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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PREACHING TO THE BIRDS.
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ST. FRANCIS PREACHING TO
THE BIRDS.

Eat not greedily:
Sometimes, for sweet mercy's sake,
Worm or insect spare to take,
Let it crawl or fly.

Sing ye not near
To our church on Holy Day,
Lest the human folk should stray
From their prayers to hear.

Now depart in peace;
In God's name I bless each one.
May your days be long i' the sun,
And your joys increase.

And remember me,
Your poor brother Francis, who
Loveth and thanketh you
For this courtesy.

Sometimes, when ye sing,
Name my name, that He may take
Pity for the dear song's sake
On my short-coming.

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- ST. GILES RECEIVING THROUGH HIS HAND THE
ARROW AIMED AT THE HIND. (*Flemish School.*)
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- ST. GILES, an Athenian, came to FRANCE, and lived as a
holy HERMIT in the Forest of NISMES—a name of good repute
among friends of animals, since it was a Bishop of NISMES who
wrote the protest, printed elsewhere, against the introduction
of bull-baiting into FRANCE. The HERMIT made friends with
a hind, who was one day hunted by a PRINCE; and the
PRINCE'S arrow the HERMIT intercepted with his hand.
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- ST. JEROME is commonly shown in Art with a lion, about
whom there is the legend that it companioned and guarded
him in return for his having fearlessly extracted a thorn from
its paw. A second beast (sometimes mentioned as a donkey,
sometimes as a lamb) is assigned to the SAINT'S companion-
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