

Poetry.

FAINT, YET PURSUING.

AN ASPTROPE TO THE CHURCH.

BY THE REV. EDWARD C. JOSE.

Church of the living God, Awake the vision song, A path that long has trod, And yet must reach along, Thy banner to Creation King, And take possession for thy King.

The field is now the world, What noble field of strife! And Satan from his throne is hurled, To fight the battle of the world, Strike home for Jesus and his word, And give the Kingdoms to thy Lord.

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(From "The Round Preacher," by an Ex-Wesleyan.)

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"For as many as belong to God, and Jesus Christ, these are with the Bishop; and as many as repent themselves of their sins, and return to the unity of the Church, these also will be God's, that they may be alive in Jesus Christ. He not deceives his brethren, if any one follow a schismatic he inheriteth not the Kingdom of God."—Ign. Epist.

It was on an evening in December, that I was sitting alone in my study, reading Bishop Jewel's masterly defence of the Church of England; when I was startled by the entrance of an aged personage, of grave and dignified mien. There was a sweet serenity, and an intellectual dignity in his countenance, and a singular melody in his voice. I rose from my seat, to salute him, when he thus accosted me:

"I trust, Mr. Sparks, that you will excuse a stranger intruding upon you in the midst of your anxious studies. You will, I think, deem any apology for my abrupt appearance, altogether unnecessary, when you understand who I am, and the object of my visit. Although you have never seen me before, you have read my writings, and I am come to explain some things in them, which appear to you to be obscure or contradictory, and to converse with you on the condition and prospects of the Connexion."

As the unknown visitor uttered these words, his countenance underwent a gradual and mysterious change, discovering features somewhat familiar to me. I at length thought that I recognized the features of Mr. Wesley. I was greatly startled, and a mingled feeling of fear and veneration possessed me. The suavity of his manner, and the benignity of his countenance, allayed my apprehension, and having collected my spirits, I ventured to address him.

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"Author.—As the object of your visit is to converse upon the condition and prospects of the Connexion, I should have thought that you would have chosen the president of the Conference, as the fittest person with whom to hold intercourse."

"Mr. Wesley.—Alas! he is a man of too high thoughts, and proud desires—swayed too much by ambition, and love of power, to be a meet person for my communion. I cannot hold intercourse with a man who treats with contempt my authority, and tramples underfoot my rules. I have selected you because you have ever striven to conform to my rules, and have always lifted up your voice against every departure therefrom. It gladdens me to find you eagerly enquiring after truth, and resolved to follow it, whithersoever it may lead you. If you pursue the path, it will conduct you where I would wish you to be. Do you wonder how I know so much of your taste of mind? Your wonder will cease when I tell you that the invisible world is in much closer connection with the visible than is generally imagined. The stroke of death does not terminate all that occupied our thoughts on earth. Around them we still fondly linger, and watch with interest those plans on which our labor was expended."

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"Mr. Wesley.—My object in appearing to you, is not to make revelations of the condition and employment of the invisible world. What you know now, you will know hereafter. Indulge not any fanciful speculations, concerning the future state, for you cannot but err. What was my hypothesis of the restoration of the brute creatures, but a vagary of unrestrained imagination? Ever keep in mind that what is a man's future condition. Would that I had been more careful, as to the kind of seed which I have sown! To watch the growth and propagation of one single grain of the bad seed which I unfortunately scattered, and to note its fatal fecundity, as I am now able to observe it, occasions me great sorrow; for as yet all tears are not wiped away from all faces, for the works of the departed are yet to undergo a trial, so as by fire. When the spirit is loosened from the bondage of the flesh, it puts forth its nascent energies, and the sphere of its operation becomes greatly extended. It gathers into its enlarged comprehension the doings of its earthly life-time, and draws from this source the chief food for either bitter or sweet reflection."

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HUGH PAYNE SAVIGNY, Provincial Land Surveyor and Draughtsman, YONGE STREET. ADDRESS, TORONTO POST OFFICE. June, 1848.

DR. DERRY, Has Removed to 101, Bishop's Buildings, ADELAIDE STREET, TORONTO, May, 1848.

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