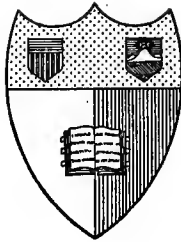


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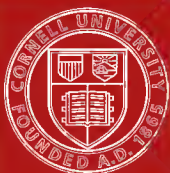
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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A LETTER FROM SIR JOHN BOWRING

With his Hymn

Watchman! Tell us of the Night

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Dear Sir

Among a pile of unanswered letters I find one from you dated more than a year ago. I comply with your wishes cheerfully— I owe to American taste & talent a very beautiful musical accompaniment to this hymn

Yours very truly

JOHN BOWRING

Wm. A. Baker, Esq.

New York

Pray forward enclosed— & oblige me further by informing Dr. E. C. Winer of 38 Bible House, N. Y., that my promised paper shall be forwarded in a few days

*Watchman! tell us of the night;
What its signs of promise are;
Traveller! o'er yon mountain's height,
See the glory-beaming star!
Watchman! does its beauteous ray
Aught of hope or joy foretell?
Traveller! yes: it brings the day
Promised day of Israel!*

*Watchman! tell us of the night,
Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveller! blessedness and light
Peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman! will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveller! ages are its own:
See, it bursts o'er all the earth!*

*Watchman, tell us of the night;
For the morning seems to dawn;
Traveller! darkness takes its flight
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman! let thy wanderings cease,
Hie thee to thy quiet home;
Traveller! lo! the Prince of Peace
Lo! the Son of God is come.*

JOHN BOWRING

