

Norvaltown in the Seignory of Beauharnois and Presbytery of Montreal, and that the matter is now under consideration by the Presbytery of Glengary.

POETRY.

ON THE LATE MASSACRE IN PIEMONTE.*

AVENGE, O Lord, Thy slaughtered saints, whose bones
Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains cold;
Even them, who kept Thy Truth so pure of old,
When all our fathers worshipt stocks and stones,
Forget not; in Thy book record their groans,
Who were Thy sheep, and in their ancient fold
Slain by the bloody Piemontese, that rolled
Mother with infant down the rocks. Their moans
The vales redoubled to the hills, and they
To Heaven. Their martyred blood and ashes sow
O'er all the Italian fields, where still doth sway
The triple Tyrant; that from these may grow
A hundred fold, who, having learned Thy way,
Early may fly the Babylonian woe.

(MILTON'S SONNETS.)

The distinguished Christian Poet, JAMES MONTGOMERY, died at Sheffield, England, on the 4th of November last. On this, his eightieth birthday, he planted an oak-tree on the lawn in front of the Infirmary. He was born at Irvine, in Scotland, 4th, Nov. 1771. He was the son of a Moravian Clergyman, and was himself educated for a Minister of the Gospel; but in early life his mind appears to have been turned to poetical compositions rather than theological studies. He was the author of several poems of a high order of excellence, of which we give the following as specimens:—

FRIENDS.

FRIEND after friend departs;
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end:
Were this frail world our only rest,
Living or dying none were blest.

Beyond the flight of time,
Beyond this vale of death,
There surely is some blessed clime
Where life is not a breath,
Nor life's affections transient fire,
Whose sparks fly upward and expire.

There is a world above,
Where parting is unknown;
A whole eternity of love,
Formed for the good alone;
And Faith beholds the dying here
Translated to that glorious sphere.

Thus star by star declines
Till all are passed away,
As morning high and higher shines
To pure and perfect day;
Nor sink those stars in empty night,
They hide themselves in heaven's own light.

THE BIBLE.

WHAT is the world?—A wandering maze,
Where sin has tracked ten thousand ways
Her victims to en-nare;
All broad, and winding, and aslope;
All tempting with perfidious hope,
All ending in despair.

Millions of pilgrims throng these roads,
Bearing their baubles, or their loads,
Down to eternal night.
One only path, that never bends,
Narrow and rough, and steep, ascends
From Darkness into Light.

Is there no guide to show that path?
The Bible!—He alone, who hath
The Bible, needs not stray:
Yet he who hath, and will not give
That Light of Life to all who live,
Himself shall lose the way.

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