

Original Poetry.

THOUGHTS ON OLD ENGLAND AMID THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

"I will believe that the great Disposer of all things, has not set this glory before England, only to throw light on her shame."

Brave sailor Boy! so young, so calm Amid so fearful a storm!

Mountains waves the sight amaze, Uprising in dread array;

Amid Earth's most appalling sights, When the worldling's glance is wild, Through Christ, from his kind Father lights

Shadow forms portentous rise, Beckoning to nations all; Impressive voices to the wise;

Be your duty but nobly done, O ye Britons, poor and great, On her course shall Britannia run,

"DEU ET MON DROIT!"—be this for ever, In faith our nerve cry;

\* This story is doubtless familiar to many readers. \* Coming events cast their shadows before.—Campbell.

CHURCH CALENDAR.

Jan. 5.—Second Sunday after Christmas [Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Circumcision used].

PROTESTANT CHAMPIONS.

NO. VII.—REV. R. J. M'GHEE AND REV. M. O'SULLIVAN.

To those deeply interested in watching and resisting the giant strides of Popery, few names have an equal interest with that of ROBERT JOHN M'GHEE.

Much, very much, had I heard of that splendid binary star, M'Ghee-and-O'Sullivan; where indeed could I have lived not to have heard much of them?

I wonder whether any of my readers may ever have formed the same idea of these celebrated men, from those printed transcripts of their addresses,

M'Ghee is a little, slender, bright-looking man, with blue eyes and sandy hair, his features full of expression,

His keenest satire (and truly keen it is) is given without a smile, but with an elevation of the brow which seems to say—"The fact is so,—I'm very sorry,—but you know 'tis no fault of mine!"

The only speech I have heard him deliver was at the second meeting of the Protestant Association, last spring;

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the spirit-stirring Protestant conservatism of the whole address, drew the immense auditory two or three times from their seats, with hats and handkerchiefs flying, as though they had all been roused by magic.

The first of these bursts of enthusiasm was excited by his admirable allusion to the celebrated Westminster election then just concluded, with a panegyric on Sir Francis Burdett, the hero of the day;

On calm reflection, however, one could not but perceive, that M'Ghee's address was by far the most coherent and the most satisfactory of the two, splendid as they both were;

There is another cause, inherent in himself, to which much of his powerful effect must be attributed. He looks to the whole, not to the part;

His manner is varied as well as his action; his clear, well-managed voice partakes of every feeling of the hour, and his countenance bears its full share in aiding the expression of the whole.

We saw pathos, sternness, solemnity, indignation, and wit, in full exercise during his speech; but, perhaps, the finest point of all was when he held up in one hand Dr. Murray's hypocritically charitable letter to Protestants, and in the other, the persecuting class-book of Maynooth;

He looked first at his right hand, with a bland, delightful smile, "Here is the kind, flattering letter," then he turned to the left, with a fierce frown, "and here are the persecuting statutes!"

These are scattered scraps of that splendid passage, for my memory will not supply the whole correctly; the effect was overpowering; first, there was a dead pause, as of horror, and then a burst of indignation rung through the Hall, which showed that Britons will not tamely submit to the treachery and the hypocrisy of Rome.

I know it is the fashion to prefer Mr. O'Sullivan, but, although I heartily admire him, I cannot help confessing my own decided preference for Mr. M'Ghee.

DYING SCENES.

Cardinal Wolsey, when dying, by slow progress and short journeys, reached Leicester Abbey. He was received with the greatest respect. His only observation was, "Father Abbot, I come to lay my bones among you."

M. de La Harpe, one of the first literary characters of the last century, who for many years laboured to spread the principles of the French philosophy, but afterwards became a most strenuous defender of Christianity, on the evening before his death was visited by a friend.

Sir Walter Raleigh behaved on the scaffold with great composure. Having vindicated his conduct in an eloquent speech, he felt the edge of the axe, observing with a smile,—"It is a sharp medicine, but a sure remedy for all woes."

Sir John Hawkins has recorded of Dr. Johnson, that when suffering under that disease which ended in his dissolution, he addressed his friends in the following words: "You see the state I am in, conflicting with bodily pain and mental distraction."

The father of William Penn was opposed to his son's religious principles; but finding that he acted with sincerity was at last reconciled. When dying, he adjured him to do nothing contrary to his conscience.

Locke, the day before his death, addressed Lady Masham, who was sitting by his bedside, exhorting her to regard this world only as a state of preparation for a better.

The author of Hervey's Meditations, when on his sick bed, observed that his time had been too much occupied in reading the historians, orators, and poets of ancient and modern times, and that were he to renew his studies, he would devote his attention to the Scriptures.

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NAZARETH.

In our way we crossed Mount Tabor, where experience taught us what shall be the blessedness of the promise—"Violence shall no more be heard in thy land."

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The Garner.

THE HAPPY NEW YEAR.

As Jesus Christ once said to his disciples, "Not as the world giveth I unto you,"—meaning that his gifts are very different from those of the world,—so it becomes the minister of Jesus Christ to say to you on the occasion of a New Year, "Not as the world wisheth, wish I unto you,"

There is a certain lightness and cheerfulness of mind, which is in a manner peculiar to the truly religious soul, that above all things sets off our pleasures, and makes all the actions and perceptions of human life sweet and delightful.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

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A FORM OF PRAYER.

Besides that the prescribing a form in general is more for our edifying, than to leave every one to do what seems good in his own eyes, we have the concurrent testimony, experience, and practice of the universal church; for we never read or heard of any church in the world, from the apostles' days to ours, but which took this course.

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