

POETRY.

THE LAND OF REST.

There remaineth, therefore, a rest for the people of God.—
HEB. iv. 9.

O, Land of rest, we look to thee
When darkness round our pathway lies,
When tempests blow,
And waters flow,
Sweeping the lovely from our eyes ;
No storm thou knowest, or treacherous sea,
And therefore do we look to thee.

O, Land of rest, we look to thee
When by the bed of death we stand,
Watching until
The Master's will
Shall to his bar the soul command ;
Thy sons fade not at death's decree,
And therefore do we look to thee.

O, Land of rest, we look to thee
Whene'er iniquities prevail,
When all within
Is dark with sin,
And Satan's wiles our peace assail :
Where Thou art, naught impure shall be,
And therefore do we look to thee.

O, Land of rest, we look to thee
As exiles homeward bound may turn,
Where to their eyes
The cliffs arise
Of the dear land for which they yearn ;
Our home thou art, and exiles we,
And therefore do we look to thee.

O, Land of rest, we look to thee
For brighter suns that light us here,
For purer balm,
And truer calm,
And holy love, unblest with fear ;
Thy clime hath all our eye would see
And therefore do we look to thee.

Yet O, thou Land of heavenly rest !
End of our hopes, we prize thee more,
That we shall sit
At Jesus feet
Soon as we reach thy happy shore ;
And walk with him—the glad ! the free !
And therefore do we look to thee.

Baptist.

DEFERRED ITEMS.

[Let those who in this country and in Canada are seeking to deprive the Church of lands solemnly granted to it for its support for ever, ask their consciences (if they have any) whether they desire the desolation here described to be stamped on the houses of God throughout these colonies. If they do, let them honestly avow it. If not, let them cease the war of rapine they have so long been waging against the little property of the church.]—Ed. C. C.

THE OLD CHURCHES OF VIRGINIA

Are objects of peculiar interest. They generally display more taste and architectural beauty than are exhibited in modern structures of more ostentatious pretensions. In some instances, the materials of which they are composed, excepting the wood, were imported. Many of them have been suffered to fall entirely into decay, but others are in a better state of preservation; and I am happy to learn that there is now a very general desire to protect these venerable relics from desecration and ruin.

One of the most interesting of these structures is the old Potomac Church in Stafford county. It has

just reached that state of decay which produces the highest point of picturesque beauty. It is tastefully situated on the brow of a gentle eminence,

—Where the ground beneath
Is ruffled o'er with cell's of death.

The steeple when I saw it, was bending, as if the slightest breeze would cause it to topple to the ground.—The holy inscriptions were yet legible upon the walls within whose circuit the cattle of the fields had stalled, and the fox had made his den. A luxuriant vine had spread like mantling ivy up to the very roof, and festooned the gothic windows with its rich and delicate tracery. I regretted that I could not arrest the finger of decay at a point so touchingly beautiful and picturesque.

The depopulation of certain parts of the country, and the increase of other sects, which I am far from disparaging, have doubtless contributed to this desolation of the sanctuary. But, another cause, is the alienation of the glebes, the policy and justice of which I have always doubted. Other States have not imitated Virginia in this act, and yet their liberties are equally safe. Why should the glebe be more injurious in the hands of an intelligent clergyman than in those of any other proprietor? Whilst it diminished the burden of supporting an educated and competent minister, it did not suffice to render him independent or neglectful of his congregation.—A well instructed clergy, of good habits, and refined deportment, is an important element of civilization, and it is questionable whether the poorer and thinly portions of the country can maintain such a one by a system of purely voluntary contributions. But this is not the place to discuss a subject of such great and various importance.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

Church Extension.—Five hundred pounds have been subscribed in Forres in support of Dr. Chalmers' church extension fund. The Rev. Doctor in Elgin, made the following statement relative to the public men in favour of his scheme. He said, he had taken every opportunity of impressing on the minds of the members of parliament, holding Radical opinions, the necessity of church extension, as completely coinciding with their own views. He had had an opportunity of conversing with Lord Durham on the subject, and he was happy to be able to state that his lordship's opinions were exactly those of church extensionists. In the course of their conversation his lordship said, "I hold it to be as much the duty of the state to provide for the religious instruction of the people, as it is the duty of a father to provide for the education of his children. He had also Sir Edward Lytton Belver's opinion on the subject, which was, that he considered the cause too catholic to be allowed to suffer from party politics. The doctor then read an extract from Cobbett's Register, in which the principles of a church establishment are strongly supported.—*Montrose Standard.*

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Halifax, Nov. 1, 1839.

PRESENT STATE OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

It appears that the total number of meeting-houses in the whole united kingdom is 419; and of these there are 236 in which they meet for worship twice on each Lord's-day; that in 141 meetings they only assemble once on that day; and that in forty-two of them that once is occasionally omitted! That of these 412 congregations, there are 298 destitute of any minister, leaving only 121 supplied with ministers. That the total number of ministers in the whole society is only 233, and that of these 152 are women, leaving only eighty-one, or about one-third, men.—*Inquirer.*

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