

POETRY.

FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

LINES ADDRESSED TO MRS. D——,
ON THE SUDDEN DEATH OF HER INFANT.

Tho' dark the ways of heav'n, yet still we view
Enough t' assure us they're all just and true;
Those dispensations which to mortal eyes
Seem ill, are only "blessings in disguise,"
And what we fancy oft with bliss replete,
Ends in vexation, sorrow, and regret.
Had heav'n prolong'd thy lovely infant's date,
Who knows the perils of its ripper state,
What ill might vex it, and what woes await?
Heav'n saw thro' all, and with the lightning's speed,
Sent the kind mandate, and the pris'ner freed.
As some blest swain, to whom his sov'reign yields
His blooming gardens, groves, and flow'ry fields,
To nurse the plants, to graft th' inserted fruit,
And teach th' obedient branches how to shoot;
If while he blissful roams, some lovelier bloom
Of richer foliage, texture and perfume,
Attract his eye—suspicious lest some rude blast
Should nip the tender blossom, and lay waste,
He hasty plucks it, young and immature,
And bears the grateful present to his Lord.
So when the guardian angel of thy race
Saw this sweet flow'r adorned with blooming grace,
Fearful of future harms, and heavier fate,
By heaven's permission, circumscribed its date,
And pleas'd above th' ambrosial gift to bring,
The garden entered with impatient wing,
And cropt, and bore it to th' eternal King.
Montreal, Sept. 2, 1842. 107A.

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BIBLE WARNING!!!

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the people of every Religion based upon the Word of God, that I, J. P. WILSON, a man of the common people, (having been brought up as a farmer,) have read the Discussion which took place in the year 1838, between the Rev. Mr. Gregg, Minister of the English Church, and the Rev. T. Maguire, Roman Catholic Priest, the great advocate of the Church of Rome; in which a man of the common people, that is, an ignorant, Protestant, as the Rev. Gentleman is pleased to call one who is not learned in several tongues, is called upon to come forward, and to let him know how long such a man would take to read the Bible, and how he could interpret it.

Whereupon I call upon all men holding either the Bible of the Church of England, or the Bible of the Church of Rome, to commence and read them through from beginning to end. All such as are not bound to the hours of a labouring man, may read it through in one year from this date; and tradesmen and labourers can have it read by the year 1845.

Further, in the year 1843, God willing, I will challenge the great Rev. T. Maguire to stand to his writings. I will also call upon the Jew to come forward, and I will engage to confound him out of his own Scriptures.

In this great undertaking, I will ask the opinions of some on the 11th chapter of Ecclesiastes, 2d verse, and will expound the SEVEN, wherever an opportunity is afforded me. The contents of this verse order my expenses to be borne.

You may now see the three men that the Prophet DANIEL saw, as recorded in his last chapter.

Four different Scriptural Questions have been proposed to me by four different Clergymen, since the year 1830; who, however, denied me the privilege of answering them in public. The Rev. T. Maguire will, however, I trust, give me an opportunity of answering those questions, in the presence of himself and others.

The fact of the Church of Rome having called upon a "common man" to explain so wondrous a book, planned by the wisdom of the Most High, in visions, parables and numbers, and prepared to meet the times and laws of the lower world, furnishes proof that "the clouds have emptied themselves upon the earth."

But I address you, friends, in the language of David, "Let no man's heart fail;" I will go and interpret the Book. Four great men have already fled from before me. Newry in Ireland, St. Helen's in England, and the township of Clarke, Upper Canada, can add shall prove the fact.

I hope that Brother Jonathan will put his hand under this garment.

The prayers of all are earnestly entreated, that I may be enabled to act justly with the Word of God. Peace be to man, woman, and child.

Editors of papers are requested to notice the above. The attention of the authorities is also respectfully invited.

Those who will not hear this, must be ranked amongst the dead; those who will hear this, must stand up, and give their voice among the living; for it is written, "He that is not with me is against me."

The public's humble servant in the Word of God,
J. P. WILSON,
Or, F. WILSON THE LAYMAN.
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