

## POETRY.

## INNOCENT'S DAY.

By Bishop Heber.

Oh weep not o'er thy children's tomb,  
Oh Rachel, weep not so!  
The bud is crompt by martyrdom,  
The flower in heaven shall blow!

Firstlings of the faith! the murderer's knife  
Has miss'd its deadliest aim:  
The God for whom they gave their life,  
For them to suffer came!

Though feeble were their days and few,  
Baptized in blood and pain,  
He knows them, whom they never knew,  
And they shall live again.

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## FOR THE CIRCUMCISION.

By the same.

Lord of mercy and of might!  
Of mankind the life and light!  
Maker, teacher infinite!  
Jesus! hear and save!

Who, when sin's tremendous doom  
Gave creation to the tomb,  
Didst not scorn the Virgin's womb,  
Jesus! hear and save!

Mighty monarch! Saviour mild!  
Humbled to a mortal child,  
Captive, beaten, bound, revil'd,  
Jesus! hear and save!

Throned above celestial things,  
Born aloft on angels' wings,  
Lord of lords, and king of kings!  
Jesus! hear and save!

Who shalt yet return from high,  
Robed in might and majesty,  
Hear us! help us when we cry!  
Jesus! hear and save!

## ON THE EPIPHANY.

By the same.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid!  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall,  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all!

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation;  
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure:  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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*Progress of Christianity among the Jews in Europe.*—We derive the following interesting facts from an address of professor Tholuck, before the British Society for the Conversion of the Jews, at their recent anniversary meeting in London.—*N. Y. Observer.*

It is an undoubted fact, that more proselytes have been made from among the Jews during the last twenty years, than since the first ages of the Church. Not only in Germany, but also in Poland, there has been the most astonishing success; and I can bear testimony to what has come under my own observation in the capital of Silesia, my native city, where many conversions have taken place. I shall speak only of such individuals as I am acquainted with myself, in the profession to which I belong.

In the University of Breslaw, there are three professors who were formerly Israelites—a professor of Philology, a professor of Chemistry, and a professor of Philosophy; there is, besides, a Clergyman, and he was a Jew. In my present station, at Halle, there are no less than five professors formerly Jews—one of medicine, one of mathematics, one of law, and two of philology. But although I cannot assure myself that in all these individuals a change of heart has taken place, and that every apparent conversion is a real conversion, yet I can say, that out of thousands who have embraced christianity, there are at least hundreds who are true Israelites, having not only received the baptism of water but of the Holy Spirit. Let us not despise, then, these fruits of the labours of love; since, though some may, perhaps have professed christianity from outward motives, yet their children are educated in the truth; which they would not have been, had not their fathers forsworn the Jewish faith.

Let me also state, that, in some instances, the Lord has blessed my individual labours in the station wherein, through his grace, I myself have been placed. The first person who was brought, through my instrumentality, to the faith of Christ, was a Jew; and I shall never forget what a deep impression was made on my heart from this circumstance. Since then, I may say, I never gave a theological lecture at Berlin, but it was attended by Jews, and some of whom at present are preparing for the ministry. \* \* \* \* I might show that some of the Jewish conversions have taken place among men of the highest literary attainment; and, among others, I might mention Dr. Neander, of Berlin; Dr. Branis, of Breslaw; and Dr. Stahl, of Erlangen. These are persons of the highest scientific reputation, and now faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.—*Episc. Rec.*

*Lutheran Church.*—There are now in the United States rising of 200 ordained Lutheran ministers, and above 20 licentiates; about 800 congregations, and between 60 and 70,000 communicants. There are talent and learning, as well as piety, both among preachers and laymen, adequate to any wants of our church. There is surplus wealth enough among our people to support all our seminaries at the rate of \$2000 for each per annum, and \$5000 for the Gettysburg; to educate one hundred young men at \$100 for each per annum; to pay well all our stationed ministers, to send missionaries to every destitute part of our land, and even to establish a foreign mission with an endowment of \$40,000, and an annual appropriation of \$10,000 besides.—*Pastoral Address of the General Synod.*

*The Rose of Jericho.*—This singular plant, which is found only in the deserts of Arabia, resembles no other in the world. It is about six inches high, root and all. Its tiny branches give it the appearance of a Lilliputian tree. When drawn from the earth, and allowed to dry, the points of its branches curve inward until they touch in the centre. Within the hollow globe thus formed, its numerous flowers are enclosed, which is partly the case while the plant is in the natural state.—*Southern Churchman.*

*Prayer.*—Pray not only in the name of Christ, but in the faith of Christ.

*BISHOP OF MADRAS.*—A private letter from England states, that Bishop Ives was present at Lambeth, on Trinity Sunday, at the consecration of Dr. Corrie, Bishop of Madras. We scarcely can conceive of an occasion more delightful, and we rejoice that our excellent friend was permitted to be a witness of it. The associate of Martyn, of Middleton, of Heber, the devoted friend of India—the veteran missionary of the Cross, set apart to the chief ministry over the souls whom he has turned to righteousness, and returning in his old age, to be the Apostle of those to whom the vigour of his years has been devoted. May God preserve him long to exert for the best ends his influence in his new and noble sphere. And may her generous care of souls plead, trumpet-tongued, before the throne of our maternal Church in this her day of visitation.—*Missionary.*

*ARCHBISHOP HOWLEY.*—Of the excellent prelate alluded to in the above extract, as having consecrated the new Bishop of Madras, an intelligent writer in the Gentleman's Magazine, does not hesitate to say, that 'the venerable walls of Lambeth never owned a more accomplished scholar as their inmate, from the days of Cranmer to the present.' This is said in connexion with the most discriminating estimate of the scholarship of such men as Johnson, and Parr, and Fox, and Windham, and Canning, and Hookham Frere, and Peel.—*Ibid.*

*The Church Missionary Society* has recently received the largest testamentary bequest ever made to its funds. It consists of one-fourth part of the residuary personal estates of the late Horatio Cock, Esq. of Colchester. The following are the particulars of the Society's proportion: Three per cent. consols, £9,100; three per cent. reduced, £437 10s; bank stock, £1,250; cash £207 18s 6d. These sums are, however, subject to the legacy duty, which reduces the actual amount 10 per cent. A similar benefaction has been received by the British and Foreign Bible Society. Mr. Cock also left handsome legacies to several Colchester and other charities.—*Chelmsford Chronicle.*

*Afflictions.*—That eminently pious man, the Rev. John Dod, who died in Northamptonshire, in 1645, at the advanced age of ninety-six, used to say to his sick friends, 'Afflictions are God's portions, which we may sweeten by faith and fervent prayer; but we for the most part, make them bitter, putting into God's cup the evil ingredients of our impatience and unbelief. In all cases of suffering, the people of God should consider—1. God wills them and sends them: now the will of God is perfectly righteous, and what he does is so well done, that it could not be better done. 2. There is need of them, or we should not have them. 3. Their number, measure, and continuance, God determines; and, comparatively speaking, they are but for a moment. 4. The Lord will be sure to support us under them. 5. They are not too many, too heavy, or too long, as Satan would have them; nor too few, too short, or too light, as our corrupt nature would have them. 6. Their end is a weight of glory, and the crown that attends them is everlasting.'

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