

pure days and holy hands, and have the advantage of being venerable.”

## PSALM I.

The man, in life wherever placed,  
 Hath happiness in store,  
 Who walks not in the wicked's way,  
 Nor learns their guilty lore!

Nor from the seat of scornful pride  
 Casts forth his eyes abroad,  
 But with humility and awe  
 Still walks before his GOD.

That man shall flourish like the trees  
 Which by the streamlets grow ;  
 The fruitful top is spread on high,  
 And firm the root below.

But he whose blossoms bud in guilt  
 Shall to the ground be cast,  
 And, like the rootless stubble, tost  
 Before the sweeping blast.

For why ? that GOD the good adore  
 Hath given them peace and rest,  
 But hath decreed that wicked men,  
 Shall ne'er be truly blest.

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 THOMAS MAY.

I have met with several allusions made by versifiers of the Psalms, during the seventeenth century, to the labours of Thomas May in that department of poetry—the name being so used as to lead to the belief that the old dramatist and historian is the person meant. I cannot, however, after considerable enquiry, find any trace of, or clue to compositions of