

Poetry.

THE LIFE OF THE LATE BISHOP OF DOWN AND DROMORE, AND DEACON OF THE SEAT OF HIS WIFE.

To qualem pacis emertant recipit... Te, placidum, mitem, ingenuum, benignum...

THE COMMON-PLACE BOOK. No. IX.

PRAYER.

Prayer is an all-sufficient panoply, a treasure undiminished, a mine which never is exhausted, a sky unobscured by clouds, a haven unruined by the storm...

THE MARTYR'S CHILD.

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CHARITY.

Charity is a virtue of all times and all places. It is not so much an independent grace in itself, as an energy which gives the last and highest finish to every other...

MINISTERIAL LABOUR.

The work of a minister is more laborious than that of a carpenter. When he hath wrought hard all day he goes home, and comes again in the morning...

BETHLEHEM.

Bethlehem is celebrated in the Old Testament as the birth-place of David; and in the New, as that of David's greater Son, the Christ, the Saviour of the world...

THE SUN AND THE CLOCK.

The Scripture is the sun, the Church is the clock, whose hand points us to, and whose sound tell us the hours of the day.

EXTRACT FROM THE PRIMARY CHARGE OF THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD.

(1.) "Suffer me, my Reverend Brethren,—though I feel the delicacy of the matter on which I now enter, and my need of your forbearance as I treat it,—to take an illustration of the principle I would enforce from the question which has caused late—alas, that so it should be!—the least kindly difference within our body; I mean the doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration."

CHURCH MUSIC AND ARCHITECTURE.

But let my due feet never fail To walk the stations cloister's pale, And love the high embowed roof, With antic pillars massy proof, And storied windows richly dight, Casting a dim religious light;

ABAB AND ELIAS.

"Abab was a king, and his treasures of gold and silver were too numerous to be counted; but possessing not the gift of prayer, he went about to seek Elias a man who had scarce a pillow on which to rest his head, whose only garment was a squalid shreppkin."

PAIN.

Pain itself is not without its alleviations. It may be violent and frequent, but it is seldom both violent and long continued; and its pains and intermissions become positive pleasures. It has the power of shedding a satisfaction over intervals of ease, which I believe few enjoyments exceed.

PRIDE AND INGRATITUDE.

You may rest upon this as an unfeeling truth, that there neither is, or ever was, a person remarkably ungrateful, who was not also unfeelingly proud; nor any one proud who was not equally ungrateful.

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