sleepe is better, then Foolishnesse. . . ."

Quotation XX

XXVII

I have known Shadow:
I have known Sun.
And now I know
These two are one.

RUDYARD KIPLING.

Me neque Sol radiis placat nec paenitet Umbra.

[This dog-Latin motto is of course not exactly translated by the lines of Mr. Kipling, but the two are sufficiently alike to justify the insertion of the latter in this place. Parmenter's comments have been omitted, as they refer exclusively to the pain and the pleasure which are not felt by the sundial.]

Quotation XXVII, from Rudyard Kipling

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