

POETRY.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY.

Oh God! who gav'st thy servant grace,
Amid the storms of life distress,
To look on thine incarnate face,
And lean on thy protecting breast:

To see the light that dimly shone,
Eclips'd for us in sorrow pale,
Pure Imago of the Eternal One!
Through shadows of thy mortal veil!

Be ours, oh King of Mercy! still
To feel thy presence from above,
And in thy word, and in thy will,
To hear thy voice, and know thy love;

And when the toils of life are done,
And Nature waits thy dread decree,
To find our rest beneath thy throne,
And look, in humble hope, to Thee!

Bishop Heber.

EPIPHANY.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid!
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall,
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all!

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offering divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation;
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid!
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!—*Ibid*

BAPTIZING FAMILIES.

We do not see how our Baptist brethren can well answer the following pithy remarks of Dr. Wardlaw. "It is a remarkable fact," says the Dr., p. 109, "that we have no mention of any thing resembling the baptism of households or families, in the accounts of the propagation of the gospel by our Baptist brethren. That the apostle baptized families, no believer of the Scripture history can doubt; and we have seen that the manner in which such baptisms as are recorded, or referred to, indicates no extraordinary thing. Now it surely is an extraordinary thing, that in the journals and periodical account of Baptist missions in heathen countries, we should never meet with any thing of the kind. I question, whether, in the thirty years of the history of the Baptist mission in India, there is to be found a single instance of the baptism of a household. When do we find a Baptist missionary saying, "when she was baptized or her family"—or, "I baptized the family of Krishnoo or any other convert?" We have the baptism of individuals; but nothing corresponding to the apostolic baptism of families. This fact is a strong corroborative proof, that there is some difference between their practice and that of the apostles. If the practice of both were the same, there might surely be expected some little correspondence in the facts connected with it.—*Pedo Baptis*."

Law and equity are two things which God hath joined, but which man hath put asunder.—*Lacon*.

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