

## POETRY.

## THE SINNER CALLED.\*

"Wake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."—(Ephesians v. 14)

Wake, sinner, wake!

The stork hath known her stated time,  
The swallow watch'd the change of clime,  
The ant hath felt the morning ray,  
The bee begun the work of day,

Wake, sinner, wake!

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The spring hath broke the wintry spell,  
The earth hath wak'd in hill and dell,  
The corn hath rear'd its verdant leaf,  
The blossom burst its tender sheath.

Wake, sinner, wake!

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The Lenten call hath gone abroad,  
The Christian wakes to see his Lord.  
The Spirit lends his holy might,  
And Christ hath risen to give thee light.

Wake, sinner, wake!

## THE UNSEEN WORLD.

"For this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven."—2 Cor. v. 2 verse.

'Tis but a film of flesh divides  
Us from the heavenly place;  
'Tis heaven to be where God resides,  
And see him face to face.

Our God is everywhere around;  
But while we sojourn here,  
Thick mists from earth the scene confound,  
And heaven may not appear.

But could we lay the body by  
And wash our eye-sight clean,  
Then look into the boundless sky,  
How different 'twould be seen!

What now is void and silent space,  
Were full and vocal then;  
Its 'habitants a heavenly race,  
Though once our brother men;

Our brethren once, our brethren now,  
Still knit in holy love;—  
We praise and serve him here below;  
They praise and serve above.

Gos. Mess.

## VARIETIES.

## FROM AMERICAN PAPERS.

Teaching the Young.—"I once saw," says Sir H. Davy, "a very interesting sight above one of the crags of Ben Nevis, as I was going, on the 20th of August, in the pursuit of black game. Two parent eagles were teaching their offspring, two young birds, the manoeuvres of flight. They began by rising from the top of a mountain in the eye of the sun; it was about mid-day, and bright for this climate. They at first made small circles, and the young birds imitated them; they paused on their wings, waiting till they had made their first flight, and then took a second

\* From the Church of England Magazine.

and larger gyration, always rising towards the sun, and enlarging their circle of flight, so as to make a gradually extending spiral. The young ones still slowly followed, apparently flying better as they mounted; and they continued this sublime kind of exercise, always rising, till they became mere points in the air, and the young ones were lost and afterwards their parents, to our aching sight.—*Episcopal Recorder*.

*Sunday Traffic on Canals*—The Archdeacon of Stafford, Eng., is pursuing the laudable object of establishing means for the religious instruction of the boatmen on the canals. He has requested the clergy and others interested to meet him on the subject at Stone, on Friday.—*Ibid*.

Her Majesty has recently presented to each of the clergy engaged in the ceremony of the Royal nuptials, a copy of the Holy Scriptures, magnificently bound in purple and gold, as a token of her gracious favour. There is an inscription in each declaratory of the origin of the present in the autograph of the Bishop of London.—*Ibid*.

We are informed, on good authority, that our townsman, Professor Lee, D. D., of Trinity College, Cambridge, Prebendary of Bristol, has recently discovered a work which will be highly valued, not only by the general scholar, but especially by the theological student. This indefatigable Oriental scholar has brought to light, in a Syriac translation, one of the lost works of the celebrated Eusebius, author of the Church History.—*Shrewsbury Chronicle*.

*Intemperance of Russia*.—Nearly a fourth part of the revenue of Russia is derived from the sale of spirits. This sale is kept entirely in the hands of the imperial government. The outspread wings of the Russian eagle are over the door of every gin shop in every village throughout that vast empire. Brandy is the only spirit of which travellers make mention. Mr. Pickerton calculates, that "the enormous quantity of eighty-two millions of gallons of brandy alone are drunk every year by the peasantry of that empire." The population being over sixty millions, it amounts to one gallon and a third for each person. In Scotland, however, it must be remembered, that parliamentary returns give three gallons of spirits as the average quota of every man, woman and child throughout that part of the realm.—*Boston Recorder*.

*Worthy of Imitation*.—Mr. Armstrong, a communicant of St. Matthew's Church, Madison, Muskingum County, Ohio, who died a few days since in much hopefulness and peace, devised his property to his two brothers, with the obligation to draw from its proceeds, (after the payment of certain legacies, which will engross its avails for the next four or five years,) seventy five dollars annually for the support of the ministry in said Church during their lives, provided the congregation shall raise annually an equal sum. He also devised that, on the death of his brothers, the whole property shall go to the Church. Are there not others, who will be induced, by this example, to enter some similar bequest in favour of the Church in their wills?—*Epis. Rec.*

*The Protestant Annual*.—"A Protestant Annual for 1841," is now being prepared. A list of supporters and contributors is given in a London Protestant Magazine. In that list we perceive the names of the best writers of the day. Dr. Chalmers is named among them; also Rev. Hugh McNeile; Rev. Edward Bickersteth; also the Dean of Ardagh; Rev. John Cumming, of London, (himself a host,) the Hon. Mr. Maxwell; and that most eminent writer the Hon. George Finch, Esq. M. P., who has given us two most valuable volumes on "the Roman Catholic Controversy."—*Ibid*.

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