

battle ; for in this war there is no truce, and no discharge will be granted.

Let us look for a moment on the host that is gathered to oppose him : the world, the flesh, and the devil. These great captains lead on their countless hosts—numberless temptations. Covetousness comes at the head of his golden standards. Pride, with all his trappings, advances with his troops ; and the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, are joined together as a threefold cord not easily to be broken.

Then come a crowd of terrors to shake the Christian's soul, a fearful train of coming judgments, a carnal mind, that is ever at enmity with God, and an array of thoughts and imaginations of the heart, that are evil continually.

These, and many more such opponents, without limit to their number, has the Christian to withstand. Art thou affrighted, feeble follower of the Redeemer ! Take courage, though thy enemies be countless as the sands ; more are they that are for thee than those that be against thee. Thou hast the people of God on thy side, armed with prayers, which, through faith, are mighty to pull down the strongholds of the adversary. Thou hast innumerable saints and angels, a great multitude which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues. Thou hast the whole army of martyrs, and goodly and precious promises without end, all yea and amen in Christ Jesus. Thou hast the word of the Eternal with thee, flying as a flaming angel to overthrow thy foes, and to comfort thy heart. And, lastly, thou hast thy leader, the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the Captain of thy salvation, going before thee in the glorious warfare. His example speaks, his voice animates, his Spirit enters thy heart, to sustain, revive, and encourage thee ; he points to “ the blood-

stained banner of his cross,” and promises that thou shalt be more than a conqueror through Him who has loved thee, and lived and died for thee. Take courage, feeble follower of the Redeemer ! On ! Christian, on ! Tread in thy Leader's steps. Be faithful unto death, and a crown of eternal life shall be thine !—*Visitor.*

SACRED POETRY.—The wisest and the best stand in as much need to be redeemed by the blood of Christ, and to be sanctified and guided by the Holy Spirit, as the most illiterate and the most unworthy. The two great principles on which our salvation must be founded, are faith and holiness ; faith, without which it is impossible to please God ; holiness, without which no man can see the Lord. Madame Necker says, “ a muse may be a missionary :” I agree with her ; but then it must be such a muse as that of Cowper or Milton, where the sanctity directs and elevates the poetry ; where genius is made subservient to Christian principle, and embellishes it without altering its character or debasing its purity. These two are *Bible poets*, who received the Gospel with simplicity, and adorned it without any departure from its truth.—*Mrs. H. More.*

FORGIVENESS.—A gentleman who had filled many high stations in public life with the greatest honour to himself and advantage to the nation, once went to Sir Eardley Wilmot in great anger at a real injury that he had received from a person high in the political world, which he was considering how to resent in the most effectual manner. After relating the particulars to Sir Eardley, he asked if he did not think it would be *man'y* to resent it ? “ Yes,” said Sir Eardley, “ it would doubtless be *man'y* to resent it ; but it would be *godlike* to forgive it.” This the gentleman declared, had such an instantaneous effect upon him, that he came away