

distinctly understand that, although Romanism may be the nominal creed of the majority of Frenchmen, a vast proportion of them hate it bitterly, and that only a fraction of the men of France have any sort of sympathy with it. France is by law not a Roman Catholic country, but one in which all creeds are equally recognized by the State.

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IN EGYPT.

“*No man knoweth the Son, but the Father.*”—St. Matt. xi. 27.

I.

HERE the mysterious river sweeps,
 Mute, with some wondrous word unsaid;
 And here the silent pyramid keeps
 The secret of the silent dead;
 And here, above a Babe that sleeps,
 The silent Virgin bows her head.

2.

Still is the shadowy night around,
 And still the silver stars above;
 What plummet may their mystery sound?
 Hush, lest the awful Infant move!
 He yet shall speak some word profound,
 And wonder shall give place to love.

3.

Creation travails and makes moan:
 Death smites: our ashes crumbling lie:
 Time like a voiceless flood rolls on,
 With lives like foamflakes wafted by—
 Of Him their secret shall be known,
 But who shall search His mystery?

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