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Messiah, a Sacred Eclogue.

Ye nymphs of Sylvania! begin the song: To heavenly themes sublimer strains belong...

Thanksgiving.

Thou shalt remember all the way in which the Lord thy God hath led thee:—Deut. x. 2.

The Star in the East.

Many conjectures have been advanced respecting this star. Among those recently put forth is the following:—From astronomical calculation it appears, that at the time of the birth of our Lord, there was a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn; and this, says a popular writer, "no doubt was the new star that God employed to call attention to a new fact, to show the place where Christ was born, and to lead the wise men to visit Him who was born King of the Jews."

Monasticism.

Monasticism, as we understand it, is a system of life, which is founded upon the principles of asceticism and self-denial. It is a system which has existed in various forms, and in various countries, from the earliest times to the present day.

ITS RISE AND INFLUENCE.

A Lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association, Halifax, N. S., on the 17th December, 1855.

THE NATURE OF MONASTICISM.

I have now glanced at some of the causes of Monasticism;—namely, its pre-existing forms, contempt of the world, fear of persecution, and ignorance of christian duty.

THE CHANGES IN MONASTICISM.

It is difficult to describe the nature of monasticism without noticing its changes. These, therefore, suggest themselves as the fourth topic of consideration.

THE HISTORY OF MONASTICISM.

The Council of Nicaea, therefore, in 325, empowered these synods to conduct the trials themselves. That body united one priest and three laymen in a sort of council of inquisition.

My Spirit's Home.

Where is the home my spirit seeks, And this world of sin and care, Where even joy of sorrow speaks, And death is lurking everywhere?

Be Prepared to Meet Affliction.

Be prepared to meet affliction, And that will you do as you can; And though't you, when skies grow brighter, You have not been tried in vain.

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