

## PARSIFAL.

IMITATED FROM THE FRENCH OF PAUL VERLAINE.

Conquered the flower maidens, and the wide embrace  
Of their round proffered arms that tempt the virgin boy :  
Conquered the trickling of their babbling tongues ; the coy  
Back glances ; and the mobile breasts of supple grace.

Conquered the WOMAN BEAUTIFUL ; the fatal charm  
Of her hot breast ; the music of her babbling tongue :  
Conquered the gate of Hell ; into the gate the young  
Man passes, with the heavy trophy at his arm—

The holy javelin that pierced the Heart of God.  
He heals the dying king ; he sits upon the throne,  
King ; and high priest of that great gift the living Blood.

In robe of gold the youth adores the glorious Sign  
Of the green goblet ; worships the mysterious Wine.  
And o, the chime of children's voices in the dome !

JOHN GRAY.