

Poetry.

THE TIME-PIECE.

Who is He, so swiftly flying,
His career no eye can see?
Who are They, so early dying,
From their birth they cease to be?

DEATH'S VISITS TO THE VILLAGE.

A WORD FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE YEAR.
(From "Thoughts for the Thoughtful," by Old Humphrey.)

They say that people live longer in the country
than in the town, and perhaps they may a few short
years; but be not deceived by the saying, my country
friends, for the word of the Eternal is gone forth:

VANITY OF THE WORLD.

To what purpose, dost thou, O worldling, rack thy
brains with contrivances, how to fill thy bags with
treasure, how to empty them with advantage?

CONFESSIONS OF A CONVERT.

(From the Gospel Messenger.)

Rev. Sir:—The request which was made some
time since, of communicating my religious exercises
for the last eight or ten months, I have deliberately
considered, and finally, have cheerfully consented to.

This age, in this country, presents the means of be-
coming rich in an abundance never known before.
Hence the intense and inordinate desire for wealth
which it is in the power of many to attain, and which

FAITH AND MORALS.

(By the Rev. S. W. Mann.)

Salvation depends upon our faith and conduct,
through Christ who died for us, and aids us by his
grace. Neither faith nor conduct regard merits,
but simply requirements of religion or conditions
without which we cannot be saved.

But the crisis had now arrived, the decision was to
be made, my own heart was agonizing in silent prayer
to God for direction, while bowing before Him in His
holyp temple.

THE HOLY INNOCENTS.

(From James on the Collects.)

Their death is commemorated, in order that the
circumstances with which it was connected may be the
more deeply impressed upon the mind, strengthening
our faith, and animating us to an emulous striving to
promote the glory of God in our several stations.

DECEIVERS.

(From a Sermon by Dr. Waterland.)

There is oftentimes a great deal of pride and vanity
in starting odd notions and broaching new doctrines.
It is pretending to be wiser than the rest of the world,
and it is thought to be an argument of uncommon
sagacity.

WORLDLY CARES.

(From the Church Times.)

This is not a religious age, and this country is not
a religious country. You will meet at every turn with
people who will assert that the present is the most
religious age that ever existed; that the last generation
had no religion at all, and the preceding one less than

ECCLIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

ENGLAND.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.
The annual report to May, 1846, has just been issued,
from which we have great pleasure in making the following
extracts:—
PRINCIPLE UPON WHICH THE SOCIETY'S GRANTS ARE
REGULATED.—"That principle, as plainly stated in the
Report of last year, is to assist the emigrants and colonists
during the first years of their settlement, and gradually
to withdraw such assistance, as the emigrants, wealth and
population shall enable the congregations to provide for
their own spiritual wants.