

P O E T R Y.

S E P T U A G E S I M A S U N D A Y.

By Bishop Heber.

THE God of Glory walks his round,
From day to day, from year to year,
And warns us each with awful sound,
"No longer stand ye idle here!"

"Ye whose young cheeks are rosy bright,
Whose hands are strong, whose hearts are clear,
Waste not of hope the morning light!
Ah fools! Why stand ye idle here?"

"Oh, as the griefs ye would assuage
That wait on life's declining year,
Secure a blessing for your age,
And work your Maker's business here!"

"And ye, whose locks of scanty grey
Foretell your latest travail near,
How swiftly fades your worthless day!
And stand ye yet so idle here?"

"One hour remains, there is but one!
But many a shriek and many a tear
Through endless years the guilt must moan
Of moments lost and wasted here!"

Oh Thou, by all thy works adored,
To whom the sinner's soul is dear,
Recall us to thy vineyard, Lord!
And grant us grace to please thee here!

S E X A G E S I M A S U N D A Y.

By the Same.

OH God! by whom the seed is given;
By whom the harvest blest;
Whose word, like manna shower'd from heaven,
Is planted in our breast;

Preserve it from the passing feet,
And plunderers of the air;
The sultry sun's intenser heat,
And weeds of worldly care!

Though buried deep or thinly strown,
Do Thou thy grace supply;
The hope in earthly furrows sown
Shall ripen in the sky!

From the Christian Guardian.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society took place at Exeter Hall on Monday, May 4, at eleven o'clock, the Right Hon. the Earl of Chichester in the chair. The business of the day was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. Jowett, by whom the report was subsequently read, which stated that the Right Hon. the Earl of Chichester had been appointed president of the Society; that the income of the year amounted to £69,582 4s. 8d. of which £11,766 11s. 9d. arose from the legacy of the late Horatio Cock, Esq. of Colchester. The receipts through associations were £6,897 6s. 5d. more than those of last year. The expenditure of the year was £55,638 16s. 5d. The institution at Islington contains twenty-five students. Four ordained missionaries and five catechists and artisans have been sent out in the year. In the West African Mission there are 474 communicants, and 3,100 attendants on public worship. At Smyrna there are upwards of 500 children in the schools. In Egypt the missionaries were prosecuting their labours with diligence in the midst of many difficulties. The Rev. J. Gobat and his fellow-labourers had again reached Massouah in Abyssinia. The several missions of the Society in India and Ceylon have made a steady progress. In New Holland, the mission to the aborigines, supported by the colonial Government, is still prosecuted under peculiar discouragements. In New Zealand, the labours of the missionaries have been signally blessed. The committee are in a situation to send out as many missionaries to the West Indies as can be obtained, while the emancipated people are extremely desirous to receive religious instruction.—The prospects of the North-west American mission are

also good, while the committee are desirous of extending their operations to China.

The Bishop of Ohio said at this meeting, he had not been unfrequently asked his views of the condition of vital religion in these realms, and in that church to which he was especially attached. During the last few years the blessing of God had been poured out upon the ministers of the church of England especially—he meant upon the minds and hearts of the ministers; and the blessing of God upon those who have the privilege of attending on the preaching by its missionaries in other lands had not only been great, but was altogether wonderful and amazing.—He looked at England itself as standing in the centre of the world, not in regard to her geographical peculiarity, but in respect to her political connexions, her commercial relations, her wide-spread and abounding interests, and more especially in regard to the numbers of millions who were under her dominion, or felt her influence. And in the midst of England he saw the English church, he beheld her as the centre of christianity, and in the centre of christianity was the fountain of christian life, from whence the streams flowed through her veins and extended to the end of the world. In the centre of christianity he beheld the word which God had deposited in her stewardship, and he saw in that little spot—a theatre scarcely so large as the single diocese committed to his care—he saw this little corner, this atom almost of the globe, ranged under one spiritual governor, and acknowledging one series of articles of faith, and professing the same Protestantism, and continually repeating the same creed, and every Sunday praying together, 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.' He saw not only 16,000 ministers of the gospel compared with his own little thirty scattered over a theatre as large as England, but he saw in that little atom, ranged under those 16,000 ministers, many congregations consisting of hundreds and thousands to whom was committed the great work of spreading the gospel to every country under heaven. He could not but feel, looking at the church of England as he had described her in the company of her preachers, but especially looking to her in connexion with her two great universities, where he was told there was in each one thousand young men preparing for the ministry of the gospel—contemplating England thus, he could not but feel that among all denominations of christians there ought to be a concentrated effort of prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit of God on that church. There was in her a fountain whence in time to come was to flow the streams that were to make glad the city of God, and by which the wilderness and the solitary places to the end of the earth were to be made to rejoice and to blossom as the rose.

From the N. York Churchman.

GREEK MISSION.

"THE latest intelligence," says the Missionary, "received from this mission, is contained in a letter from Rev. John H. Hill, dated Athens, July 30, 1835, from which we make the following extract:"

"We are most happy to observe a growing interest throughout the country in the cause of Missions in general. Our own work goes on well. When we closed our school for the vacation on the 11th instant we found that 750 had entered during the past year, (i. e. from the 1st of September last.) We are every day more and more convinced of the necessity of work, and although we have had many trials and difficulties, we find we are sustained by the confidence of the community at large, and of the government particularly. Our labors, you may rest assured, are not in vain. I have united in marriage six couple, baptized ten infants, and buried three Protestants; in performing which services I have used, as need required, the German, Greek and French languages. The last individual I buried a week ago. He was an officer of the King's privy household, and a great favorite with the King. The funeral ceremonies were very imposing; all the officers of the court attended headed by the Grand Chamberlain, Count de Sporta. The next day I received a letter of thanks from the King. The services I read in French. The last child I baptized was the daughter of a Scotch gentleman, who is married to a Greek lady by birth; the grandparents made no objection to the baptism by a Protestant. The family were all present; I used the Greek translation of our liturgy, and in compliment to them immersed the child, as our Church allows."

"The same letter," it adds, "speaks of a mission-house then in progress, and that they were daily expecting the reinforcement to the mission sent out last summer, which they should receive 'with open arms.'"

Christmas in Andover.—A writer in the Christian Witness says that the Nativity of our Saviour was probably never celebrated at Andover in a public and solemn manner until its last anniversary. On that occasion the members of the Episcopal congregation which has been recently organized there, assembled in the Congregational meeting-house which had been politely tendered to them, and listened to a sermon appropriate to the day, by Bishop Griswold. The house was well filled with a highly intelligent and respectable audience. The communion was administered to a large number of persons of various denominations: many of the students from the Seminary and Academy were present, and the occasion is said to have been one of uncommon interest. In the evening the Bishop preached to a congregation equally large and attentive.—*Ibid.*

G L E A N I N G S.

The highest heavens are the habitation of Jehovah's glory and the humble heart hath the next honour to be the habitation of his grace.

God has given us three books—the book of grace, the book of nature, and the book of Providence; every occurrence is a leaf in one of these books; it becomes us then not to be negligent in the use of any of them.

The Gospel of Christ is a box of precious ointment: by preaching, the box is broken, and the fragrance diffused.

It is a great mercy to be cheered by the Gospel of peace; but a greater, to be comforted with the peace of the Gospel.

Great grace and small gifts, are better than great gifts and no grace.

It is by faith that we are relieved from the difficulties of Sense—Sense revolts when it views our great High Priest on the Cross—Faith glories in this object—Sense talks like the Jews, 'He saved others, himself he cannot save, if he be now the King of Israel, let him come down from the cross, and we will believe him.' Faith lays hold on him as the Saviour of the world, and cries "Lord! Remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom"—Sense envies the prosperous worldling and calls him happy—Faith goes into the sanctuary to see what his end will be—When the waves run high Sense clamours—Faith says, "speak but the word, and the winds and waves shall obey thee"—When we feel the earthly house of this tabernacle taking down, Sense sinks—but Faith says, 'we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'

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