

LAYS OF THE HEBREWS.

From the London Metropolitan.

The light that gleams on Jordan's wave
Falls idly on the passing river,
Gilding no banners of the brave,
No panoply of spear and quiver
For there—when battle's host rushed on,
When Israel's maiden fields were won,
Is but the passing courier trace
Of Ishmael's fiery desert race.

On Jordan's banks no fluting cry
Arouseth echo, all is langour,
No pilgrim multitudes pass by,
With cymbal clash and trumpet clangour.
As when the shrine of Judah's God
Was borne across the sur red flood,
And Jordan paused, and reel'd, or fled,
Before the symbol'd Presence dread.

By Jordan's stream the harp is still,
The timbrel's haughty sound hath perished,
The breeze comes quivering from the hill,
Without one tone that love hath cherished,
Nor rings the tinkling casket,
Which virgins chimed when fond hearts met
To tread the measured dance, and dream
That life was fair as Jordan's stream.

The light that gleams on Jordan's wave,
Falls beautiful and free as ever;
But where are they, the brave, the brave,
Whose voice pealed on the passing river?
Ask Time, the Gatherer: this; ay more—
Why Israel dwells not as before,
Why she hath now a robe of scorn,
And Judah now a wreath of thorn?

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE.

To the Editors of the Watchman.

SIRS,—It will be gratifying to many of your numerous readers to be informed of an instance of real Christian liberality, which has been lately manifested at the village of Garston, about five miles from this town, and which is connected with the Liverpool South Circuit. For many years the little society and congregation of that hamlet have felt the want of a suitable place of worship, where the ordinances of the sanctuary of God's house might be rightly and duly administered among them. This most desirable object has just been accomplished, by the noble and disinterested act of George Heald, Esq., of Garston Lodge, who has built a beautiful small chapel, which was opened for Divine worship, on Sunday, the 23rd of January, by the Rev. Dr. Bunting, who preached in the forenoon and evening, and by the Rev. T. H. Squance, who preached in the afternoon, on which occasion collections were made on behalf of the Sunday school, &c., amounting to about 30l.

The chapel is adapted to accommodate about 400 people; it is provided with a neat vestry, class-rooms, warm-air apparatus, and contains, moreover, a small but commodious dwelling, suitable for the residence of a respectable couple in the decline of life who may take care of the chapel premises, and may serve the cause in other ways.

A small but elegant monumental tablet serves to record the decease of two lovely children, who anticipated with intense interest the erection of this building, but who were removed to the more glorious house above, ere the present one was completed.

The whole is finished in a manner reflecting the highest credit on the excellent donor's taste and judgment. Sufficiently ecclesiastic in its style, but without any mimicry of what belongs only to buildings of a more ornate character, it may be correctly designated as a *complete, compact, and handsome Methodist Country Chapel*. How much it is to be wished, Messieurs Editors, that this noble example

were imitated in many other country places by able friends of Methodism, who would no longer be content to see the cause languish for the want of a place of worship suitable to the character and position in society of many who would willingly attend!

Since the last conference, we have been favoured in this circuit with a net increase of 227 members, besides about 180 more on trial; and our small country societies at the villages of Wootton, Windsor, and Wavertree, where they have small but commodious chapels, enjoy their full share in the general prosperity.

The Garston Chapel and premises cannot have cost the generous donor less than eighteen hundred pounds; and he has settled the whole, according to the provisions of the model deed, (a free gift for the use of the Wesleyan Connexion for ever,) upon fourteen trustees, of whom, Messieurs Editors, I have the honour to be

Liverpool, South, February 10th, 1838.

To the Editors of the London Watchman.

DEAR SIRS,—In the true spirit of patriotism, you have often of late warned us of the danger we are in, from the insidious attempts which are now being made, to spread throughout the land the poison of error in its various forms, and have urged us, like the estimable author of 'Mammon,' not only to stand on our defence, but to commence at once an aggressive war against the common foe: and the means you direct us to employ are such as cannot fail to succeed, "implying as they do the extension of Protestantism."

The friends of the established Church have been prompt in obeying this call, and are found on every side making unparalleled efforts to build churches, and to supply them with evangelical clergymen. The Dissenters, too, are displaying noble zeal to provide for the moral necessities of the inhabitants of our large towns; witness their determination to build a number of new chapels in London, Manchester, &c. And the Wesleyans, if we may judge of the whole connexion from what has latterly been accomplished at Leeds, Huddersfield, and some other places, are also directing their energies to the attainment of the same great object. From these exertions of collective bodies of Christians it is pleasing and instructive to turn to the benevolent acts of individuals. The *Wesleyan Magazine* for this month informs us that three persons in Van Dieman's Land, have erected at their own expense, a commodious chapel which cost them more than a thousand pounds. Another exercise of private benevolence has just been communicated to me in a letter from the North of England, which informs me that a gentleman in that neighbourhood, not satisfied with obtaining the bread of life for himself and family in the spacious sanctuaries of a neighbouring town, has felt a laudible concern for the salvation of the villagers in the vicinity of his residence, and is building, at his own cost, a neat chapel with a house attached, which I believe is intended for the residence of a supernumerary preacher. A third example I had the happiness to witness a short time since, in a village where, twenty years ago, I commenced my public labours as a Wesleyan exhorter. On reaching this interesting spot I was surprised to find that the congregation had removed from the cottage in which it formerly worshipped, to a neat and commodious chapel, which an aged widow in comparatively humble circumstances, anxious to provide more ample means for the salvation of her neighbours, had devoted the savings of her life to erect.

All this is pleasing, yet there is reason to fear that these endeavours to extend the Protestant cause are not equal to the necessities of the case, nor to the vast power which the Head of the Church has placed in our hands. I am not one of those who imagine that the Wesleyans are in a declining state, yet I am free to acknowledge my conviction that,

even as to our "home" yet very much landable Founder has told raising up the Methodist holiness through the Has this been accomplished to point out the work of God has years, nor to mention declined without any In a journey of several short time ago for the was surprised and gri in the vicinity of c alarming and soul-s were unknown. Not when I found, in othe dsm is considered habitants of almost w moral destitution. N our call is to the pe not established in su and schools? Not h preachers, nor of pe of school premises. excuses for indifference find a plea for idlene ther section of the efforts to provide for ing population. And because the sanctuarie come to them. Whi are so much engaged have no time to dev will such excuses satis the salvation of souls the most-exalted inte that we must seek in —and that our light they be led to glorify Much might be sai might promote the e cause, but I will now the question, what ca work of God, be ente next quarterly meeti extension and improv themselves to every let us remember the us; therefore what with all our might.

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