

fall into the ground. And how cheering is the prospect of such able and devoted heralds of the Gospel being more and more multiplied here, under the study of the living oracles of God, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, to run to and fro, throughout every portion of their own people, and in due time go forth, in the spirit of their missionary fathers, to carry the Gospel to other and distant nations!"

POETRY.

WEEP AS THOUGH YE WEPT NOT.

"A time to weep...a time to mourn." *Ecc. iii., 4.*

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." *Rev. xiv., 13.*

I.

"A TIME to mourn"—for those who die
Without relief or comfort nigh,
With guilt and deep despair oppressed,
Nor peace nor hope within their breast :—
—For those who perish in their sins,
Whose retribution then begins—
Far better had they ne'er been born !—
For such it is "a time to mourn."

II.

"A time to mourn"—but not for those
Who gently sink to their repose ;
Who, casting off this weight of clay,
To heav'nly regions wing their way.
Their Father's throne they there surround ;
They touch their harps of sweetest sound,
And, with unwearied accents, raise
Adoring hymns of grateful praise.

III.

Then mourn not for the early dead,
Who from this prison-house have fled
To brighter mansions in the sky—
To perfect happiness on high.
Nor mourn ye for the "pure in heart,"
For theirs is now the better part,
In never ending bliss above,
Where all is joy and peace and love.

IV.

When such blest spirits sink to sleep,
Fond friends may find "a time to weep."
Ev'n while, before the stroke they bow,
Sad tears will still unbidden flow ;
Tears, gentle as the dews of heaven,
Soft tears, for soothing solace given,
Such as our pitying Saviour shed
Above his friend's sepulchral bed.*

V.

Then weep—but not as they that mourn
With hopeless, crushing grief o'erborne ;
Let Faith serene memories give
Of those who, dying, die to live !
However bright and fair the form—
The heart, however kind and warm—
Why mourn, with ceaseless sad repining,
For spirits now in glory shining !

VI.

O may we too, like them, depend
On Him, our Saviour and our Friend !
Oh may we live that when we die
Our portion may be sure on high !
So shall they watch us from above
With kind, approving, deathless love,
And greet us on that heav'nly shore,
When this, our pilgrimage, is o'er.

Montreal, 2d February, 1849.

H. E. M.

John xi., 35.

HARVEST HYMN FOR 1849.

O Nation, Christian Nation,
Lift high the hymn of Praise,
The God of our salvation
Is love in all His ways ;
He blesseth us, and feedeth
The creatures of His hand,
To succour him that needeth,
And gladden all the land.
From glen, and plain, and city,
Let gracious incense rise ;
The Lord of life and pity,
Hath heard his creatures' cries ;
And where, in fierce oppression,
Stalk'd drear disease and death,
He pours a triple blessing,
To fill and fatten earth.
Gaze round in deep emotion !
The rich and ripened grain
Is like a golden ocean,
Becalmed upon the plain ;
And we who late were weepers,
Lest judgment should destroy,
Now sing,—because the reapers
Are come agsin with joy !
O praise the Hand that giveth,
And giveth evermore,
For every soul that liveth,
Abundance flowing o'er ;
For every soul He filleth
With manna from above,
And over all distilleth
The dew-drops of His love !
Then gather, Christians, gather,
To bless, with heart and voice,
The good Almighty Father,
Who biddeth us rejoice ;
For He hath turned the sadness
Of His children into mirth,
And we will sing with gladness
The Harvest Home of earth.

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