

HOPE.

She touched me in my sorrow; I awoke;
 Her kind hands broke the fetters of my grief;
 The light of smiles shone round me as she spoke
 "I come, my friend, to bring to thee relief.
 Of those that minister, I am the chief,
 To man's sick heart; I made the tears of Eve
 Bright with the hues of Heaven, when loth to leave
 The joys her disobedience made so brief.

I sailed with Noah o'er the buried earth,
 I sat with Hagar by the new found well,
 I solaced Joseph in his lonely cell,
 I filled sad David's soul with songs of mirth."
 Much moreso he whispered, till my heart grew bright
 And sorrow vanished, as at dawn, the night.

J. R.

OH! WHAT WERE LOVE IF LIFE.*

Oh what were love if life
 Were ended when we die?
 If after weary blinding strife
 No more were oped the closed eye?

A bliss but half enjoyed;
 A sun, in cloud, ere risen;
 A yearning heart forever void;
 A fancy roaming in a prison;

A bud that ne'er will flower;
 Song-parted lips all mute;
 A promise without power;
 Unripe and fallen fruit.

For love's unending dower;
 Is evermore unwon;
 And he who wins the more
 His love is but begun.

Love's rosy torch unblinds,
 And leads from height to height,
 And still a higher love he finds,
 Till lost within the infinite.

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* Suggested by the lines "O what were life
 if love?" in the July number.

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE.

The bishops of the Canadian Churches, and among them the revered Metropolitan, have left our shores to attend the coming Pan-Anglican Synod. No one can doubt about the importance of the meeting, even if it were not to tend to establish brotherly love and a wider charity, if no important questions are discussed, no valuable decisions arrived at; for the Synod must be fraught with blessing to all the Churches of the now widespread Anglican communion, as exhibiting to the world its substantial unity. The yet lingering Erastianism of the past and present centuries makes indeed the effort of the Bishops to meet in common council seem to some futile and quixotic; but the Church is shaking off the burden of this heresy, and awaking to a due sense of her spiritual commission and spiritual responsibility.

The Ritual Commission is said to have agreed upon its report; the fairness and sincere desire to obtain all possible information on the question, which the Commissioners have shown, has drawn down upon them Lord Shaftesbury's anger. In a bitter speech before the House of Lords he complains of the tediousness of their proceedings, but his misrepresentations were at once and easily refuted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of London, who pointed out that the Commission had worked in a zealous way, in which few commissions ever do work, and deserved in no degree the expressions of the noble Lord.

The publication of Mr. Liddon's Bampton lectures appears to form almost an

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