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POETRY

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HINTS TO CHRISTIANS AND MINISTERS Suggested by reading Capt. Parry's voyage in quest of a North-West passage.

"The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." — Luke xvi. 8.

Shall Parry brave the horrors of that tide,  
Where never ship before was seen to glide,  
Tempt legion-danger, under Polar skies,  
Where torpid nature one vast ruin lies,  
And life,—if life can such a clime illumine—  
Is mere existence, breathing through the gloom?

Shall he explore that mart of ice and sleet,  
Where nature's pulse is hardly felt to beat,  
Where everlasting desolation reigns,  
O'er earth and ocean, bound in frozen chains?

Shall he tempt regions hideous and dark,  
That never smile since NOAH left the ark?  
To crown his temples with his country's wreath,  
Invade these frigid avenues of death?

The barriers of the Arctic Circle force,  
With not a magnet to direct his course,  
With not a sun to gild that arch divine,  
That shows his distance from the Pole and Line?

Shall he, when science, honor, fame invite,  
Brave the long gloom of Hyperborean night?  
Shall he, shall Parry, for a paltry lure,  
These and ten thousand nameless ills endure?

And shall not I, when God and duty call,  
Fly to the utmost limits of the ball,  
Cross the wide sea, along the desert toil,  
Or circumnavigate each Indian isle,

To torrid regions fly, to save the lost,  
Or brave the rigour of eternal frost?

I may, like BRAINERD, perish in my blood,  
A group of Indians weeping round my tomb;

I may, like MARTIN, lay my burning head  
In some lone Persian hut, or Turkish shed;

I may, like COXE, be buried in the wave,  
I may, like HOWARD, find a Tartar grave;

Or perish like a XAVIER, on the beach,  
In some poor cottage out of friendship's reach;

I may—but never let my soul repine;  
"Lo I am with you;"—Heaven is in that line;

Tropic or Pole, or mild or burning Zone,  
Is but a step from my celestial throne.

Newark. JOSHUA MARSDEN.

\* The graduated Arch of the Quadrant.

NAVAL AND MILITARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The report, read at the annual meeting May 13th, states that the institution had received strong aid from the Auxiliary Societies in Ireland and Scotland, and also from the Ladies' Association, at the head of which was the Duchess Beaufort.—The exertions of the Ladies in the behalf of the soldiers and sailors had been by far the most efficient, and they had made the greatest subscription to the Society. The Society had appointed an officer to travel from station to station, and offer Bibles and Testaments to the soldiers; and he had distributed altogether nine thousand copies of the Scriptures, and had succeeded in getting to return upwards of 100.

The society for meliorating the condition of the Jews, propose to purchase 20,000 acres of land near Plattsburgh, for a settlement for them.

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