

Poetry.

THE SPANISH ARMADA.

Attend all ye who list to hear our noble England's praise,
I tell of the three-famous deeds wrought in ancient days,

It was about the lovely close of a warm Summer day,
There came a gallant merchant-ship full sail to Plymouth Bay,

Her crew hath seen Castille's black fleet, beyond Azragy's bay,
Her sails were full of the waves heaving many a mile;

At earliest twilight, on the waves heaving many a mile,
As earliest she escaped their van, by God's especial grace;

And with the sun, till the moon, had held her close in chase,
Part with a gust at every gasp was placed along the wall;

The beacon light shone on the roof of Edgcombe's lofty hall;
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long and many years reign over us: and we obey and enjoy
her, with the continuance of thy great blessings, that thou
hast by her, thy minister, poured upon us."

An anthem was also composed and printed, in two parts,
to be sung in all churches on the 17th day of November,

To Thee, O God, we yield all praise,
Thou art our help alone;
To Thee it is we sing always,

Then bow to us, good Lord, thine ear,
And hear us when we cry:
Preserve thy Church now planted here,

Lord, keep ELIZABETH our Queen,
Defend her in thy sight;
Show forth thyself, as thou hast been,

Preserve her grace, confound her foes,
And bring them down full low;
Lord, turn thy hand against all those

As for thy gifts we render praise,
So Lord, we sweet still blessed days,
Let thy grace work and prosper pure,

With us, dear God, for aye endure:
With prosperous reign increase it still,
That sound thereof the world may fill.

These stanzas are decided indications of the state of
feeling among the people in the days of Elizabeth; they
show that the country did not lose sight of that gracious

Tuesday, the 19th of November, was observed as a day
of thanksgiving throughout the whole kingdom. Sermons
were preached, psalms sung, thanksgivings publicly

One of the best descriptions of the proceedings, per-
haps, consequent upon the defeat of the armada, is to be
found in the Letter to Mendoza so often referred to, and

During the remainder of the reign of Elizabeth, the
reign of James I., and the former part of that of Charles I.,
sermons were annually preached in London and probably

The subject was frequently alluded to in sermons,
which were not preached especially on the subject of the
armada. The following is from a sermon of the same

the execution, fill at last the rocks became their mon-
ument, and the fierce northern sea their grave."

A Form of Thanksgiving, to be used in all churches on
occasion of the overthrow of the Armada, was set forth

"We cannot but confess, O Lord God, that the late
terrible intended invasion of most cruel enemies was sent
from thee, to the punishment of our sins, our pride, our

"Wherefore it hath pleased thee, O heavenly Father,
in thy justice to remember thy mercy towards us: turning
our enemies from us, and that dreadful execution

It must necessarily strike the reader, that in those days
the people of this country always humbled themselves be-
fore God, whenever His judgments were abroad in the

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BISHOP HALL'S CHURCH PRINCIPLES.

(From the Rev. J. J. Blunt on the Early Fathers.)

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"What have our pious governors done then in religion?
Had we gone about to lay a new foundation, the work had
been accused; now we have only scraped off some super-

"In spiritual things God hath acquainted us with the
means whereby he will work, even his own sacred ordi-

"Whatever turnouts are abroad, it is fit there should be
all quietness and sweet concord in the Church: O God!

"Why should Jeroboam send so far to an Ahijah?—
Certainly his heart despised those base priests of his high

"They are gross flatterers of nature that tell her she is
clean. If our lives had no sin, we bring enough with us:

Again:—His Baptism gives virtue to our's. His last
action, or rather passion, was his baptizing with blood:

Again:—Even those that have not lived to sin after
the similitude of Adam, yet are they so tainted with Adam,

"Let those consider this, which will needs run as soon
as they can go; and when they find ability, think they

"There can be no being without some kind of order;
there can be no order in parity. If we look up unto

* See a Sermon by Henry King, D.D., one of His Majesty's
Chaplains, p. 70. London, 1626.

to hell, there is the prince of devils. They labour for
confusion that call for parity. What should the Church

On the Apostolical Succession.

"They knew themselves Jews, but could not derive
their line; these were yet admitted without difficulty: but

I will make no remark on these passages; except to
ask, whether the man who wrote them would be now

HIGH-CHURCHMEN.

(From Bishop Havelock's Visitation Charges.)

Upon these topics [the exercise of the ministry by per-
sons not episcopally ordained, and the duty of submission
to spiritual teachers duly appointed] the clergy of late

You promote the strategy of your enemies, you are
assisting in the fraud upon the public, and you are ac-
cessories to the injury to yourselves, if you give way to

CHRIST AN EXAMPLE OF PATIENCE.

(From Bishop Hopkins, of Londonberry.)

What greater or more effectual example can be pro-
duced to arm us with patience and fortitude, than this

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place and person? Look unto Jesus, the eternal Son of
the ever-glorious God. Remember that he who is the

HIGH CHURCHMAN.—This is the nickname given to
those who, mindful of their subscriptions and vows, desire
to believe as the Church believes, and to act as the Church

THE IMPERFECTIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN

(From the Rev. Hugh J. Rose, D.D.)

Nor must we leave out of our calculation, the necessary
defects, which, in an imperfect world, ever attend on the
best and wisest measures. As early as the second cen-

It is undoubtedly true, that as Christianity gained
strength, the children of this world were, more and more,
ready to form alliances with her; in which all that they

its culture was left to human hands: it was to be propa-
gated, and established, by human means; by that mix-

And so it will be. Base men will still approach the altar of God with hands
defiled by corruption, and with hearts that pant after gain.

The cloud that veils the face of the sun, from the nations
which he convulses with his ray, passes away, and is dis-
persed and forgotten; but the ark of day rolls on, in his

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* STYVE'S Annals, vol. iii., part ii., p. 516.
† ECHARD, i. 872. CLARKE'S England's Remembrancer, 64
‡ Letter to Mendoza, 36, 37.
§ TAYLOR'S Works, fol. 567, 569.

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† STYVE'S Annals, vol. iii., part ii., p. 28-29.