

Original Poetry.

(For the Canadian Churchman.)

SABBATH SONGS.

NO. II.

PEACE.

Peace I leave with you, my Peace I give unto you.—
Holy Bible.

Vast, comprehensive term, it all contains,
All worth desire lies in that one word peace;
It makes the crust a banquet, joyfull drains
The cheerless cup of want, nor asks increase
Of worldly wealth; with sweet contentment sings
Amidst the brambles on life's bleak highway.
With it, the desert blooms, rich fragrance springs
From noxious weeds, vigour from foul decay.

Peace, leads its owner 'midst the vineyards oft
At early morn—gives songs at night, and twines
Sweet roses round grief's casement, breathing soft
Music o'er the good man's grave, while it shines
Upon his num'rous virtues after death.
She makes the monarch lay aside his state
And leads him to the sheepfold; every breath
(On passions mull'd sea, subdued, sedate,
And calm, if peace but bids be still. She gilds
The sober past, brightens the future, known
In the presents bliss; soaring aloft she builds
Her glorious temple by the Eternal Throne.

Nymph of the snowy vesture, meek eyed peace,
'Tis thine to tune the Cherub's song, and string
The seraph's lyre; and when at last shall cease
Time's crazy wheels to move, thou shalt bring
The blood-bought family in safety home.
But man, proud man, heeds not the heavenly gift,
Pleas'd with the straws, the bubbles, and the foam
Strewing life's surface, these with ceaseless thrift
They struggle hard to obtain. Alas! 'tis this
Opens the flood-paths of the cares of life;
'Tis this, that spreads the frown on Envy's brow;
This, gives to Jealousy the poisonous drug,
Turning this bliss to gall; this, arms Revenge
Of furtive glance; and scowling malice with
The knife they destine for their victims breast:
Frantic for trifles man his fellow kills,
And peace is banished from a world of woe.

But, why should we our own brief morning waste,
Or in the struggle lose life's candle out
And leap into the dark; when peace, sweet peace,
Would light our footsteps down to hoary age,
Giving us life and immortality
Beyond the gloomy grave? Oh! who would have
A hope that sets in dark and dreary night,
Bounded by death's dark charnell house; when he
Can have for asking, bright, eternal peace?
It costs no wealth, the terms are simply these,
ASK—AND RECEIVE, YOUR JOY SHALL THEN BE
FULL.

WILLIAM OSBORNE.

St. Catharines, 19th Feb. 1853.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AT
THE PRESENT DAY;(Extracted from a series of sermons preached
by the Rev. Francis B. Woodward, Chaplain to
the English Congregation at Rome.)

Yes, the Church of Christ in the world is
in a hostile element. She is in the world,
but is not of the world, and does not amal-
gamate with the world. She is a kingdom,
set up in the midst of the kingdoms of this
world, but a kingdom diverse from them all;
a visible community, but one whose principle
of cohesion is impalpable and unseen; not
drawing her origin from the decrees of princes,
or the election of the people, but tracing her
lineage to the fishermen of Galilee, and
claiming the allegiance of the nations, in
virtue of a commission transmitted to her by
those who, in their own day, were the off-
scouring of the earth; living under all forms
of civil polity, sometimes in alliance with
them, sometimes independent of them, some-
times discountenanced by them—at all times
the object of their jealousy or of their fear;
sometimes tempted to forget her high com-
mission by the baits of worldly prosperity,
sometimes apparently ready to perish in the
storms of persecution, surviving earthly dy-
nasties, and yet herself knowing no decrepi-
tude; and witnessing the decay and fall of
empires, whose rise and slow maturity she
has watched, and herself still fresh to proceed
on her onward course, conquering and to
conquer. Such is that mysterious society
which has now held on her way for eighteen
centuries, in the midst of an adverse world.
—How are we to account for her continuance
and her undiminished vigor? She has met
the sword of open violence by no resistance.
She has confronted the sophistries of human
wisdom only by the preaching of the Cross.
What has preserved her, what has prevented
her from being swept away by the tempests,
that drove her to worship in catacombs, and
to hide herself in dens and caves of the earth?
And what has saved her from being engulfed
in the floods of worldliness, when kings became
her ministers and nursing fathers, and the
wealth of the nations was poured into her

treasury? It was His presence, and His almighty
power who has promised to be with her even
to the end of the world. It was His presence
who on the Lake of Galilee, rescued the infant
Church from perishing in the waters. "God
was in the midst of her," therefore was she
"not removed." And the same God is still
with her, and therefore she need not fear,
"though the waters rage and swell, and the
mountains shake at the tempest of the same."
And the same presence of the Incarnate God,
that guarantees the permanence of the Church
at large, is that which alone can ensure the
safety of any particular branch of it. Partic-
ular branches, indeed, of the Church may
be cut off, or have their candlesticks, re-
moved, without impeaching Christ's fidelity
in the promise of His continued presence,
which was made to the Church at large, and
not to individual branches, anymore than to
individual members. But so long as the
presence, which is the life and security of the
whole Church, is in any particular branch, so
long must that branch partake of the life of
the parent stem. She is founded upon the
rock, and the gates of hell shall not prevail
against her. And this my brethren, is my
hope of the Church in which God's providence
has cast the lot with most of us. The pre-
sent seems an awful crisis in our Church's
history. There is much to try, much to
dishearten, much to alarm, and much to
humble us. Dark clouds are gathering,
which indicate a coming storm or rather the
first gusts of the tempest have already burst
upon us. The hearts of many are failing
them for fear. And the strife and conten-
tion which agitate the Church's bosom and
shake her to her centre, fill the minds of
some of the most hopeful of her children
with gloomy forebodings, that she will afford
a sad illustration of the principle that a
house divided against itself shall be brought
to desolation. But notwithstanding all these
causes of grief and fear, I do not despair of
the fortunes of our Church. On the contrary,
in spite of the taunts of her enemies; in
spite of the desertion of faithless or faint
hearted sons, who have forsaken her in her
hour of need; in spite of the loss of some
whom we could ill afford to lose; I believe
that our Church will yet rise out of her pre-
sent humiliation. Much additional trial and
much chastisement may be before her; but I
believe she is destined yet to do great things
in the earth, and will yet be God's chosen
instrument in the regeneration of mankind—
And this, I believe, not merely because the
mighty empire with which she is identified
gives her almost a world-wide field of opera-
tion; not merely because she is the great
witness in the world of Catholic truth, and
unadulterated Christianity; not merely be-
cause she can trace her commission by suc-
cessive transmission to the Apostles, and
through the Apostles to Jesus Christ; but
because she is exhibiting, in spite of her
present disorders, signs of renewed life and
vigor, which betoken the working of a Divine
presence within her. Two centuries ago she
lay prostrate by an overthrow that to many
seemed annihilation; and yet she was after-
wards restored by a "great deliverance." And
is it nothing that, in these latter times
she has been awakened from the worldliness
and sloth, in which the century of prosperity
and ease have plunged her? Is it nothing
that she has been aroused from the Erastian-
ism and latitudinarianism into which reli-
ance on the secular arm was hurrying her,
and taught to know her own powers as a
living member of Him whose kingdom is not
of this world? Is it nothing that a daughter
Church in another hemisphere is keeping
pace with the giant growth of the empire in
which it is planted, and making advances
scarcely parallel in the history of Christian
progress? And is it nothing that into both,
into parent and offspring, there has been in-
fused fresh energy and fresh life; more ear-
nest devotion, greater self-denial, larger
liberality in support of Christian objects?
Are these the symptoms of a decaying Church?
Are these the indications that her light is
going to be extinguished; that she is going
to be cast away like a withered branch? Are
they not rather the workings of a Divine power
—the tokens of a Divine presence within her?
But, still, the purest branch of the Church
may forfeit her privileges by unfaithfulness;
and there is much in our present circumstan-
ces to fill us with apprehension. And no-

thing can guide our Church through her diffi-
culties and dangers, except the effectual
interposition of that almighty power, whose
unseen presence is still, we trust, amongst us.
Our Church will never be saved by
human schemes, or human contrivances, by
semi-political meetings, or by latitudinarian
compromises, or by the judgments of secular
tribunals, or by parliamentary legislation.—
Nothing will save her—nothing can heal her
disorders and quiet her agitation, but the
same Almighty word which allayed the turbid
waters of the Sea of Galilee. "Not by
power, nor by might, but my Spirit, saith the
Lord." But that Spirit will not be with-
held from the earnest supplications of a pray-
ing people. But, my brethren, while in this
time of our distress, we thus follow the Apo-
stles when in jeopardy, by calling to Him who
alone can save us from perishing, we must
remember that we have a part to act, and
that we must act it.

And, first and foremost, it is essential to
the stability of our Church, that we cease
from our mutual contentions. The gentle
spirit of holiness and peace is driven away by
noisy dissension, and dwelling amidst the strife
of tongues. We have enemies enough on both
sides of us, without turning our arms against
one another; and a house divided against itself
cannot stand. Perfect unanimity of opinion
is impossible to be attained in any community
of men; and amongst those who hold in com-
mon, the great varieties of the christian creeds,
differences on earthly matters ought not to
be allowed to break the unity of the Chris-
tian brotherhood; and so far as others may
be in error, we may be sure that charity, and
forbearance, and Christian kindness, are more
likely to win them to the truth, than angry
bickerings, uncharitable judgements, and cal-
umnious imputations. Let, then, "all bit-
terness, and wrath, and clamor, and evil speak-
ing, be put away from us, with all malice;"
and we shall not only experience "How good
and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell to-
gether in unity," but we shall find, that in
that unity is the true secret of the Church's
strength; for the God of peace dwells with
them that love peace, and live in peace; and
where He is, external dangers will assail in
vain.

But, secondly, it is essential to the stability
of our Church, that her members pay due re-
gard to her Scriptural authority, that they act
upon her principles, and use the means of
grace which she provides. No Church can
possibly stand, if her laws are habitually
sighted, and her ordinances habitually disre-
garded by her members. This is evident
from the nature of the case. Universal disre-
gard of the rules and regulations of any so-
ciety, on the part of its members, would be
ipso facto a dissolution of that society; and in
whatever degree its rules and regulations are
disregarded, in the same degree is a step
taken towards its dissolution. It is the same
with regard to the Church. She can claim
no doubt, a Divine sanction for the authority
that she exercises, which renders it dangerous
to slight it. But she stands on the same
footing with all other societies, in this par-
ticular, that she can be maintained only by
the acquiescence of her members in what she
prescribes, each sacrificing his private fancies
to the common order; abstaining, on the one
hand, from unauthorized innovations, and on
the other hand, adhering to her clear, in-
dubitable, unmistakable laws and institutions.
I know well that there are many good people
amongst us, alarmed at the numerous per-
versions that have lately taken place, and
justly jealous of anything that might promote
that unhappy movement; have an uneasy fear
of Church authority and Church institutions,
as tending to lead to Romanism. This is a
feeling with which it is hard to deal, inas-
much as one really does not know what it
means. If the Church of England be, what
I am sure we all believe her to be, the great-
est bulwark against, and most formidable an-
tagonist of, Romanism, surely there must be
some confusion of mind, in supposing that
faithfully obeying the Church of England
tends to make a man a Roman Catholic.

Advertisements.

WILLIAM HODGINS,
ARCHITECT and CIVIL ENGINEER,
LONDON, CANADA WEST.

February, 1852.

23-1f

J. P. CLARKE, Mus. Bac. K. C.
PROFESSOR OF THE PIANO-FORTE,
SINGING AND GUITAR,
Residence, Shuter Street.
Toronto, May 7, 1851. 41-1ly

JOHN CRAIG,
GLASS STAINER,
Flag, Banner, and Ornamental Painter
HOUSE PAINTING, GRAINING, &c., &c.
No. 7, Waterloo Buildings, Toronto.
September 14th, 1851. 4-1f

CARD.

MR. R. G. PAIGE,
TEACHER of Italian and English Singing
Piano Forte and Organ, &c., having be-
come resident in Toronto, will be happy to
receive application for tuition in the above
branches of Musical Education.
Residence, No. 62, Church Street.
Toronto, 28th July, 1852.

T. BILTON,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
No. 2, Wellington Buildings,
King street Toronto.
Toronto, February, 1852. 27-1f

MR. S. J. STRATFORD,
SURGEON AND OCUList,
Church Street, above Queen Street, Toronto
The Toronto Dispensary, for Diseases of the
EYE, in rear of the same.
Toronto, January 13th, 1837.

HERBERT MORTIMER
BROKER,
House, Land and General Agent,
No. 80, KING STREET EAST, TORONTO,
(Opposite St. James's Church.)
References kindly permitted to J. Cameron, Esq., T. G.
Ridout, Esq., Jas. Browne, Esq., W. McMaster, Esq., P.
Paterson, Esq., Messrs. J. C. Beckett & Co., Bows & Hall,
Crawford & Hagarty, Ridout Brothers & Co., Ross, Mitchell
& Co.
Twenty years' Debentures constantly on Sale, at a liberal
discount.
Toronto, October 1st, 1852. 5-1f

M. ANDERSON,
PORTRAIT PAINTER.
IN his tour of the British Provinces, has visited
Toronto for a short time, and is prepared to
receive Sittings at his Rooms, 108, Yonge Street.
Toronto, Dec. 10th, 1852. 25-1f

W. MORRISON,
Watch Maker and Manufacturing Jeweler,
SILVER SMITH, &c.
No. 9, KING STREET WEST, TORONTO.
A NEAT and good assortment of Jewellery,
Watches, Clocks, &c. Spectacles, Jewellery
and Watches of all kinds made and repaired to order.
Utmost value given for old Gold and Silver.
Toronto, Jan. 28, 1847. 61

MR. WILLIAM HAY,
Architect, Civil Engineer, and Surveyor.
No. 18, King Street, Toronto.

REFERENCES permitted to the Hon. and
Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Toron-
to, the Rev. John McCaul, LL. D., President of
the University of Toronto—the Rev. H. J. Grasett,
M. A., Rector of Toronto—the Rev. T. S. Kep-
nedy, Secretary to the Church Society, Toronto,
and the Rev. R. J. Magee, of Streetsville.
Toronto, Oct. 14th, 1852. 11-2m

DYEING AND SCOURING.
62, King Street West, Toronto.
DAVID SMITH,
FROM SCOTLAND.

EVERY description of Ladies' and Gen-
tlemen's wearing apparel, Moreen and Damask,
Bed and Window Hangings, Table Cloths of all kinds,
cleaned and dyed. Hearth rugs and Carpets cleaned. Silks
dyed and watered; Velvet and Satin dresses restored to
their original beauty. Cashmere and Plaid Shawls and
Dresses cleaned in a superior manner. Straw Bonnets
Dyed.
REFERENCES.—J. Shaw, J. McMurrich, and Walter Mac-
farlane, Esquires.
Toronto, March 9th, 1852. 22-1f

ANGELL & Co.'s
PULVERIZED CORN STARCH.
For Culinary Purposes.

IS now an absolute necessity to all House-
keepers, Cooks, and Pastry-cooks. For
Infants Food, Diet for Invalids, Cakes, Puddings,
Soups, Gravies, Blanc Mange, &c., it is indispen-
sible.

Price, 7½d. for the lb packets, with full In-
structions. If your Grocer does not keep it,
apply to

JOHN A. CULL,
Starch Manufacturer, Front St. Toronto.