

Book of Books

Percy Dearmer, 1925.

Johann Ahle, 1864.

Book of books, our people's strength
Statesman's, teacher's, hero's treasure,
Bringing freedom, spreading truth,
Shedding light that none can measure;
Wisdom comes to those who know thee,
All the best we have we owe thee.

Thank we those who toiled in thought,
Many diverse scrolls completing;
Poets, prophets, scholars, saints,
Each his word from God repeating;
Till they came, who told the story
Of the Word, and showed His glory.

Praise we God, who hath inspired
Those whose wisdom still directs us;
Praise Him for the Word made flesh,
For the Spirit which protects us.
Light of knowledge, ever burning,
Shed on us Thy deathless learning.