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Original Poetry.

GRATITUDE'S OFFERING.

"CALL upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

1

Yes! I have proved the promise true,
My faithful covenant-keeping God;
Thine arm hath borne me safely through,
Or I had sunk beneath the flood.

2

And I will praise thee; for in love
And not in wrath, the cup was given—
The mingled cup—prepared above—
To plume my soul afresh for heaven.

3

And I will love thee, and to thee
Anew, myself, my all, I give:
Thine, only thine, resolved to be,
O! let me to thy glory live.

4

And I will trust thee; not alone
When health, and ease, and friends, are mine,
But when these comforts, all are flown,
And earthly light, hath ceased to shine.

5

Then will I trust thee; and the hour
That ends the spirit's mortal strife,
Shall find me trusting in thy power,
To raise me to eternal life.

Charlotte Town, Aug. 20th, 1839.

ELLEN.

Religious Intelligence.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LATE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

LIVERPOOL, 31st. July, 1839.

We have great satisfaction in having been able to collect, in the present, as in former years, such information as enables us to place before our readers, the following report of the proceedings of the Wesleyan Conference. The sources from which this information is derived, justify our reliance on its general accuracy; but we wish directly to state, that it is in no case an official or authorized account, and that the responsibility of its publication rests exclusively with ourselves.

The attendance at the opening of Conference was unusually large, 512 names of preachers having been forwarded to Liverpool, from various parts of the United Kingdom and Foreign Stations, as authorized by their respective District meetings to attend, and nearly that number were actually present. At six o'clock in the morning, the Conference commenced its sittings in Brunswick Chapel, the President giving out the hymn on the 456th page.

"How good and pleasant 'tis to see," &c.

The Rev. Messrs. Entwisle and Trefry engaged in prayer.

The first act of the Conference was to supply the vacancies which had, during the year, occurred in the "Hundred." On the names having been called over there appeared seven vacancies—five in Great Britain, and two in Ireland, which were filled up as follows—

William Worth, Hugh Carter, Jonathan Williams, John P. Haswell, Joseph Cusworth, David Waugh, John Huddon.

The Hundred names, according to Mr. Wesley's Deed of Declaration, having been thus filled up, the Conference proceeded to the election of the President, when the votes were—

Mr. Lessey, 161; Mr. Dixon, 81; Mr. Stanley, 14; Mr. Atherton, 12.

The right of voting for the President, or more correctly uniting in his nomination, is possessed by those ministers who have been in the itinerancy fourteen years; the election being legally vested in the "Hundred," their confirmation was necessary to the validity of the preceding vote.

The "Hundred" at once confirmed the nomination of the Rev. Theophilus Lessey, and he was consequently declared to be duly elected.

The Rev. Robert Newton was re-elected to the office of Secretary of the Conference, by the unprecedented majority of 252.

The Revs. John Anderson, and Isaac Keeling were appointed Sub-Secretaries; and the Revs. R. Waddy, S. Jackson, and John Farrar, writers of official letters.

The preliminary proceedings having been completed, an hour was occupied in solemn and united prayer.

The Conference adjourned at nine, and re-assembled at ten o'clock.

Upon the re-assembling of the Conference, the Ex-President addressed his newly-appointed successor to the following effect:—"I have great pleasure in delivering to you the seal of the Conference, assured that the power of which it is the sign, will be used for the advancement of those holy objects which constitute the end of our union.

You will be supported by the prayers and sympathies of your brethren, and above all by the guidance and aid of the God of all grace. I have great pleasure (added Mr. Jackson, at the same time shaking the hand of the President,) to be the first to render homage to you in your new and responsible office."

The President having been thus formally inducted into his office, rose and said,—He felt more strongly than he could express, the responsibility under which the Conference had placed him. He unfeignedly declared, that he shrunk from it; it was with difficulty he could sustain his spirit in the contemplation of the arduous duties which might devolve upon him; he was constrained to confess, that he felt himself altogether incompetent for the successful discharge of them; but, at the call of the Conference, he should address himself to his great work, in dependence upon divine assistance. He never felt more powerfully the necessity of personal religion; and, however he might discharge the duties which awaited him, he believed they would lead him to seek an increase of