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The Bible
Language of Flowers

“Consider the lilies of the field.”—MATT. vi. 28.



“The flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”
ISAIAH xl. 8.

Prayer
John

THE BIBLE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS



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PREFACE



EVER, perhaps, was there a time when Flowers were more loved and prized than at the present day. "They seem intended," as Ruskin has beautifully said, "for the solace of "ordinary "humanity."

There are few who have not felt something from time to time of the feeling towards them to which Keble gave expression—

"Ye dwell beside our paths and homes,
Our paths of sin, our homes of sorrow,
And guilty man, where'er he roams,
Your innocent mirth may borrow.
The birds of air before us fleet,
They cannot brook our shame to meet—
But we may taste your solace sweet,
And come again to-morrow."

And thus, to the devout and thoughtful mind the flowers, which have a message for all, speak a language of deeper and more spiritual import: they speak of God, His beauty and His love and the perfection of His works.

Fair and beautiful indeed they are in themselves, but they are more than this to those who have eyes to see. "I am the "Rose of Sharon," says the heavenly Bridegroom in the Canticles, "and the Lily of the Valley." All the beauty of Nature is but a faint reflection of the ineffable beauty of Him who is "the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely;" and, hence, the flowers that deck our meadows and our hedge rows, and make even the solitary wilderness to blossom as the rose, become a "wayside sacrament" to the pure in heart.

As they speak to us of His beauty, so they manifest His love. "God added the flowers over and above," it has been beautifully said, "when He had formed all things for our *use*, just to show "us how much He loved us." It is no bare, dull world in which He has placed us, but one in which we are surrounded on all sides with proofs of His loving care. And hence, it is not strange that flowers have ever been associated with the tenderest feelings of the heart. So delicate in tint, so varied and beautiful in form, it seems only fitting that many of them should have been chosen to convey the language of affection.

The same loving God who gave them to us, and who Himself "is Love," has given to His children as His highest gift the capacity of Love. "Love is of God, and every one that loveth "is born of God, and knoweth God." "By this shall all men "know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

And thus the old familiar language of the flowers may be translated into a higher and more divine language, and may tell us the story of the love of God with all its kindred lessons. The Snowdrop, so dearly loved in the early spring-time, may speak to us of Hope and of Purity, and be the fitting emblem to remind us that "every one that hath this hope in him purifieth "himself even as He is pure." "The violet by a mossy stone, "half hidden from the eye," may teach us the sweetness and preciousness of Humility, as seen in Christ, and cultivated in His true followers. The Forget-me-not may remind us of Him who has promised never to leave us or forsake us; and the lovely Rose, so dear to all, may tell us of His unfailing Love. Thus we shall learn more and more to "look through Nature up to "Nature's God," and ever cull afresh from the pages of God's Green Book the lessons of His Inspired Word.

For every reason, therefore, let us cherish our love of God's Flowers, and strive to drink in the countless influences which they may bring to bear upon us. He misses much who passes through life with eyes and ears closed to the sweet lessons of Nature. "There is many a road into our hearts," says Kingsley, "besides our ears and brains: many a sight and sound "and scent, of which we have never thought at all, sinks into "our memory and helps to shape our character; and thus "children brought up among beautiful sights will often show the "fruit of their training in fair faces and noble thoughts." And if there is this subtle sympathy between the beauties of Nature and man's natural frame, surely the spiritual affinities are no less real. Every Flower that blows may have a voice to him who has ears to hear, and a revelation of eternal verities to him who has eyes to see.

" Every leaf in every nook,
Every wave in every brook,
Chanting with a solemn voice,
Minds us of our better choice."

It only needs that we should " lift up our hearts," and pray with the Christian poet,

" Thou who hast given me eyes to see,
And love this sight so fair,
Give me a heart to find out Thee,
And read Thee everywhere."

REV. CANON BRAMALD.



THE BIBLE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

ACACIA (*Acacia Arabica*)

Friendship.

Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

JOHN xv. 14.

ACONITE *see Monk's-hood*

WINTER
ACONITE (*Eranthus hiemalis*)

Eagerness.

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS iii. 14.

ADONIS *see Flos Adonis*

AGRIMONY
(*Agrimonia Eupatoria*)

Thankfulness.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS v. 20.

ALDER (*Alnus glutinosa*)

Comfort.

Let not your heart be troubled : ye believe in God, believe also in Me. . . I will not leave you comfortless : I will come to you.

ST. JOHN xiv. 1, 18.

WILD
ALLSPICE (*Benzoin odoriferum*)

Compassion.

Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another ; love as brethren ; be pitiful.

I PETER iii. 8.

CAROLINA
ALLSPICE (*Calycanthus floridus*)

Benevolence.

Do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again ; and your reward shall be great.

ST. LUKE vi. 35.

ALMOND (*Amygdalus communis*)

Hope.

We are saved by hope.

ROMANS viii. 24.

ALOE (*Aloe soccotrina*)

Grief.

Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.

ST. MATTHEW v. 4.

SWEET
ALYSSUM (*Glyce maritima*)

Safe and sure.

Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe.

PSALMS cxix. 117.

My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings.

ISAIAH xxxii. 18.



ALMOND

AMARANTH

(*Gomphrena globosa*)

Undying Love.

Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them to the end.

ST. JOHN xiii. 1.

AMARYLLIS

(*Amaryllis belladonna*)

Pride.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

PROVERBS xvi. 18.

AMBROSIA

(*Ambrosia Artemisifolia*)

Love requited.

We love Him, because He first loved us.

I JOHN iv. 19.

ANDROMEDA

(*Andromeda polifolia*)

Self-sacrifice.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

ST. JOHN xv. 13.

WOOD

ANEMONE

(*Anemone nemorosa*)

Expectation.

The earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

ROMANS viii. 19.



WOOD ANEMONE

GARDEN
ANEMONE (*Anemanthus*)

Forsaken.

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. PSALMS xxxvii. 25.

ANGELICA (*Angelica silvestris*)

Inspiration.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

2 TIMOTHY iii. 16.

APPLE (FRUIT) (*Pirus Malus*)

Temptation.

Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

ST. LUKE xi. 4.

APPLE (BLOSSOM)
(*Pirus Malus*)

Preference.

Ye are my friends. . . I have chosen you. ST. JOHN xv. 14, 16.

CRAB
APPLE (*Pirus Malus*)

Ill nature.

Lord . . who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? . . He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour. PSALMS xv. 1, 3.

THORN
APPLE (*Datura stramonium*)

Deceitful ways.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

PROVERBS xxxi. 30.

APRICOT (*Prunus Armeniaca*)

Doubt.

If ye have faith and doubt not, . . whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive.

ST. MATTHEW xxi. 21, 22

WILD
ARUM (*Arum maculatum*)

Zealous ardour.

Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God.

1 CHRONICLES xxii. 19.

Be zealous . . and repent.

REVELATION iii. 19.

ASH (*Fraxinus Excelsior*)

Grandeur.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show. . . He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. PSALMS xxxix. 6.

MOUNTAIN
ASH (*Pirus Aucuparia*)

With me you are safe.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. PSALMS cxxi. 3.



APPLE BLOSSOM

AURICULA (*Primula auricula*)

Avarice.

The love of money is the root of all evil.

1 TIMOTHY VI. 10.

AZALEA

(*Anthodendron*)

Temperance.

Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance.

2 PETER I. 5, 6.

ASPHODEL (*Asphodelus albus*)

Sorrowful unto death.

And the king was much moved,
 . . . and wept: and . . . said, . . .
 Would God I had died for thee, O
 Absalom, my son, my son!

2 SAMUEL XVIII. 33.

CHINA

ASTER

(*Callistephus chinensis*)

Variety.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches.

PSALMS CIV. 24.



BACHELOR'S-BUTTON
(*Centaurea-nigra*)

Freedom.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty
wherewith Christ hath made us free.

GALATIANS v. 1.

BALM (*Melissa officinalis*)

Sympathy.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice,
and weep with them that weep.

ROMANS xii. 15.

BALM OF GILEAD
(*Dracoccephalum canariense*)

Cure ; Relief.

Is there no balm in Gilead ; is
there no physician there ?

JEREMIAH viii. 22.

Is any among you afflicted ? let
him pray.

JAMES v. 13.

BALSAM (*Impatiens Balsamina*)

Impatience.

Stand in awe, and sin not : com-
mune with your own heart upon
your bed, and be still.

PSALMS iv. 4.

BARBERRY (*Berberis vulgaris*)

Hastiness.

He that is slow to anger is better
than the mighty ; and he that ruleth
his spirit than he that taketh a city.

PROVERBS xvi. 32.

**WILD
BASIL** (*Calamintha clinopodium*)

Hatred.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil.

PSALMS xcvii. 10.

**SWEET
BASIL** (*Ocimum Basilicum*)

Good wishes.

The Lord blessthee, and keep thee :
the Lord make His face shine upon
thee, and be gracious unto thee :
the Lord lift up His countenance
upon thee, and give thee peace.

NUMBERS vi. 24-26.

BAY (*Laurus nobilis*)

Faithful unto death.

Be thou faithful unto death, and
I will give thee a crown of life.

REVELATION ii. 10.

BAY WREATH (*Laurus nobilis*)

Reward.

Do good, and lend, hoping for
nothing again ; and your reward
shall be great, and ye shall be the
children of the Highest.

ST. LUKE vi. 35.

BEAR'S-FOOT
(*Helleborus fwtidus*)

Calumny.

Lord, who shall abide in Thy
tabernacle ? . . He that backbiteth
not with his tongue . . nor taketh
up a reproach against his neighbour.

PSALMS xv. 1, 3.

BEECH (*Fagus silvatica*)

Prosperity.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity.

PSALMS cxxii. 7.

BEGONIA (*Begonia*)

Incompleteness ; Deformity.

There is none righteous, no, not one. All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

ROMANS iii. 10, 23.

CANTERBURY

BELL

(*Campanula Medium* or *C. Trachelium*)

Acknowledgment.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

PROVERBS iii. 6.

BELLA-DONNA *see Deadly Nightshade*

BELL-FLOWER

(*Campanula latifolia*)

Gratitude.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

PSALMS cxvi. 12.

PYRAMIDAL

BELL-FLOWER

(*Campanula pyramidalis*)

Unchanging.

The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed ; but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed. ISAIAH liv. 10.

LARGE

BIND-WEED *see Convolvulus*

SMALL

BIND-WEED

(*Convolvulus arvensis*)

Humility.

Be clothed with humility : for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

I PETER v. 5.

BIRCH

(*Betula*)

Meekness.

Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.

ST. MATTHEW v. 5.

BIRD'S-FOOT

(*Ornithopus perpusillus*)

Revenge.

Avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath : for it is written, Vengeance is Mine ; I will repay, saith the Lord.

ROMANS xii. 19.

BITTER-SWEET

(*Solanum dulcamara*)

Truth.

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

ST. JOHN viii. 32.

BLACK-BERRY *see Bramble*

BLUE-BELL

see Wild Hyacinth

BLUE-BELL OF SCOTLAND
(*Campanula rotundifolia*)

Constancy.

He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. . . Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. HEBREWS xiii. 5, 8.

CORN
BLUE-BOTTLE
(*Centaurea cyanus*)

Gentility.

The servant of the Lord must . . . be gentle unto all men.
2 TIMOTHY ii. 24.



BORAGE

BORAGE (*Borago officinalis*)
Boldness.

Grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word. ACTS iv. 29.

BOX (*Buxus sempervirens*)
Fortitude.

In God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. PSALMS lvi. 4.

BRAMBLE (*Rubus fruticosus*)
Lowliness.

Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness. EPHESIANS iv. 1, 2.

SWEET
BRIER (EGLANTINE)
(*Rosa rubiginosa*)

I wound but to heal.

Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.
HEBREWS xii. 6.

BROOM (*Genista tinctoria*)

Humility.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

1 PETER v. 6.

BROWALLIA
(*Browallia Jamisonii*)

Could you bear poverty?

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

2 CORINTHIANS viii. 9.

BUCK-BEAN
(*Menyanthes trifoliata*)

Calm repose.

I am his . . . until the day break and the shadows flee away.

CANTICLES ii. 16, 17.

He giveth His beloved sleep.

PSALMS cxxvii. 2.

BUGLOSS (*Alkanna officinalis*)

Falsehood.

The lip of truth shall be established for ever : but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

PROVERBS xii. 19.

BULL-RUSH (*Scirpus lacustris*)

Docility.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

PSALMS xxxiv. 11.

BURDOCK (*Arctium Lappa*)

Importunity.

Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him?

ST. LUKE xviii. 7.

BUTTER-CUP
(*Ranunculus repens*)

Ingratitude.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits : who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; who healeth all thy diseases.

PSALMS ciii. 2, 3.

BUTTERFLY-WEED
(*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Let me go.

Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

GENESIS xxxii. 26.

CABBAGE (*Brassica oleracea*)

Profit.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

ST. MATTHEW xvi. 26.

CALCEOLARIA
see Lady's Slipper



CANDYTUFT

CAMELLIA (*Camellia japonica*)
 Perfected loveliness.

And thy renown went forth
 among the heathen for thy beauty :
 for it was perfect through My come-
 liness, which I had put upon thee,
 saith the Lord God. **EZEKIEL** xvi. 14.

CAMOMILE (*Anthemis nobilis*)
 Energy in adversity.

I sought the Lord, and He heard
 me, and delivered me from all my
 fears. **PSALMS** xxxiv. 4.

CAMPANULA *see Bell-flower*

BLADDER
CAMPION (CATCH-FLY)
 (*Silene inflata*)

A snare.

They that will be rich fall into
 temptation and a snare, and into
 many foolish and hurtful lusts,
 which drown men in destruction
 and perdition. **I TIMOTHY** vi. 9.

ROSE
CAMPION (*Lychnis coronaria*)
 Deserve my love.

If ye love Me, keep My command-
 ments. . . He that loveth Me shall
 be loved of My Father, and I will
 love him. **ST. JOHN** xiv. 15, 21.

CANDYTUFT (*Iberis*)
 Indifference.

Hear now this, thou that . .
 dwellest carelessly . . mischief
 shall fall upon thee ; thou shalt
 not be able to put it off.

ISAIAH xlvi. 8, 11.



CARNATION

CAPER

see Hyssop

CARNATION

(Dianthus caryophyllus)

Disdain.

The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee. . . Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down. saith the Lord.

OBADIAH 5, 4.

CATCH-FLY

see Bladder Campion

CEDAR

(Cedrus altissima)

Strength.

Stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

1 CORINTHIANS xvi. 13.

CEDAR OF LEBANON

(Cedrus Libani)

Incorruptible.

The righteous shall . . . grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

PSALMS xcii. 12.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

1 PETER i. 4.

LESSER
CELANDINE

(Ficaria ranunculoides)

Joys to come.

The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne . . . shall lead them unto living fountains of waters : and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

REVELATION vii. 17.



CELANDINE

CENTAURY

(*Erythraea centaureum*)

Delicacy.

He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant. . . He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

ISAIAH liii. 2, 3.

NIGHT-BLOOMING

CEREUS (*Cereus grandiflorus*)

Transient Beauty.

Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

PSALMS xxxix. 11.

CHERRY TREE

(*Cerasus vulgaris*)

Education.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

PROVERBS xxii. 6.

CHERVIL

(*Charophyllum sativum*)

Sincerity.

Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

EPHESIANS vi. 24.

HORSE

CHESTNUT

(*Fesculus Hippocastanum*)

Luxury.

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth . . . this is the gift of God.

ECCLESIASTES v. 19.

SPANISH

CHESTNUT

(*Castanea vesca*)

Do me justice.

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

MICAH vi. 8.

CHICORY

see *Endive*

CHICKWEED

(*Alsine*)

Place of meeting.

Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

ST. MATTHEW xviii. 20.

CHRYSANTHEMUM

(*Pyrethrum sinense*)

Truth.

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

ST. JOHN xiv. 6.

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

ST. JOHN viii. 32.

CINERARIA

(*Cineraria*)

Delightful always.

His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

PSALMS i. 2.

CINQUEFOIL

(*Potentilla reptans*)

Maternal affection.

Can a woman forget her sucking child? . . . yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

ISAIAH xlix. 15.



CHRYSANTHEMUM

GUM
CISTUS (*Cistus ladaniferus*)

I die to-morrow

What advantageth it me, if the
dead rise not? let us eat and drink ;
for to-morrow we die.

I CORINTHIANS xv. 32.

Ye know not what shall be on
the morrow. ST. JAMES iv. 14.

CLEMATIS (*Clematis*)

Mental beauty.

Let the beauty of the Lord our
God be upon us. PSALMS xc. 17.

WILD

CLEMATIS (TRAVELLER'S JOY)
(*Clematis Vitalba*)

Safety.

Thou art my hiding place ; Thou
shalt preserve me from trouble.

PSALMS xxxii. 7.

GLORIOSA *see Glory-flower*

CLOVER (*Trifolium*)

Provident.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in
heaven, where neither moth nor
rust doth corrupt, and where thieves
do not break through nor steal.

ST. MATTHEW vi. 20.

FOUR-LEAVED
CLOVER

Be mine.

And they shall be Mine, saith the
Lord of hosts, in that day when I
make up My jewels.

MALACHI iii. 17.

HOLY
CLOVER *see Saintfoin*



CLOVER LEAF

I will.

Certainly I will be with thee.

EXODUS iii. 12.

COBCEA

(*Cobcea scandens*)

Gossip.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth ; keep the door of my lips.

PSALMS cxli. 3.

COLT'S-FOOT

(*Tussilago Farfara*)

Justice shall be done.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne : mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

PSALMS lxxxix. 14.

SWEET

COLT'S-FOOT

Recompense.

The Lord God of recompences shall surely requite.

JEREMIAH li. 56.

PURPLE

COLUMBINE

(*Aquilegia vulgaris*)

Resolved to win.

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS iii. 14.

RED

COLUMBINE

(*Aquilegia Canadensis*)

Anxious ; Trembling.

What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.

PSALMS lvi. 3.

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

PSALMS ii. 11.

CONVOLVULUS (MAJOR)

(*Pharbitis hispida*)

Bonds.

The creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

ROMANS viii. 21.

CONVOLVULUS (MINOR)

(*Convolvulus tricolor*)

Repose ; Night.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep : for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALMS iv. 8.

WILD WHITE

CONVOLVULUS

Short-lived joy.

The joy of our heart is ceased ; our dance is turned into mourning. . . . woe unto us, that we have sinned !

LAMENTATIONS v. 15, 16.

CORCHORUS (JUTE)

(*Corchorus capsularis*)

Impatient of absence.

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

PSALMS lxxxiv. 2.

COREOPSIS

(*Coreopsis*)

Always cheerful.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed ; we are perplexed, but not in despair ; persecuted, but not forsaken.

2 CORINTHIANS iv. 8, 9.

CORIANDER

(*Coriandrum sativum*)

Hidden worth.

The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

ST. MATTHEW xiii. 44.

CORN (OAT) (*Avena sativa*)

Riches.

Riches profit not in the day of wrath.

PROVERBS xi. 4.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.

PROVERBS x. 22.

CORN-COCKLE *see Blue-bottle*

CORNEL TREE

(*Cornus mascula*)

Duration.

The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

I PETER i. 24, 25.

COWSLIP (*Primula veris*)

Pensiveness.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . think on^e these things.

PHILIPPIANS iv. 8.

AMERICAN COWSLIP (*Primula Americana*)

Divine beauty.

Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

ISAIAH xxxiii. 17.

CRANBERRY

(*Oxycoccus palustris*)

Relief from heartache.

I, even I, am He that comforteth you.

ISAIAH li. 12.

I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

ST. MATTHEW xxviii. 20.

BEARDED CREPIS

see Hawk's-beard

CRESS

(*Lepidium sativum*)

Stability.

Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation. the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

ISAIAH xxxiii. 6.

INDIAN CRESS *see Dwarf Nasturtium.*

SPRING CROCUS

(*Crocus vernus*)

Youthful gladness.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of holiness: . . . Thou hast the dew of Thy youth.

PSALMS cx. 3.

COWS - P



**AUTUMNAL
CROCUS**

(*Crocus sativus*)

Beware of excess.

Be not drunk with wine, wherein
is excess; but be filled with the
Spirit.

EPHESIANS V. 18.

CROWN IMPERIAL

(*Fritillaria imperialis*)

Majesty; Power.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness,
and the power, and the glory, and
the victory, and the majesty: for all
that is in the heaven and in the earth
is Thine.

I CHRONICLES XXIX. 11.

CROWFOOT

see *Buttercup*

CUCKOO-FLOWER

(*Cardamine pratensis*)

Paternal error.

The son shall not bear the in-
iquity of the father, neither shall
the father bear the iniquity of the
son.

EZEKIEL XVIII. 20.

CUCKOO-PINT

see *Wild Arum*

CYCLAMEN

(*Cyclamen*)

Diffidence.

Let no man despise thy youth.

I TIMOTHY IV. 12.

CYPRESS (*Cupressus sempervirens*)

Death.

And God shall wipe away all
tears from their eyes; and there
shall be no more death, neither
sorrow, nor crying, neither shall
there be any more pain: for the
former things are passed away.

REVELATION XXI. 4.

DAFFODIL

(*Narcissus Pseudo-Narcissus*)

Regard.

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

I THESSALONIANS v. 12, 13.

DAHLIA

(*Dahlia*)

Instability.

Ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

JAMES i. 6.

DAISY

(*Bellis perennis*)

Innocence.

I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord.

PSALMS xxvi. 6.

MICHAELMAS

DAISY

(*Aster Tradescanti*)

Farewell.

Now I go my way to Him that sent Me. . . But I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice.

ST. JOHN xvi. 5, 22.

OX-EYE

DAISY

(*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*)

I will think of it.

Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

DEUTERONOMY iv. 39.

DANDELION

(*Taraxacum dens leonis*)

No.

If sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

PROVERBS i. 10.

DAPHNE

(*Daphne pontica*)

Immortality.

When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

I CORINTHIANS xv. 54.

DARNEL

(*Lolium temulentum*)

Vice.

Evilcommunications corrupt good manners.

I CORINTHIANS xv. 33.

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

I THESSALONIANS v. 22.

DOCK

(*Rumex obtusifolius*)

Patience.

The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

2 THESSALONIANS iii. 5.

DODDER

(*Cuscuta epithimum*)

Baseness.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good.

PSALMS xxxiv. 13, 14.

DOG'S-BANE

see *Fly-trap*



DOG-WOOD (*Cornus sanguinea*)

Durability.

The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 JOHN ii. 17.

EGLANTINE *see Sweet Brier*

ELDER (*Sambucus nigra*)

Zealousness.

Fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

ROMANS xii. 11.

Be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort.

2 TIMOTHY iv. 2.

ELM (*Ulmus campestris*)

Dignity.

Let thine eyes look . . . straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left.

PROVERBS iv. 25-27.

ENDIVE (*Cichorium Endivia*)

Frugality.

When they were filled, He said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

ST. JOHN vi. 12.

ESCHSCHOLTZIA

see Californian Poppy

EUPATORIUM

see Agrimony

EVERLASTING

(Xeranthemum)

Unceasing remembrance.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

PSALMS cxii. 6.

EYEBRIGHT

(Euphrasia)

Recognition.

I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine.

ST. JOHN x. 14.

FENNEL

(Feniculum vulgare)

Strength.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

PHILIPPIANS iv. 13.

FERN

(Polypodium, &c.)

Fascination; Constraint.

I drew them with cords, . . . with bands of love.

HOSEA xi. 4.

For the love of Christ constraineth us.

2 CORINTHIANS v. 14.

FLOWERING

FERN

(Osmunda regalis)

Confidence in Heaven.

We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

1 TIMOTHY iv. 10.



EVERLASTING
FLOWER

FIG (*Ficus carica*)

Fruitful.

Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work.

COLOSSIANS i. 10.

FILBERT *see Hazel*

FIR (*Abies*)

Time.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

ECCLESIASTES iii. 1.

SCOTCH FIR (*Pinus silvestris*)

Elevation.

The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich : he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

I SAMUEL ii. 7.

FLAX (*Linum usitatissimum*)

Domestic industry.

A virtuous woman . . seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. . . She looketh well to the ways of her household.

PROVERBS xxxi. 10, 13, 27.

SCARLET FLAX (*Linum coccineum*)

Generosity.

Give ; not grudgingly, or of necessity : for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS ix. 7.

FLEUR-DE-LIS *see Iris*

FLOS ADONIS (*Adonis autumnalis*)

Painful recollections.

My life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing : my strength faileth because of mine iniquity.

PSALMS xxxi. 10.

FLY-TRAP (DOG'S-BANE) (*Apocynum androsæmifolium*)

Deceit.

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within My house.

PSALMS ci. 7.

FORGET-ME-NOT (*Myosotis palustris*)

Forget me not.

Yet will I not forget thee.

ISAIAH xlix. 15.

FOX-GLOVE (*Digitalis purpurea*)

Insincerity.

This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips ; but their heart is far from Me. ST. MATTHEW xv. 8.

CHECKERED FRITILLARY (*Fritillaria Meleagris*)

Persecution.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

ST. MATTHEW v. 11.



FORGET-ME-NOT

GARDENIA

(*Gardenia campanulata*)

Refinement.

Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver ; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

ISAIAH xlvi. 10.

GERANIUM

(*Geraniaceæ*)

Kindness.

I will betroth thee unto Me . . . in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

HOSEA ii. 19.



GERANIUM

FUCHSIA

(*Fuchsia*)

Good taste ; Fitness.

I will therefore . . . that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety.

1 TIMOTHY ii. 8, 9.

FURZE

(*Ulex Europæus*)

Love through all seasons.

I have loved thee with an ever lasting love : therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.

JER. xxxi. 3

GILLIFLOWER

(*Matthiola incana*)

Bonds of affection.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

COLOSSIANS iii. 2.

Be kindly affectioned one to another.

ROMANS xii. 10.

GLADIOLUS

(*Gladiolus*)

Ready armed.

Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

EPHESIANS vi. 13

GLORY-FLOWER

(*Clianthus puniceus*)

Glorious beauty.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name : bring an offering, and come before Him : worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

I CHRONICLES xvi. 29.

GOLDEN-ROD

(*Solidago Virgaurea*)

Precaution.

Be careful for nothing ; but in everything by prayer and supplication . . . let your requests be made known unto God.

PHILIPPIANS iv. 6.

GOOSEBERRY (*Ribes Uva crispa*)

Anticipation.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

TITUS ii. 13.

GORSE

see *Furze*

FOX

GRAPE

(*Vitis vulpina*)

Christian charity.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three ; but the greatest of these is charity.

CORINTHIANS xiii. 13.

GRASS

(*Graminaceæ*)

Submission ; Utility.

Be subject one to another.

I PETER v. 5.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.

I PETER i. 24.

QUAKING

GRASS

(*Briza media*)

Agitation.

To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word.

ISAIAH lxvi. 2.

RAY OR RYE

GRASS

see *Darnel*

VERNAL GRASS (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*)

Poor, but happy.

If God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? ST. MATTHEW vi. 30.

GROUNDSEL (*Senecio vulgaris*)

Meet me again.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me. I SAMUEL xxv. 32.

HANDFLOWER-TREE (*Cheirostemon platanoides*)

Warning.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. ROMANS xiii. 12.

He that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. EZEKIEL xxxiii. 5.

HARE-BELL *see Blue-bell of Scotland*

HAWK'S-BEARD (*Crepis virens*)

Protection.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. PSALMS ix. 9.

HAWKWEED (*Hieracium*)

Quicksightedness.

Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching. ST. LUKE xii. 37.

HAWTHORN *see Thorn*

HAZEL (FILBERT) (*Corylus Avellana*)

Reconciliation.

All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 CORINTHIANS v. 18.

HEARTSEASE *see Pansy*

HEATH (*Erica*)
Solitude.

And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone. GENESIS ii. 18.
God loveth the solitary in families. PSALMS lxxviii. 6.

HEATHER—PURPLE (*Calluna vulgaris*)

Persevere.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance. EPHESIANS vi. 18.

HEATHER—WHITE (*Calluna vulgaris*)

Good luck.

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord. PROVERBS xviii. 22.



HAWTHORN

HELENIUM (*Helium*)
Tears.

Jesus wept. ST. JOHN xi. 35.
The Lord God will wipe away
tears from off all faces.
ISAIAH xxv. 8.

HELIOTROPE (*Heliotropium Peruvianum*)
I turn to Thee.

Then Simon Peter answered Him,
Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou
hast the words of eternal life.
ST. JOHN vi. 68.

HELLEBORE *see Bear's-foot*

HEMLOCK (*Conium maculatum*)
Poisonous; Deadly.

But the tongue can no man tame;
it is an unruly evil, full of deadly
poison. JAMES iii. 8.

HEMP (*Cannabis sativa*)
Fate; Futurity.

It is appointed unto men once to
die, but after this the judgment.
HEBREWS ix. 27.

HENBANE (*Hyoscyamus niger*)
Imperfection.

When I would do good, evil is
present with me. . . . O
wretched man that I am! who shall
deliver me from the body of this
death? ROMANS vii. 21, 24.



HEPATICA

HEPATICA (*Hepatica triloba*)
Confidence.

O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth.

PSALMS lxxv. 5.

HIBISCUS (*Hibiscus Rosa sinensis*)
Royal beauty.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.

PSALMS xc. 16, 17.

HOLLY (*Ilex aquifolium*)
Foresight.

I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is on my right hand, that I should not be moved.

ACTS ii. 25.

HOLLYHOCK (*Althæa rosea*)
Fruitfulness.

He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.

ST. JOHN xv. 5.

HONESTY (*Lunaria biennis*)
Honesty.

Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

ROMANS xii. 17.

HONEYSUCKLE (*Lonicera Periclymenum*)
Brotherly love.

One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

ST. MATTHEW xxiii. 8.

Let brotherly love continue.

HEBREWS xiii. 1.

HOP (*Humulus Lupulus*)
Injustice.

He that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

ST. LUKE xvi. 10.

HORNBEAM (*Carpinus Betulus*)
Ornament.

That which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

1 PETER iii. 4.

HOUSELEEK (*Sempervivum tectorum*)
Shelter.

Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever.

PSALMS lxi. 3, 4.

HOYA (*Hoya imperialis*)
As thou wilt.

O Lord, Thou art our Father; we are the clay, and Thou our potter; and we all are the work of Thy hand.

ISAIAH lxiv. 8.

HUMBLE-PLANT (*Mimosa pudica*)
Despondency.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God.

PSALMS xlii. 11.

HYACINTH (*Hyacinthus orientalis*)
Sorrow.

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

2 CORINTHIANS vii. 10.



WILD HYACINTH

WILD
HYACINTH (*Blue-bell*)
(*Hyacinthus non scriptus*)

Activity ; Play.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might ; . . . the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, . . . but time and chance happeneth to them all.

ECCLESIASTES ix. 10, 11.

HYDRANGEA
(*Hydrangea hortensis*)

Boasting.

Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.

I KINGS xx. 11.

COMMON
HYSSOP (*Hyssopus officinalis*)

Cleansing.

Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

PSALMS xix. 12.

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

I JOHN i. 7.

HYSSOP OF THE BIBLE
(CAPER) (*Capparis spinosa*)

Purification.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me.

PSALMS li. 7, 10.

IMMORTELLE (*Xeranthemum*)
see Everlasting

IRIS

(*Iris pseud-acorus*)

Fire ; Flame.

And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame : and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day.

ISAIAH x. 17.

IVY

(*Hedera helix*)

Friendship ; Memory.

When therefore He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered . . . the word which Jesus had said.

ST. JOHN ii. 22.



JACOB'S LADDER

(*Polemonium caruleum*)

Come down.

And Jacob . . . dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to Heaven : and beheld the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

GENESIS xxviii. 10, 12.

JASMINE

(*Jasminum officinale*)

Amiability.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

PROVERBS iii. 17.

CAPE
JASMINE (*Gardenia florida*)

Transport of joy.

In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALMS xvi. 11.

CAROLINA
JASMINE (*Gelsemium nitidum*)

Separation.

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS viii. 38, 39.

INDIAN
JASMINE (*Quamoclit coccinea*)

Abide with me.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.

JOHN xv. 4.

SPANISH
JASMINE (*Jasminum grandiflorum*)

Sensuality.

They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

GALATIANS v. 24.

JONQUIL (*Narcissus Jonquilla*)

Give me thy heart.

My son, give me thine heart. Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother.

PROVERBS xxiii. 26, 22.

JUDAS-TREE (*Cercis siliquastrum*)

Treachery.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me.

ST. JOHN xiii. 2.

JUNIPER (*Juniperus communis*)

Succour.

For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.

HEBREWS ii. 18.

JUTE *see Corchorus*

KINGCUP (*Ranunculus bulbosus*)

Desire of riches.

Labour not to be rich: . . . for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

PROVERBS xxiii. 4, 5.

KNAP-WEED

see Bachelor's Button

LABURNUM (*Cytisus Laburnum*)

Pensive beauty.

Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

ST. LUKE ii. 19.

LADY'S SLIPPER

(*Cypripedium*)

A Gift.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

ACTS xx. 35.

LANTANA (*Lantana*)

Rigour.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2 TIMOTHY ii. 3.

LARCH TREE (*Abies lar.x*)

Audacity.

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

ST. MATTHEW xi. 12.

LARKSPUR (*Delphinium*)

Haughtiness.

Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

PROVERBS xvi. 19.



LAUREL (*Cerasus Laurocerusus*)

Glory.

Let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me.

JEREMIAH ix. 24.

GROUND LAUREL (*Epigaea repens*)

Perseverance.

He that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations.

REVELATION ii. 26.

LAURUSTINUS

(*Viburnum Tinus*)

A token.

Shew me a token for good.

PSALMS lxxxvi. 17.

We walk by faith, not by sight.

2 CORINTHIANS v. 7.

LAVENDER (*Lavandula vera*)

Distrust.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God.

PSALMS xlii. 11.

LICHEN (CUP-MOSS)

(*Cenomyce Pyxidata*)

Dejection.

From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.

PSALMS lxi. 2.

LILAC

(*Syringa vulgaris*)

Youthful innocence.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

ST. MATTHEW xviii. 10.

GROUND

LILAC

(*Muscari monstrosum*)

Lowliness.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly.

PSALMS cxxxviii. 6.

WHITE

LILY

(*Lilium candidum*)

Purity.

Unto the pure all things are pure.

TITUS i. 15.

TRUMPET

LILY

(*Richardia Æthiopica*)

Magnificent beauty.

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city.

ISAIAH lii. 1.

LILY OF THE VALLEY

(*Convallaria majalis*)

Unconscious sweetness.

I am . . . the Lily of the Valleys.

CANTICLES ii. 1.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

ST. MATTHEW vi. 28, 29.

WATER

LILY

(*Nymphaea*)

Heart-purity.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

ST. MATTHEW v. 8.

LIME OR LINDEN

(*Tilia Europaea*)

Wedded love.

Ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands . . . Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge . . . as being heirs together of the grace of life.

1 PETER iii. 1-7.

LIVERWORT

(*Marchantia polymorpha*)

Reliance.

This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

1 JOHN v. 14.

LOBELIA (*Lobelia*)

Malevolence.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

EPHESIANS iv. 31.

LOCUST TREE (*Robinia Pseudacacia*)

Elegance.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain : but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

PROVERBS xxxi. 30.

LONDON-PRIDE (*Saxifraga umbrosa*)

Frivolity.

Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

PROVERBS xxvii. 22.

LORDS-AND-LADIES
see Wild Arum

LOTUS (*Nelumbium speciosum*)

Eloquence.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

I CORINTHIANS xiii. 1.

LOVE-IN-A-MIST (*Nigella damascena*)

Perplexity.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed ; we are perplexed, but not in despair.

2 CORINTHIANS iv. 8.

The Lord shall guide thee continually.

ISAIAH lviii. 11.

LOVE LIES BLEEDING (*Amaranthus cantatus*)

Hopeless.

Where is now my hope ? As for my hope, who shall see it ?

JOB xvii. 15.

Sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

I THESSALONIANS iv. 13.

LUCERNE (*Medicago sativa*)

A lamp.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

PSALMS cxix. 105.

LUPINE (*Lupinus*)

Imagination.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

I CORINTHIANS ii. 9.

SCARLET

LYCHNIS (*Lychnis Chalcedonica*)

Bright eyes.

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

PSALMS xix. 8.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

PROVERBS xv. 3.

MADDER (*Rubia tinctorum*)

Scandal ; Calumny.

Wherefore, laying aside all malice . . . and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

I PETER ii. 1, 2.

MAGNOLIA

(*Magnolia grandiflora*)

Love of Nature.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it . . . Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness . . . The pastures are clothed with flocks ; the valleys also are covered over with corn ; they shout for joy, they also sing. PSALMS lxxv. 9, 11, 13.

MALLOW

(*Malva silvestris*)

Mildness.

The Lord taketh pleasure in His people : He will beautify the meek with salvation. PSALMS cxlix. 4.

MARSH

MALLOW

(*Althæa officinalis*)

Beneficence.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. . . . Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

PSALMS ciii. 2, 4.

SYRIAN

MALLOW

(*Althæa frutex*)

Persuasion.

He said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

ST. LUKE xvi. 31.

MANDRAKE

(*Mandragora*)

Horror.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me. And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove ! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

PSALMS lv. 6.

MAPLE

(*Acer saccharinum*)

Reserve.

Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak.

JAMES i. 19.

HEDGE

MAPLE

(*Acer campestre*)

Forgiveness.

If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

ST. MATTHEW vi. 15.

MARIGOLD

(*Calendula officinalis*)

Prediction ; Prophecy.

Take ye heed : behold, I have foretold you all things.

ST. MARK xiii. 23.

AFRICAN

MARIGOLD

(*Tagetes erecta*)

Common ; Vulgar.

What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. ACTS xi. 9.

FIG

MARIGOLD

(*Mesembryanthemum*)

Idleness.

Why stand ye here all the day idle? . . . Go ye also into the vineyard ; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

ST. MATTHEW xx. 6, 7.

FRENCH

MARIGOLD

(*Tagetes patula*)

Jealousy.

Love is strong as death ; jealousy is cruel as the grave.

CANTICLES viii. 6.

MARJORAM

(*Origanum Majorana*)

Blushes.

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to Thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head.

EZRA ix. 6.

MARVEL OF PERU

(*Mirabilis Jalapa*)

Timidity.

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

PROVERBS iii. 24.

MAY

see *Haw Thorn*

MEADOWSWEET

(*Spiræa Ulmaria*)

Sweet-tempered.

Be kindly affectioned one to another . . . in honour preferring one another. . . . As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

ROMANS xii. 10, 18.

MERCURY (*Mercurialis perennis*)

Goodness.

Despisest thou the riches of His goodness . . . not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

ROMANS ii. 4.

MEZEREON (*Daphne Mezereum*)

Desire to please.

No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

ST. LUKE xvi. 13.

MIGNONETTE (*Reseda odorata*)

Worth far beyond beauty.

For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

ISAIAH liii. 2.

MILFOIL (*Achillea Millefolium*)

War.

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

ISAIAH ii. 4.

MILK-VETCH

(*Astragalus*)

Solace.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

PSALMS xxiii. 4.

MILK-WORT (*Polygala vulgaris*)

Withdrawn from the world.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

PSALMS cxxxix. 9, 10.

MIMOSA

see *Sensitive Plant*

PEPPER

MINT

(*Mentha Piperita*)

Virtue.

Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience.

2 PETER i. 5, 6.

SPEAR
MINT

(*Mentha viridis*)

Suspicion.

Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? ST. MATTHEW xiv. 31.

MISTLETOE (*Viscum album*)

Surmounting difficulties.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.

REVELATION iii. 21.

MITRARIA (*Mitraria coccinea*)

Indolence.

Not slothful in business.

ROMANS xii. 11.

An idle soul shall suffer hunger.

PROVERBS xix. 15.

MONK'S-HOOD

(*Aconitum Napellus*)

A deadly foe is near.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

I PETER v. 8.

MOON-WORT (*Rumex Lunaria*)

Forgetfulness.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

PSALMS ciii. 2.

He being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

JAMES i. 25.

MORNING-GLORY

see *Convolvulus (Major)*



MOSS

(*Musci*)

Maternal love.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.

ISAIAH lxvi. 13.

ICELAND

MOSS

(*Cetraria islandica*)

Health.

I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord.

JEREMIAH xxx. 17.

MOTHERWORT

(*Leonurus cardiaca*)

Concealed love.

I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me : I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me.

ISAIAH xlv. 5.

MULBERRY

(*Morus nigra*)

Wisdom.

My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding : that thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

PROVERBS v. 1, 2.

Doth not wisdom cry ? and understanding put forth her voice ?

PROVERBS viii. 1.

MULLEIN

(*Verbascum Thapsus*)

Good-nature.

Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing : but contrariwise blessing.

1 PETER iii. 9.

MUSK

(*Mimulus moschatus*)

Weakness.

I am thy God : I will strengthen thee ; yea, I will help thee ; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.

ISAIAH xli. 10.

MUSTARD

(*Sinapis nigra and S. alba*)

Increase.

The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed.

ST. MATTHEW xiii. 31.

MYRRH

(*Balsamodendron Myrrha*)

Gladness.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

PSALMS c. 2.

I will be glad and rejoice in Thee.

PSALMS ix. 2.

MYRTLE

(*Myrtus communis*)

Love.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 JOHN iv. 10.



NARCISSUS (*Narcissus poeticus*)

Self-sufficient.

When thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee.

ST. MATTHEW vi. 2.

NASTURTIUM

(*Tropæolum majus*)

Love of country.

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

PSALMS CXXXVII. 5.

DWARF

NASTURTIUM

(*Tropæolum minus*)

Warlike.

Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive.

PSALMS LXVIII. 18.

NEMOPHILA

(*Nemophila insignis*)

Success.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

PSALMS LXXII. 8.

DEAD

NETTLE

(*Lamium album*)

Slander.

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

PROVERBS XXI. 23.

STINGING

NETTLE

(*Jurtica dioica*)

Spitefulness.

Thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with Thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto Thee.

PSALMS X. 14.

DEADLY

NIGHTSHADE

(*Atropa belladonna*)

It is untrue.

All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire.

REVELATION XXI. 8.

WOODY

NIGHTSHADE

see *Bitter-Sweet*.

OAK

(*Quercus*)

Bravery.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

PROVERBS XXVIII. 1.

LIVE

OAK

(*Quercus virens*)

Liberty.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.

GALATIANS V. 1.

OAT

(*Avena sativa*)

Music.

And they sung a new song.

REVELATION V. 9.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

PSALMS CVII. 21.

OLD MAN

see *Southernwood*

OLD MAN'S BEARD

see *Wild Clematis*

OLEANDER

(*Nerium oleander*)

Beware.

Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments.

DEUTERONOMY VIII. 11.



OLIVE

(*Olea Europaea*)

Peace.

Peace I leave with you, my peace
I give unto you : not as the world
giveth, give I unto you.

ST. JOHN xiv. 27.

MOCK

ORANGE

see *Syringa*

ORANGE BLOSSOM

(*Citrus aurantium*)

Marriage.

Be ye not unequally yoked to-
gether with unbelievers : for what
fellowship hath righteousness with
unrighteousness? and what com-
munion hath light with darkness?

2 CORINTHIANS vi. 14.

Husbands, love your wives.

EPHESIANS v. 25.

ORCHIS

(*Orchis maculata*)

Beauty.

And thy renown went forth
among the heathen for thy beauty .
for it was perfect through My come-
liness, which I had put upon thee,
saith the Lord God.

EZEKIEL xvi. 14.

BEE

ORCHIS

(*Ophrys apifera*)

Industry.

Seest thou a man diligent in his
business? he shall stand before
kings.

PROVERBS xxii. 29.

BUTTERFLY

ORCHIS

(*Habenaria bifolia*)

Gaiety.

A merry heart doeth good like a
medicine.

PROVERBS xvii. 22



FLY
ORCHIS (*Ophrys nuscifera*)

Error.

He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. JAMES v. 20.

OSIER *see Willow*

OX-EYE DAISY *see Daisy*

PALM (*Phoenix dactylifera*)

Victory.

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I CORINTHIANS xv. 57.

PANSY (*Viola tricolor*)

Thoughts.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. PSALMS cxxxix. 23.

Many, O Lord my God, are . . . Thy thoughts which are to us-ward. PSALMS xl. 5.

PASQUE FLOWER (*Anemone pulsatilla*)

You have no claims.

By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

EPHESIANS ii. 8.

PASSION FLOWER (*Passiflora*)

Faith.

Fight the good fight of faith.

I TIMOTHY vi. 12.

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

I JOHN v. 4.

PEA (*Pisum sativum*);

Departure.

It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. ST. JOHN xvi. 7.

EVERLASTING

PEA (*Lathyrus latifolius*)

Lasting pleasure.

The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy.

SWEET

ISAIAH xxxv. 10.

PEA

(*Lathyrus odoratus*)

Pleasure.

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ST. LUKE xii. 32.

PEACH

(*Amygdalus persica*)

Captive.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

ROMANS vi. 16.

PEAR

(*Pirus communis*)

Comfort.

The God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble.

2 CORINTHIANS i. 3, 4.

PRICKLY

(*Opuntia vulgaris*)

PEAR

Satire.

Job answered and said, No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. JOB xii. 1, 2.

PELARGONIUM (*Geraniaceæ*)

Melancholy.

I go mourning all the day long.
PSALMS xxxviii. 6.

PENNYROYAL

(*Mentha Pulegium*)

Flee away.

My days are swifter than a post :
they flee away, they see no good.
They are passed away as the swift
ships : as the eagle that hasteth
to the prey. JOB ix. 25, 26.

PEONY

(*Pæonia*)

Shame.

Behold, I lay in Sion a stumbling-
stone and rock of offence : and
whosoever believeth on Him shall
not be ashamed. ROMANS ix. 33.

PEPPER-MINT

see *Mint*

PERIWINKLE

(*Vinca*)

Early friendship.

I love them that love Me : and
those that seek Me early shall find
Me. PROVERBS viii. 17.

PERSICARY

(*Polygonum Persicaria*)

Restoration.

He restoreth my soul : He leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for
His name's sake. PSALMS xxiii. 3.

PETUNIA

(*Petunia*)

Keep your promise.

There hath not failed one word of
all His good promise. 1 KINGS viii. 56.

PHEASANT'S EYE

(*Adonis æstivalis*)

Reflection.

When I remember Thee upon my
bed, and meditate on Thee in the
night watches. Because Thou hast
been my help, therefore in the
shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

PSALMS lxiii. 6, 7.

PHLOX

(*Phlox Drummondii*)

Unanimity.

If two of you shall agree on earth
as touching anything that they shall
ask, it shall be done for them of My
Father which is in heaven.

ST. MATTHEW xviii. 19.

PIMPERNEL (*Anagallis arvensis*)

Mizpah ; Be watchful.

The Lord watch between me
and thee, when we are absent one
from another. GENESIS xxxi. 49.

PINE

(*Pinus*)

Pity.

Shouldest not thou also have had
compassion on thy fellowservant,
even as I had pity on thee ?

ST. MATTHEW xviii. 33.

He that hath pity upon the poor
lendeth unto the Lord.

PROVERBS xix. 17.

PINK

(*Dianthus plumarius*)

Boldness

We have not an high priest which
cannot be touched with the feeling
of our infirmities ; but was in all
points tempted like as we are, yet
without sin. Let us therefore come
boldly unto the throne of grace.

HEBREWS iv. 15, 16.



CLOVE
PINK

(*Dianthus Ca. vofhyllus*)

Make haste.

Be not Thou far from me, O Lord:
O my strength, haste Thee to help
me. PSALMS xxii. 19.

PLANE TREE

(*Platanus*)

Genius.

There is a spirit in man : and the
inspiration of the Almighty giveth
them understanding. JOB xxxii. 8.

PLANTAIN

(*Musa paradisiaca*)

Footsteps.

How beautiful upon the moun-
tains are the feet of him that
bringeth good tidings, that publish-
eth peace. ISAIAH lii. 7.

PLUM

(*Prunus domestica*)

Independence.

Who shall separate us from the
love of Christ? shall tribulation, or
distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

ROMANS viii. 35.

WILD

PLUM

see *Black Thorn*

PLUMBAGO

(*Plumbago Europæa*)

Good wishes.

Beloved, I wish above all things
that thou mayest prosper and be in
health.

3 JOHN 2.



POLYANTHUS

(*Primula polyanthus*)

Pride of riches.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy: that they do good, that they be rich in good works. 1 TIMOTHY vi. 17, 18.

ASPEN

POPLAR

(*Populus tremula*)

Lamentation.

In His favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

PSALMS xxx. 5.

BLACK

POPLAR

(*Populus nigra*)

Courage.

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.

PSALMS xxvii. 3.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart.

PSALMS xxvii. 14.

LOMBARDY

POPLAR

(*Populus fastigiata*)

Uprightness.

The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

PROVERBS xiv. 11.

WHITE

POPLAR

(*Populus alba*)

Pretence.

This people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour Me, but have removed their heart far from Me. ISAIAH xxix. 13.

CALIFORNIAN

POPPY (*Eschscholtzia Californica*)

Do not refuse.

See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh.

HEBREWS xii. 25.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?

HEBREWS ii. 3.

GARDEN

POPPY

(*Papaver somniferum*)

Sleep.

He giveth His beloved sleep.

PSALMS cxxvii. 2.

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid . . . and thy sleep shall be sweet.

PROVERBS iii. 24.

WILD

POPPY

(*Papaver Rhæas*)

Consolation.

God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts.

2 THESSALONIANS ii. 16, 17.

POTATO

(*Solanum tuberosum*)

Bountiful.

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

2 CORINTHIANS ix. 6.

PRIMROSE

(*Primula vulgaris*)

Love of children.

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord.

PSALMS cxxvii. 3.

Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

PROVERBS xvii. 6.

CHINESE
PRIMROSE (*Primula sinensis*)

Lasting love.

Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

JEREMIAH xxxi. 3.

EVENING
PRIMROSE (*Enothera biennis*)

Inconstancy.

I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent.

REVELATION ii. 4, 5.

PRIVET (*Ligustrum vulgare*)

Prohibition.

Jesus said unto him
Thou knowest the commandments
. . . . Do not kill, Do not steal,
Do not bear false witness, Defraud
not.

ST. MARK x. 18, 19.

QUAKING GRASS *see Grass*

QUINCE (*Cydonia vulgaris*)

Enticing.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God:
. . . . but every man is tempted
when he is drawn away of his own
lust, and enticed. JAMES i. 13, 14.

RANUNCULUS

(*Ranunculus Asiaticus*)

Compensation; Equivalent.

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ROMANS viii. 18



PRIMROSE



RASPBERRY (*Rubus Idæus*)

Remorse.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation. . . . What carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear!

2 CORINTHIANS vii. 10 11.

FLOWERING

REED (*Phragmites communis*)

Hope in Heaven.

Thou art my hope, O Lord God: Thou art my trust from my youth.

PSALMS lxxi. 5.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.

PSALMS lxxiii. 25.

RHODODENDRON

(*Rhododendron*)

Royalty.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord.

1 CHRONICLES xxix. 11.

RHUBARB (*Rheum Rhabarbarum*)

Advice.

My son, forget not my law.

PROVERBS iii. 1.

Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

PROVERBS xi. 14.



RAGGED

ROBIN (*Lychnis Flos-cuculi*)

Broken promise.

Is His mercy clean gone for ever? doth His promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? PSALMS lxxvii. 8, 9.

ROCKET (*Hesperis*)

A rival.

Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

REVELATION iii. 11.

ROSE (*Rosa centifolia*)

Love.

God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

I JOHN iv. 16.

BRIER

ROSE *see Sweet Brier*

CHRISTMAS

ROSE (*Helleborus niger*)

Good tidings.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

ST. LUKE ii. 10, 11.

DOG

ROSE (*Rosa canina*)

Pleasure out of pain.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

ISAIAH xxxv. 1.

GUELDER

ROSE (*Viburnum opulus*)

Old age.

Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

ISAIAH xlvi. 4.

MONTHLY

ROSE (*Rosa indica*)

Love always new.

Love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

I JOHN iv. 7.

MOSS

ROSE (*Rosa centifolia*, variety of)

Confession of love.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine.

CANTICLES vi. 3.

We love Him, because He first loved us.

I JOHN iv. 19.

PROVENCE

ROSE (*Rosa centifolia*)

Ambassador of love.

We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2 CORINTHIANS v. 20.

RED

ROSE-BUD

Do you love me?

Jesus saith to Simon Peter . . . Lovest thou Me? And he said unto Him, Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee.

ST. JOHN xxi. 15, 17.

WHITE
ROSE

(*Rosa centifolia*)

I am not worthy.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

ST. LUKE xv. 18, 19.

WHITE
ROSE-BUD

Ignorance of love.

I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known Me. I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me.

ISAIAH xlv. 4, 5.

ROCK
ROSE

(*Helianthemum vulgare*)

Popularity.

Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!

ST. LUKE vi. 26.

ROSE OF JERICHO

(MARY'S FLOWER)

(*Anastatica hierochuntina*)

Secret thought.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

ST. LUKE ii. 19.

ROSE OF SHARON

Divine love.

I am the Rose of Sharon.

CANTICLES ii. 1.

He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant. . . . Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.

ISAIAH liii. 2, 4.



GARLAND OF
ROSES

Reward of virtue.

There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, . . . with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

ST. MARK x. 29, 30.

ROSE-BAY

(*Epilobium angustifolium*)

Danger.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me: Thou shalt stretch forth Thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me.

PSALMS CXXXVIII. 7.

ROSEMARY

(*Rosmarinus officinalis*)

Remembrance.

And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them saying, This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.

LUKE xxii. 19.

ROWAN

see *Mountain Ash*

RUE

(*Ruta graveolens*)

Regret.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

PSALMS li. 2, 3.

GOAT'S
RUE

(*Galega officinalis*)

Reason

I applied mine heart . . . to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things . . . Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

ECCLESIASTES vii. 25, 29.

RUSH

(*Juncus effusus*)

Docility.

Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned . . . knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures.

2 TIMOTHY iii. 14, 15.

RYE

(*Secale cereale*)

Changeable.

My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change.

PROVERBS xxiv. 21.

SAFFRON

see *Autumnal Crocus*

MEADOW

SAFFRON

(*Colchicum autumnale*)

My best days are past.

Oh that I were . . . as I was in the days of my youth, . . . when the Almighty was yet with me.

JOB xxix. 2, 4, 5.

SAGE

(*Salvia officinalis*)

Worldly wisdom.

Where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1 CORINTHIANS i. 20.

SAINTFOIN (*Onobrychis sativa*)
(HOLY CLOVER)

Prayer.

Pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

JAMES v. 16.

ST. JOHN'S WORT

(*Hypericum perforatum*)

Loving and beloved.

If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.

1 JOHN iv. 12.

SALVIA

(*Salvia pratensis*)

Energy.

Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work : for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts.

HAGGAI ii. 4.

SCABIOUS

(*Scabiosa arvensis*)

Forsake me not.

The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him ; and if ye seek Him, He will be found of you ; but if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you.

SWEET

2 CHRONICLES xv. 2.

SCABIOUS (*Scabiosa atropurpurea*)

All is lost.

What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul ?

ST. MARK viii. 36.

SENSITIVE PLANT

(*Mimosa pudica*)

Sensitiveness.

We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities ; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

HEBREWS iv. 15.

SHAMROCK (*Trifolium repens*)
Lighthearted.

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

PROVERBS xvii. 22.

SHEPHERD'S PURSE

(*Capsella Bursa pastoris*)

All mine is thine.

Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury : for all they did cast in of their abundance ; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

ST. MARK xii. 43, 44.

SILVER WEED

(*Potentilla anserina*)

Be friends.

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not.

PROVERBS xxvii. 10.

Be reconciled to thy brother.

ST. MATTHEW v. 24.

SLOE

see *Black Thorn*

SNAPDRAGON

(*Antirrhinum majus*)

Dissension.

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

GALATIANS v. 15.

SNOW-BALL see *Guelder Rose*

SNOWDROP (*Galanthus nivalis*)

Hope ; A pure heart.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

1 JOHN iii. 3.

Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God. ST. MATTHEW v. 8.



SORREL (*Rumex acetosa*)

Affection.

This is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. I JOHN iii. 11.

WOOD

SORREL (*Oxalis acetosella*)

Joy.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALMS xvi. 11.

SOUTHERNWOOD

(*Artemisia Abrotanum*)

Jest.

To every thing there is a season . . . a time to weep, and a time to laugh. ECCLESIASTES iii. 1, 4.

SPEEDWELL (*Veronica spicata*)

May you speed well.

O Lord God . . . I pray Thee, send me good speed this day.

GENESIS xxiv. 12.

SPIDER-WORT

(*Tradescantia virginica*)

Momentary happiness.

Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth, that the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment? JOB xii. 4, 5.

SPINDLE TREE

(*Euonymus Europæus*)

Graven on the heart.

My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. . . . Write them upon the table of thine heart. PROVERBS vii. 1, 3.



SPRUCE TREE (*Abies excelsa*)

Endurance.

Behold, we count them happy which endure.

JAMES v. 11.

He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

ST. MATTHEW xxiv. 13.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

(*Ornithogalum umbellatum*)

Divine light.

There came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.

ST. MATTHEW ii. 1, 2.

STARWORT (*Aster Tripolium*)

Welcome, stranger!

The Lord your God . . . loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger.

DEUTERONOMY x. 17-19.

STEPHANOTIS (*Asclepias*)

Will you go with me?

And Ruth said, . . . whither thou goest, I will go; . . . thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.

RUTH i. 16.

STOCK

see *Gilliflower*

STONECROP

(*Sedum acre*)

Tranquillity.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALMS iv. 8.

STRAW (WHOLE)

Agreement.

Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge.

ST. MATTHEW v. 25.

BROKEN STRAW

Quarrel.

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

ROMANS xii. 18.

STRAWBERRY (*Fragaria*)

Be liberal.

The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

ISAIAH xxxii. 8.

WILD

STRAWBERRY (*Fragaria vesca*)

Foresight.

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

ST. LUKE xii. 22, 23.

SULTAN (*Amberboa moschata*)

Forgiveness.

I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

ISAIAH xlili. 25.

SUMACH

(*Rhus Coriaria*)

Excellence.

My goodness extendeth . . . to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all My delight.

PSALMS xvi. 2, 3.

SUN-FLOWER

(*Helianthus annuus*)

Devotion.

In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

PSALMS v. 3.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray.

PSALMS lv. 17.

SWEET WILLIAM

(*Dianthus barbatus*)

Manliness.

Be of good courage, and let us play the men.

2 SAMUEL x. 12.

SYCAMORE

(*Acer pseudo-platanus*)

Desire for information.

I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven : . . . and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

ECCLESIASTES i. 13, 14.

SYRINGA

(*Philadelphus coronarius*)

Mind ; Memory.

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was ; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

ECCLESIASTES xii. 6, 7.

TAMARISK

(*Tamarix gallica*)

Crime.

A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth : but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

PROVERBS xiii. 2.

TANSY

(*Tanacetum vulgare*)

I declare war.

There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.

ISAIAH xlvi. 22.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

PSALMS xxxiv. 16.

TEASEL

(*Dipsacus silvestris*)

Misfortune.

Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good ? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye.

1 PETER iii. 13, 14.

COMMON

THISTLE

(*Cardus nutans*)

Austerity.

Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man . . . And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

ST. LUKE xix. 22, 24.

SCOTTISH

THISTLE

(*Onopordon acanthium*)

Retaliation.

Vengeance is mine ; I will repay, saith the Lord.

ROMANS xii. 19.

THORNS

Hardness.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2 TIMOTHY ii. 3.



THISTLE

THRIFT (*Armeria vulgaris*)
Thrift.

A prudent wife is from the Lord.
She looketh well to the ways of her
household, and eateth not the bread
of idleness.

PROVERBS xix. 14; xxxi. 27.

THYME (*Thymus vulgaris*)
Seasoning.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in
the Lord, and in the power of His
might. Put on the whole armour
of God, that ye may be able to
stand against the wiles of the devil.

EPHESIANS vi. 10, 11.

TORMENTIL
(*Potentilla tormentilla*)
A false friend.

As a mad man who casteth fire-
brands, arrows, and death, so is the
man that deceiveth his neighbour.

PROVERBS xxvi. 18, 19.

**BLACK
THORN** (*Prunus spinosa*)
Difficulty.

Strive to enter in at the strait
gate: for many, I say unto you, will
seek to enter in, and shall not be
able.

ST. LUKE xiii. 24.

**HAW
THORN (MAY)** (*Crataegus oxyacantha*)
Hopefulness.

My hope is in Thee.

PSALMS xxxix. 7.

The hope of the righteous shall be
gladness.

PROVERBS x. 28



VIOLET

TRAVELLER'S JOY

see Wild Clematis

TREE OF LIFE (Thuja)

Live for me.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

PHILIPPIANS i. 21.

He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.

2 CORINTHIANS v. 15.

BIRD'S-FOOT

TREFOIL (Lotus corniculatus)

Revenge.

To Me belongeth vengeance, and recompence.

DEUTERONOMY xxxii. 35.

Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

ST. MATTHEW v. 39.

TUBEROSE (Polianthes tuberosa)

Dangerous.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

PROVERBS xxiii. 31, 32.

TULIP (Tulipa gesneriana)

Fame.

I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.

EZEKIEL xxxiv. 29.

VALERIAN (Valeriana officinalis)

Activity.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

PROVERBS vi. 6-8.

VENUS'S MIRROR

(*Specularia speculum*)

Flattery.

Meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

PROVERBS xx. 19.

VERBENA (Verbena officinalis)

Unite against a common foe.

All ye are brethren.

ST. MATTHEW xxiii. 8.

Ye shall not . . . fight against your brethren.

2 CHRONICLES xi. 4.

SCENTED

VERBENA (Aloysia citriodora)

Family union.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

PSALMS cxxxiii. 1.

VERONICA (Veronica speciosa)

Fidelity.

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

ST. LUKE xvi. 10.

VERVAIN *see Verbena*

GRAPE
VINE

(*Vitis vinifera*)

Fruitfulness.

I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away : and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

ST. JOHN xv. 1, 2.

DOG OR WILD

VIOLET

(*Viola canina*)

Faithfulness.

He is faithful that promised.

HEBREWS x. 23.

Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.

I THESSALONIANS v. 24.

SWEET

VIOLET

(*Viola odorata*)

Modesty.

I will therefore . . . in like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety.

I TIMOTHY ii. 8, 9.

VIRGINIA CREEPER

(*Ampelopsis hederacea*)

I cling to thee.

Who . . . exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

ACTS xi. 23.

Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God ; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him shalt thou cleave.

DEUTERONOMY x. 20.

VIRGIN'S BOWER

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WAKE-ROBIN see *Wild Arum*

WALLFLOWER

(*Cheiranthus cheiri*)

Fidelity in adversity.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee : when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned ; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

ISAIAH xliii. 2.

WALNUT

(*Juglans regia*)

Intellect.

He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good. . . . Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it.

PROVERBS xvi. 20, 22.

WHEAT

(*Triticum vulgare*)

Thoughts of home.

When he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger ! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee.

ST. LUKE xv. 17, 18.

WHIN

see *Furze*

WILLOW

(*Salix*)

Freedom.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

ST. JOHN viii. 36.



WILLOW HERB

(*Epilobium angustifolium*)

Pretension.

Be not wise in thine own eyes :
fear the Lord. PROVERBS iii. 7.

If we say that we have fellowship
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1 JOHN i. 6.

WEEPING WILLOW

(*Salix Babylonica*)

Mourning.

By the rivers of Babylon, there
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PSALMS cxxxvii. 1.

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WIND-FLOWER

(*Gentiana pneumonanthe*)

Sickness.

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ST. MATTHEW xxv. 36.

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ST. MATTHEW viii. 17.

WISTARIA (*Wistaria frutescens*)

Welcome.

He which testifieth these things
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Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

REVELATION xxii. 20.

WITHERED LEAVES

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O that I were as in months past,
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JOB xxix. 2, 3.

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(Artemisia absinthium)

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Knowing that, whilst we are at
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WYCH-HAZEL

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Power unto salvation.

The gospel of Christ . . . is
the power of God unto salvation to
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ROMANS i. 16.

XERANTHEMUM

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(Taxus baccata)

Sorrow.

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for the Lord hath spoken it.

ISAIAH xxv. 8.

ZINNIA

(Zinnia elegans)

Thoughts of Absent Friends.

I have remembrance of thee in
my prayers night and day; greatly
desiring to see thee, being mindful
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2 TIMOTHY i. 3, 4.

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