

We wander forth in search of bliss,
 But ah ! how oft in vain !
 The cups are poison'd that we kiss;
 Yet on we madly drain ;
 Hope, still the syren of our flight,
 Forever leads the soul astray,
 And lures us with her phantom light—
 Still beckoning to betray.

Then, oh, that to the spirit's goal
 The skylark's wings were mine !
 How soon this tired and fever'd soul
 On earth would cease to pine !
 No more, with sorrow-sunken eye,
 To wander, with its ills oppress'd ;
 But with the lark exulting fly,
 And haply be at rest.

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SCOTLAND.

Important Decision against the Claims of the Scottish Church.

The Stewarton case came on for judgment on the 19th January, in the Court of Session, Edinburgh. The consulted Judges had previously given in their opinions, which were six against the claims of the Church and three in their favor. On Thursday the Lord President and Lord Mackenzie delivered their opinions : and on Friday Lord Fullerton and Lord Jeffrey theirs. Their lordships were unanimous in opinion against the claims of the Church, and pronounced an interlocutor, suspending the proceeding complained of, (the exclusion by the General Assembly, of the Ministers appointed by the Patron,) and declaring the interdict already granted perpetual, and decern.

NOTES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

D. C. Will see from this number that he is, for the present, anticipated.

R. P.'s well written and accurate communication is for the present delayed ; because, to insert it without a qualification, might lead to a belief that we approve *in toto* of the proceedings which he describes : and were a qualification appended, it would be necessary to assign reasons, which would require more space than at present can be spared, to a subject, highly interesting, but requiring great skill and prudence in the handling of it.