

POETRY.

THE TRANSLATION OF ENOCH.

BY BERNARD BARTON.

Though proudly through the vaulted sky
Was borne Elisha's sire;
And dazzling unto mortal eye
His car and steeds of fire:

To me as glorious seems the change
Accorded to thy worth;
As instantaneous and as strange
Thy exit from this earth.

Something which wakes a deeper thrill
These few brief words unfold,
Than all description's proudest skill
Could of that hour have told.

Fancy's keen eye may trace the course
Elijah held on high:
The car of flame, each fiery horse
Her visions may supply;—

But *thy* transition mocks each dream
Framed by her wildest power,
Nor can her mastery supreme
Conceive thy parting hour.

Were angels, with expanded wings,
As guides and guardians given?
Or did sweet sounds from seraphs' strings
Waft thee from earth to heaven?

'Twere vain to ask: we know but this—
Thy path from grief and time
Unto eternity and bliss,
Mysterious and sublime!

With God thou walkedst: and wast not!
And thought and fancy fail
Further than this to paint thy lot,
Or tell thy wondrous tale.

STANZAS.

When rosy Evening's sweetest light
Fades like our joys too soon away,
How dear the thought, that but a night
Divides it from the brighter day.

So to the dying christian's eye,
The twilight of the world retires
But to reveal the heavenly sky,
And glory's everlasting fires.

That sky, those fires, unfading shine
O'er boundless plains of life and love,
Reflections of that smile divine
That makes the perfect bliss above.

ANON.

seen or heard of him. On receiving assurance that he was totally unacquainted with his face, character, and history, the gentleman proceeded to state that his sermon on the sixth commandment had reached his conscience; that he was a *murderer*; that being the second son of a Highland laird, he had some time before, from base and selfish motives cruelly suffocated his elder brother, who slept in the same bed with him; and that now he had no peace of mind, and wished to surrender himself to justice, to suffer the punishment due to his horrid and unnatural crime. Mr. Erskine asked him if any other person knew any thing of his guilt. His answer was, that so far as he was aware, not a single individual had the least suspicion of it; on which the good man exhorted him to be deeply affected with a sense of his atrocious sin, to make an immediate application to the blood of sprinkling, and to bring forth fruits meet for repentance; but at the same time, since, in providence, his crime had hitherto remained a secret, not to disclose it, or give himself up to public justice. The unhappy gentleman embraced this well-intended counsel in all its parts, became truly pious, and maintained a friendly correspondence with this "servant of the Most High God" in future life. It is added, that after he withdrew, the minister had the happiness to recover the manuscript formerly missing; and, in consequence, preached in the afternoon on the topic he had originally in view.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE.—By a recent regulation of the Minister of Public Instruction of France, the study of at least one living language of Europe, besides French, has been made compulsory in all the royal colleges of France; and for those in Paris the pupils have had to declare for either German or English. The following appears to have been the result of the declarations thus made in the colleges of the metropolis and Versailles:—

	English.	German.
College of Louis le Grand.....	88	34
" Henri IV.....	68	29
" Charlemagne.....	66	27
" Bourbon.....	93	35
" St. Louis.....	61	25
" Versailles.....	30	15

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This gives a general proportion of about seventy per cent. in favour of the English language, and thirty per cent. in favour of the German.

ANTIQUITY OF ROMANISM.—Roman Catholics often talk of the antiquity of their religion; but we think that the following dates of the origin of their peculiar doctrines and practices will show them to be too modern for a scriptural Christian to receive:—

Year.	Year.
Ioly Water.....120	Image Worship.....715
Penance.....150	Canonization of Saints 993
Monkery.....328	Baptism of Bells.....1000
Latin Mass.....394	Transubstantiation...1000
Extreme Unction.....558	Celibacy.....1015
Purgatory.....593	Indulgences.....1190
Invocation of the Virgin Mary and of Saints.....594	Dispensations.....1200
Papal Usurpation.....607	The Inquisition.....1204
Kissing the Pope's toe.....709	Confession.....1215
	Elevation of the Host 1222

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