poetry.

THE BARREN FIELD.

(From the New York Churchman.) Here I labour, weak and lone,

Ever, ever sowing seed; Ever tending what is sown: Little is my gain, indeed. Weary day and restless night Follow in an endless round: Wastes my little human might: Soon my place will not be found.

Why so stubborn is my field?
Why does litte fruit appear?
What a hundred-fold should yield,
Now is barren all the year.

Rank weeds crowd and jostle there, Nodding vainly in the sun:
But the plants for which I care,
I may tell them, one by one.

After all the sun and rain,
Weak and yellow drooping things.—
From the lean earth,—turned in vain,—
These are all my labour wrings.

Oh, my Lord; the field is Thine:
Why, do I, with empty pride,
Call the little garden mine,
When my work is Thine, beside?

If I claim it for mine own,
Thou wilt yield me its poor gain;
And at Harvest, I alone
May bring fruits to Thee in vain.

If I give myself to Thee
For thy work all poor and mean,
As Thou pleasest, it shall be,
It I much or little glean:

Yet thou wilt not spurn my toil, Nor mine offering at the last, If from off this meagre soil At Thy feet my all is cast.

What is there for man to do.

But alone the Master's will!

Parched with sun, or wet with Parched with sun, or wet with dew, Meckly I thy garden till. Newark, after Lent, 1849.

> BISHOP KEN. (From Strickland's " Queens of England.")

Scarcely had Queen Anne ascended the throne, high place in her confidence, to seek the deprived his obsequies. Bishop, to inform him that the conforming dissenter Kidder, whom her sister had placed in his bishopric, should be removed from his intrusion into the See of Bath and Wells, if he, Dr. Ken, would swear allegiance to her, and resume his prelatic state and revenues .-The Queen is said to have added "that it was her

England." It is asserted that her Majesty wished to be crowned by his hands.

spiritual duties of the See. Dr. Kidder, to whom the all the while a ready approval. temporalities of Bishop Ken had been given by William The place from which I sprang, as far as I remem- She would call for the good old book, from the stand, and Mary, at the commencement of his career, having ber, is called Down East, and the first gleam of con- and clasp it to her bosom, and ask her mother to read. long officiated as a dissenting preacher, and being resciousness which broke upon my mind was when I was Hour after hour did I tick along, and my little bell ported still to hold the Socinian doctrines fashionable set upon a long shelf, with others of my own kind, to strike, while my master's wife read to her child those at the Dutch court, was equally distasteful to the true see if we would answer the purpose for which we were counsels of truth, which seemed to be medicine to ber Church of England prelate and his diocese. At the made. Our maker being satisfied of this, we were pain. At last her form was wasted, and her cheek earnest call of his clergy and people, Ken struggled then put in a large box, and hurried off to be exhibited paler still: many a night did I toll the hours while with his poverty and infirmities to perform the office in a distant city. There we were released from our the watchers sat by her bed. But the last of her of Bishop of Bath and Wells. Well was his only coat, unpleasant confinement, and after much rubbing and earthly time was passing. The physician was called Cold and Silver hought patched and thin as it was, known, when he went on properly adjusting our faces, we were arranged in dif- in haste; and while the mourning parents and loving his progresses from Salisbury, through Somersetshire, ferent places, according to our respective merits and children clasped her bed, he pointed to my dial, and riding slowly on his old white horse, almost as poor the fancy of our new master. As I happened, for said, "Ten minutes, and she will be gone." Sadly I and infirm as its master. Thus would the Bishop go some reason, to gain his esteem, my owner placed me measured the last moments of her departing spirit. forth to the confirmation and ordination where his in a prominent position, in the window of our new Before I had ticked the allotted time, which counted presence was entreated by his loving flock.

poet and prelate of our Church, when driven by her from the palace of Wells, had continued to live on the his approbation. charity of his nephew, prebend Isaak Walton, in Salisbury Close. Such was his winter retreat; but part bury Close. Such was his winter retreat; but part who passed by my nook in the window. Many people ment which you venture to neglect, may be the one BOOT AND SHOEMAKER, friend Lord Weymouth, a nobleman who had alway was careful to mark. My first impression was that all died ere yet the index reached the hour of twelve, and refused to visit the court of William and Mary, but well-dressed people were truly wise and good, but a every tick the pendulum gave took off a moment from with the Duke of Beaufort, and several other noblemen circumstance, strange and unpleasant, soon dispelled her life. The flowers of spring were placed upon her attached to James II. had hastened to London to my delusion. One evening a gentleman of goodly pillow, and the tears of love were shed upon her coffin greet the accession of Queen Anne. It was through appearance stopped before my window and commenced as she passed away; but when they bore her from the the agency of Lord Weymouth that her Majesty opened observing my motions: of course I was pleased with fireside over which I watch, her eyes were deep closed

tion of the peace and unity of his See, to take the gold chain hanging from his breast, and drew from its simple oath of allegiance to Anne as Queen of Great | hiding-place a golden miniature of myself; but as he Britain. The man who had resisted threats of per- was observing the similarity of time on our faces, a sonal violence from Wm. III., when prince of Orange, man equally well dressed, but in quick movement, had endured incarceration in the Tower from James passing by seized the image of myself from the hand II., (because he would not fulfil his despotic command of its owner, and fled quickly from sight in the shadows regarding the illegal abolition of the test and penal laws) of evening. The noise this occurrence made was very and was finally hurled from his bishopric by Mary II., great, and while many were running by, I ticked on because he would not falsify his oath to her father - with anxiety but saw uo more of the uncivil stranger. he could have conscientiously taken to Queen Anne. looked sadder than before, as if some trouble oppressed The present crisis permitted him to do so consistently him. After this, I was more careful to judge people since his old master, James II., was just dead. The by their actions than by their dress. And I was conoath of allegiance to Queen Anne was, however, pre- stantly on the alert to discover the treacherous thief; ceded by an oath of abjuration of her young brother, for I resolved, if he ever appeared, to tick reprovingly which, as it implied the shameless falsehood regarding or sound an alarm with my little bell. his birth, Bishop Ken refused to take.

himself as the bishop thereof.

and Wells appeared at the coronation to perform the which stood near the great mansion. offices therein pertaining to that prelacy.

oaths being required or any other questions asked of noise of certain large bells, which rang by night and him, just as if he had merely left his palace on a long by day, and with their deep sound set all my wheels journey." The true bishop of souls replied, "that he ajar; while my alarm was frequently heightened by overborne with hard work, but if it were permitted him streets, which fairly made me tremble. both thirteen years of age."

minating a successor who had complied with the times him finally turn to me, as the object of his choice. than for the gratification of partisans. Dr. Hooper the country, and found myself on the mantlepiece of a had complied with the resolution as conscientiously as pleasant little cottage. his friend Ken had renounced it.

ditions which his conscience rejected.

these days.

particularly, I die in the communion of the Church of him an animating and reflecting soul. England, as it stands distinguished from all papal and After the day was ended, my master gathered all of the Cross."

It is said that he put on his shroud and then composed himself for the sleep of death, " not out of any mourners-the children from the village school he had the earthly remains of their beloved pastor and friend chester, she manifested anxiety to effect a reconcilia- his coffin the sun arose, and the children with one She sent a nobleman, his personal friend, who held a Hymn, written by the departed prelate,) which closed

> THE REVELATIONS OF A CLOCK. (From the Christian Advocate and Journal.)

humble cottage. And my situation in life has been life, and the harbinger of joys to come. intention, if possible, to place him in the primacy of such as to lead me to a close view of the characters I am now coming to a part of my experience, which and the designs of men. Perhaps it may seem strange it is painful to remember. My master's daughter, that I should write my own biography; but this I do, who was in the bloom of youth, was taken sick. Her Surely the primitive Christian Church never saw not so much to praise myself, as to give a correct view slight form, which glided so often by me, now yielded mitres, and primacies, the consecration of crowns, and of my acquaintance with others. To be sure I cannot to disease; and she was laid in a little room, whose the benediction of sceptres, placed at the disposal of handle the pen, or perform the office of a scribe, but door opened near the mantlepiece where I kept my a poorer man. The deprived Bishop, being beloved my faithful conduct has engaged the interest of my station. The spring came; and as the outer door by his people, had been required to perform all the owner, who writes beneath my eye, while I tick away stood open, we could hear the birds sing, and the creek

habitation. After regulating my motions as he thought ten upon the dial, her breath quivered upon the pen-Since his degradation by Queen Mary, this inspired proper, he left me to my reflections, taking care to pay dulum's beat, the heart sounded a rapid alarm, and

her he usually spent at Longleat with his of fine appearance went and returned, all of whom I which decides your doom. My master's daughter the negociation for her recognition by Bishop Ken. this compliment, and ticked on with full satisfaction. in sleep, never again to awake till time shall be no It is undeniable that he was willing, for the promo- While he was thus standing, he laid his hand upon a longer. would doubtless have scrupulously fulfilled any oath At length I observed again my former visiter; but he

For a long time I watched, but in vain. The days Dr. Ken was permitted by the Queen to withdraw were dark, and the streets were dull; so, as there himself once more into his poverty, and pursue his were few passing, my attention was turned to my usual routine of life, unscathed by any political perse- neighbours across the way. There, in a stately mancution for refusing the oath of abjuration. Instead of sion, appeared to live a great man; this I gathered prosecuting him, she had the generosity to offer him from the number who waited his pleasure, and the sums of money, which, however, he pertinacionsly deference which was shown him in the street, or caught refused, while the man whose religious principles he a glimpse of his person, when going by his dwelling. deprecated held his See; and he persisted in signing One thing grieved me much, when certain miserable beings with wasted forms and tatterred garments; who Thus was Queen Anne disappointed in her wish of sought bread at the rich man's door, were turned being consecrated by Dr. Ken: it is singular that nei- empty away. But I was glad to see the same wretched ther he nor his supplanter in the Bishopric of Bath beings supplied with food at an humbler dwelling,

Again the days grew dark, and the streets grew When the news reached Queen Anne of the tragical dull, while the anxiety I had to know more of the death of the intruding Bishop of Bath and Wells, (in world, at last ripened into a desire to change my habithe fearful storm of November 26th, 1743,) she de- tation: besides, the misery I had witnessed, with the termined to restore the See to its ejected bishop, Ken. continual din of rattling wheels, and the screaming A nobleman intimated to him by her Majesty's orders, voices of the paper-carriers, led me to long after a "that he was to return to his diocese, without any more retired life. But all this was nothing to the was an old man, stricken with years and infirmity, and the shouts of fire, mingled with a clattering in the

to resign his charge to a faithful son of the Church of But lest I should be tedious in the history of myself, England, who had already taken the oaths to the I will only say that my desire soon found a way for daughters of James II., he would cheerfully lay down its gratification. The same gentleman, who had his pastoral staff as one o'er-wearied." It was further before observed me, appeared one morning in my intimated that the primacy was meant for him by the master's shop. He said he resided in the country, Queen. Ken had too much wisdom to be tempted and his watch having been stolen, a short time before, with the promise. He said, "he felt that his sole ho wished in some measure to replace it, by purchasing worldly business was to perfect his resignation to his a family clock. The fear I had lest he should select chosen successor, Dr. Hooper, dean of Canterbury, his some of my companions, amounted almost to a tortufriend, whose principles he had known since they were ring anxiety; and though I do not know that I ever felt what some call envy, yet the love of myself ran so If the character of Bishop Ken could shine brighter, high as to wish my place near one who had showed me it was on account of his admirable moderation in no- such attention and respect. What was my joy to see rather than one who was a non-juror like himself; but The day of my ransom was come; I was packed away he was more anxious for the Christian welfare of the in a snug soft box, and committed to my new master, souls committed to the guidance of his pastoral staff, after which I lost all consciousness till I awoke far in

When my master brought me home, before giving After Dr. Ken had resigned his bishopric to Dr. me possession of the mantle-piece, he ventured to Hooper; he signed himself "Thomas, late Bishop of take a peep at my workmanship, which alarmed me Bath and Wells;" nothing could induce him to dis- somewhat, lest he should disarrange my delicate continue his episcopal signature till that time. It is wheels, and so unfit me for keeping time—the great to the honour of Queen Anne that she settled on the business of my life. However, he managed so cauold man a pension of 200 pounds per annum, which tiously as to allay my fears; and contenting himself he thankfully received, as it was clogged with no con- with improving my appearance, he introduced me to Residence, Sumach Cottage, Ann Street. his family, by telling them to watch my movements, and Toronto, Jan. 13, 1847.

Like most persons who struggle to keep the middle be governed by my advice. My concern now was to path between furious extremes, Dr. Ken had been learn the habits of my new acquaintances, and I must calumniated by fanatics, and was sometimes assailed confess that I found it much better to be a family by a "no popery" howl. It troubled not the serene clock than to be perched in the window of a public and studious life he led: after he had consigned his shop. The first morning, when my little bell struck pastoral staff to the hands of the friend of his youth, five, my master awoke, and after kindling a fire, com-Hooper, who, he was rejoiced to observe, became in- menced early the duties of the day. The children finitely beloved throughout the great Western diocese. too obeyed the summons joyfully, and by their morn-Dr. Ken, as before, passed his winters under the roof ing frolics gave me unutterable pleasure. It was not of his dutiful nephew Prebend Isaak Walton, (the son long before my master's wife was busily engaged, and of his sister and the well-known and excellent author the breakfast was prepared and spread. My task had Isaak Walton) and the summer among the shades of never seemed so easy, as when I counted the seconds Longleat. The welcome visit of death met our Ken at Longleat—welcome, for he was a great sufferer from their humble meal. At length, breakfast being over, ill health, or rather, it ought to be said, from frequent | something still more strange came under my observabodily torture, arising from a dire malady. In the tion. My master took a large book from the stand, cessation from paroxysms very hard to bear, he soothed | and from it a portion, was read while all, even to the his mind by the composition of divine poetry; he is children, paid the most unbroken attention; and after one of the most inspired lyrists of our Church, and his closing the book he bent the knee, and all united in poems, only found in the libraries of all loyal Church | worship to the Supreme Being. Of course my motions of England families, have furnished a mine of sweet | were slow, and I ticked on solemnly till the exercise was lays and thoughts to some members of our Church in ended. At this time several reflections passed through my mind, and engaged me in study. My pro-The room at Longleat, where Ken died the 19th found admiration had always been drawn out toward March, 1711, is still shown. Before he expired he man, who could fashion my wheels, and control my mothus expressed his faith: "I die," he said, "in the tions with such regularity; but my whole thoughts were holy apostolic faith professed by the Christian Church, now taken up with God, who could himself make man, before the disunion of the East and West. More a mechanism more complete than my own, and give

puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine together for prayer, as in the morning, and this he has generally done ever since. There was, however, an occasion when he failed in this duty. One morning my bell rang five, six, seven, and no signs of the usual superstition," as he observed, "but from the wish that life appeared. At last my master and the family my remains might go to the grave just as God had left awoke, and began the daily round; but about the them." Ken was attended to his humble grave in usual time of prayer, some of my master's friends came the parish church-yard by true and simple hearted in, and called him away; so the good old book lay neglected upon the stand. This grieved me much, Cooking and Fancy Stoves, Hollow Ware, Britannia & Plate established and taught. These little ones followed as I had come to like the sacred volume more and more. That evening my master was not as pleasant in silence and tears. He was buried at dawn of day, and as mild as common; while my mistress, a meek-(1702,) when, influenced as it is said by her uncle, Ro- and just as the last spade of earth had been cast upon eyed woman, gently told him he had forgotten morning tion with the venerable Bishop Ken, who was considered the head of the Reformed Church of England. "Awake, my soul and with the sun," (the Morning all, quietly gathered sat listening to my master, as he read from the good old book. His voice slightly trembled, but I heard distinctly from his lips these words-" Redeem the time, because the days are evil." Now, ever and anon, when my bell rings seven, the quiet family is gathered for prayer, the venerable book is read, and the moments which my pendulum measures My place is on a snug little mantlepiece, in an in this happy employment are the seed-time of future

waters flow; but they could not soothe the distressed. me an occasional visit, at which time I generally met "the silver cord was loosed." Never did I feel as then the value of an hour. Let the young and thought-TIMOTHY TIMELY

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