

Original Poetry.

For the Church. MATTHEW, XVII. 4.

"LORD, IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE." It is good to be here, with a heart reconciled...

It is good to be here, in the porch of our rest, With the Lamb to be sanctified—blessing and blest—

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THE GIN-SHOP.*

Those who for the first time pass through the streets of London after sunset, must be astonished at the splendid edifices on every side, and in every part of the city, west end, and suburbs, most brilliantly, and in some cases fantastically lighted up...

Within these splendid edifices, gin palaces as they are termed, how much vice, filth, disease, obscenity, and wretchedness, may be found. One is almost reminded in looking at them of our Saviour's declaration, "full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness."

It is almost impossible to calculate the amount of misery at the present moment, in London and its vicinity, resulting from the sale of spirituous liquors. And what a striking contrast do the sides of a gin counter present. On the one, the jolly, warty, and facetious publican; jolly because he is a bon vivant; warty because his glass is not of the same noxious compound...

When I began to reside in London, drunkenness was not conducted with the same unblushing effrontery; or rather, there was less enticement held out to enter the dram-shop. There was not the same attraction outwardly, whatever there might be within.

at any hour of the night, without the slightest apprehension: he feels as secure as at noon-day. But it is not to be ascribed to any moral amelioration that he can do this now, which he could not do thirty years ago.

A friend of mine had an opportunity of witnessing the almost inconceivable traffic in the places referred to. Being anxious to ascertain the truth of some statements he had heard respecting the immensity of the business carried on, and being sceptical on the point, he was accommodated with a seat in a back parlour, from which he could see every customer.

One or two details, out of thousands on thousands of cases, will be given in another paper, shewing the immensity of the evils resulting from the gin-shop. What London clergyman could not add fearfully to the list? What London medical man could not swell the number?

BISHOP HEBER.

I sat down upon an old bench of heavy black oak in the rector's chancel of Hodnet Church. The day was very beautiful; it was one of those mild, sunny days that come, many of them together, before the blackthorn blossoms and the sharp east wind sets in, making a second, though a short lived winter.

The solemn quietness and mellowed light within the church, were better suited to my mood. I was thinking of Reginald Heber. It was in that church that he had led the worship of the great congregation, during the period of his ministry in England, until he was made bishop of Calcutta. How much had his untravelled heart turned to his beloved parishioners in dear, dear Hodnet!

But how am I writing on, and forgetting that I sat down to give some account of Hodnet! Ah! who that enters Hodnet Church will not sometimes forget every thing but Reginald Heber? We will go to his tomb, not his grave, for his honoured remains rest in another quarter of the globe.

It was stated by a witness before a committee of the House of Commons (Mr. Mark Moore), "I adopted a plan a few months ago, in order to ascertain what number of persons went into the leading gin-shops in various parts of London."

THE SARACENIC EMPIRE.

The empire which once embraced more than half of the ancient world, has now shrunk within its original limits; and the Bedouin wanders over his native desert as free, and almost as uncivilized, as before the coming of his apostle.

MEMORIAL OF MRS. HEMANS.

A better memorial of her than any from her own pen, or from the recollections of her family, will be found in the beautiful testimony of an attendant, who has since followed her beloved mistress to the haven of rest.

"It is a continual cause of thankfulness to me that I was so wonderfully supported, even to the last sad hour—said it must ever be to me; it is a thing not to wear off! Oh, no! with me it seems to deepen daily—remembrances grow dearer. My thought of her is like some hidden, treasured thing, which no power could win from me."

They that have either felt or believed that such an imprisonment [of sin] there is, will be glad to hear that there is a power whereby they may be enlarged. And this very tidings in general, that there is a remission, that men may have deliverance from these fetters, this straitness or anguish of soul, must needs be very acceptable and welcome tidings to them.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Church of England, like the divine religion of which it exhibits the purest transcript and the purest form, needs not to shun examination, or to court the security which has by some been supposed to consist in the ignorance, or the implicit and unequalled submission of the community to its dictates and decrees.

The Garner.

If we are taught that heaven resembles the garden of Eden, it seems fair and reasonable to conclude, that the garden of Eden resembled Heaven, and was from the beginning intended so to do, that like the temple under the law, and the church under the Gospel, it was, to its happy possessors, a place chosen for the residence of God; a place designed to represent and furnish them with ideas of heavenly things; a place sacred to contemplation and devotion; in one word, that it was the primitive temple and church, formed and consecrated for the use of man in a state of innocence.

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COMMUNION OF SAINTS.

The holy oil for the sanctuary is made of many spices compounded by the art of the perfumer. (Exod. xxiii. 24, 25.) to note unto us that those duties are sweetest which are made up in a communion of saints, each one contributing his influence and furtherance unto them.

Art imitates nature; and the nearer it comes to nature in its effects, it is the more excellent. Greece is the new nature of a Christian, and hypocrisy that art which counterfeits it; and the more exquisite it is in imitation, it is the more plausible to men, but the more abominable to God.

THE SLAVERY OF SIN. Sin is the saddest slavery in the world; it breaks and sinks men's spirits, and makes them so base and servile that they have not the courage to rescue themselves. No sort of slaves are so poor-spirited as they that are in bondage to their lusts.

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