

POETRY.

SONNET—TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

By the Rev. J. H. Clinch

Lady, amid the pomp that circles thee—
The ceaseless round of homage, and the set
And stately forms of courtly etiquette,—
Dost thou not sometimes wish that thou wert free
To leave thy golden cage, and chainless flee,
Like some bright bird, a quiet home to find
With those thou lovest, leaving far behind
The cumbrous crown and robe of royalty?—
Dost thou not pant for some such quiet shade,
With no attendant flatterers by thy side—
No public eye to mark each look and tone—
Where thy pure thoughts, unchecked and unbetrayed,
May find expression unto none denied
But those who wield a sceptre on the throne?

From the British Magazine.

THE SOLITARY WORSHIPPER.

"I pour out my heart by myself."

Before the sacred altar, Lord, I kneel:
The hiding of thy power
Methinks is here. O teach my heart to feel
This silent hour,
The working of thy glorious might within,
To search and purify the fount of sin.

Thus let me still my inward life repair
Within thy sanctuary.
Thus grant me to behold thy beauty fair,
Thus seek to thee,
Till I may know those sins thou dost subdue
Dead from my heart, that I may live anew.

DEFERRED ARTICLES.

Scilly Isles, Sept. 11.

On the 4th inst. the Bishop of Exeter, accompanied by the Venerable Archdeacon of Totnes, the Venerable Archdeacon of Cornwall, the Rev. Mr. Martin (the Chancellor of the diocese), the Rev. G. V. Le Grice, and the Rev. E. Phillpotts (his lordship's chaplains), embarked on board the Meteor steamer at Plymouth to proceed to the Isles of Scilly, for the purpose of consecrating the new church which has been built by the munificence of his late Majesty, with the most liberal contribution and aid from the Lord Proprietor of the Isles, A. Smith, Esq. As Friday, the 7th of the month, had been fixed for the consecration, his lordship embarked notwithstanding the unpromising state of the weather, which on the next day became exceedingly boisterous. Rough weather, with contrary winds, in a steamer of small power, is very distressing: the decks were deluged with the sea, and so slow was the progress that his lordship did not reach Scilly till night, when there was some hesitation about landing; but lights were hoisted, a gun was fired, and a pilot immediately came out, and, under the care and vigilance of Lieut. Pritchard, R. N., the commander, his lordship went ashore in the night, preferring the risk to sleeping on board. The weather continued so boisterous that on the day of confirmation, which was held on the 8th, the day subsequent to the consecration, many persons who were prepared for the rite were unable to pass over St. Mary's from the Off Islands. For their accommodation his lordship, with kind consideration, held a confirmation in the Isle of Trescow, on Sunday afternoon, after the morning's duty at St. Mary's, where his lordship preached. This concession visibly excited most grateful feelings in the minds of the inhabitants, especially of those who would have been otherwise disappointed of confirmation; and the whole scene, for the weather had become calm on the Sunday, presented a most gratifying appearance. His lord-

ship reembarked early on Monday morning, when the weather had again put on a very threatening aspect, but he was said to be under the necessity of attending other duties on certain appointed days.

The New Marriage Act.—In the large town of Leicester, with a population of upwards of 50,000 souls, only fifteen marriages under the new act have taken place, the inhabitants preferring the ceremonies of the Church to the vaulting levity of the broomstick. All right-minded dissenting men, and all modest dissenting women, eschew the vile thing as they would a pestilence, and the registrars are consequently left "alone in their glory." The act in a very few years will become completely obsolete.—*Leicester Herald.*

Clerical Munificence.—The Rev. H. W. Wilberforce, one of the sons of the eminent philanthropist, to whom the prize of 200 guineas was awarded for an essay on the 'parochial system,' has generously made over the whole amount to the treasurer of the Winchester Diocesan Church Building Society.

Dr. Hook's Sermon.—Twenty thousand copies of Dr. Hook's sermon, preached on the 17th of June, before the Queen, have already been sold.

We understand the Right Rev. John H. Hopkins, Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont, will sail in the course of the coming week for England, on business connected with the church in his diocese.—*Epis. Rec.*

In the United States there are about 60 colleges, 500 academies, 6000 lyceums, 50,000 common schools, and 2,000,000 of families.—*Ibid.*

Harvard University.—By the College Catalogue, just published for the present academical year, it appears that the whole number of Students is 598, viz. Graduates, Theological Students 19—Law Students 78—Students attending Medical Lectures 82—Resident Graduates 2,—Undergraduates, Seniors 63—Juniors 44—Sophomores 54—Freshmen 55—University Students 1.—*Ibid.*

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