

stances, who tread the thorny paths of life, and need assistance. No purpose can be conceived having stronger demands on our best exertions, than that on which the pious ministers of Christianity in this island unceasingly labour;—the intellectual, moral, and religious, instruction of the great mass of its inhabitants, who were formerly in the chains of mental as well as bodily bondage.

For the share, Gentlemen, which the reverend pastors of your Society have taken in this holy work you are entitled to the gratitude of mankind. I humbly hope, that the God of all will bless your endeavours, and produce suitable fruits in the practice by your congregations of that virtuous conduct, which is the only road to true happiness, either in this world or that to come.

## POETRY.

FOR THE HARBINGER.

Psalm lxxxix. 47.—Remember how short my time is :  
wherefore hast thou made all men in vain ?

What is this world ? An empty show,  
Where generations come and go,  
And each, in turn, to gain  
Some of its glittering gaudy toys,  
The span of this short life employs.  
Sure man was made in vain !

Ah ! what can then the problem solve ?  
Come Reason, well the theme revolve,  
To tell why man was made :  
Thy comprehension too must fail,  
Till Revelation lifts the veil,  
And casts away the shade.

The pearl of price before us lies,  
And blest are they, who duly prize  
This treasure, and secure  
For them, where moth nor rust invade,  
There is a bright possession laid,  
That ever shall endure.

These the true end of being gain,  
And prove they have not lived in vain ;  
They count all things but loss :  
The world, and all its splendid show,  
Its wealth and honours, sink below  
The glory of the cross.

By faith they view celestial things,  
And borne on faith's triumphant wings,  
Behold the upper skies ;  
And in the bright, the flaming day,  
When earth shall melt to smoke away,  
They shall immortal rise.

D— A.  
January, 1843.

## SUMMARY OF NEWS.

### ENGLAND.

**BRITISH PARLIAMENT.**—On Thursday, the 2d ult., the British Parliament was opened by commission. The Queen not being present, the occasion lost much of its ordinary interest.

**THE QUEEN.**—The accouchement of the Queen is expected to take place in March or the beginning of April.

**CORN LAWS.**—The Anti-Corn League have been holding meetings, collecting subscriptions, and enforcing their views during the last month in almost every large town throughout the kingdom.

**SIR CHARLES METCALFE.**—The new Governor General of Canada, Sir Charles Metcalfe, and suite, were expected to leave Liverpool in the steam-ship Columbia, which sailed from that port on the 4th inst.

**DREADFUL HURRICANE.**—One of the most devastating hurricanes within the memory of that ubiquitous personage, the oldest inhabitant, occurred on Friday, the 13th January. In almost every part of the country, the thermometer fell lower than it has done for years, and the effects of the storm has been experienced, more or less, over the greater part of Western Europe, while on the south and west coasts of England, the destruction of shipping has been great, accompanied with a corresponding loss of life.

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