

PULPIT ELOQUENCE.—A more sickening and disgusting exhibition can nowhere be witnessed than to see a minister of the Gospel, forgetful of his high duties and Holy Calling, prostituting the pulpit by preaching himself. Any attempt to play the orator on such an occasion sinks the ministry into contempt in the view of any individual of cultivated taste or piety. The minister should be forgetful of himself, and think only of his hearer and his subject. He stands between the living and the dead. His mission is of the last importance to man; and he should fill it with singleness of heart. If his be the spirit of the preacher, he cannot fail to be eloquent. The eloquence of the pulpit consists in the greatest simplicity of style and manner, in the dignity and sublimity of the topics discussed, in the awful interests involved, the overwhelming manifestations of a Redeemer's love. Let those fill the soul of a speaker, and he will be sufficiently eloquent.—*Judge M'Lean.*

THE SORROWFUL TREE.—In the Island of Gon, near Bombay, there is a singular vegetable, "the Sorrowful Tree," because it only flourishes in the night.—At sunset no flowers are to be seen, and yet, half an hour after, it is quite full of them. They yield a sweet smell; but the sun no sooner begins to set upon them than some of them fall off, and others close up; and thus it continues flowering in the night the whole year. Grace in the soul of a believer is just such a flower. In the dark night of affliction it is fresh and fragrant, puts out its bloom and seems full of immortality; but, when the sun of prosperity arises and shines upon it, and is surrounded with earthly comforts, then, for the first time, its Divine life withers; it collapses, and shuts up its leaves.

DR. JOHNSON.—The churchwardens of St. Clement Danes, having satisfactorily ascertained that a seat in the pew, numbered 18, in the north gallery of that church, was regularly occupied for many years by the great moralist, have caused a neat brass tablet, recording the fact, to be affixed in a conspicuous position to the pillar against which the Doctor must often have reclined. The inscription on the tablet is from the pen of Dr. Croly, Rector of St. Stephen's, Walbrook, and is as follows:—In this pew, and beside this pillar, for many years attended Divine service the celebrated Dr. Samuel Johnson, the philosopher, the poet, the great lexicographer, the profound moralist, and chief writer of his time. Born 1709; died 1784. In remembrance and honour of noble faculties, nobly employed, some inhabitants of the parish of St. Clement Danes have placed this slight memorial, A. D. 1851.—*English Paper.*

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Whence are ye risen with rock and steep
From wondrous depths of the glassy deep?
Like glorious things of life ye be,
Exalted out of the River-sea.

Here the grass-clad fields and the forests wide
Alternately border the silver tide:
Here the uplands high and the lovely glade
Are chequered o'er with light and shade,
And the foliage dense of shrub and tree
O'ershadows the waves of the River-sea.

Here the little Naiads disporting Jave
Their glittering sides in the parting wave:
Here the wild-bird's song and the sea-fowl's cry
Are heard by the eaglet soaring high:
And the floweret invites the vagrant bee
On the blooming banks of the River-sea.

Hail, beautiful scenery! scenes of bliss
Where the rocks and the waves for ever kiss:
Where the islets fair and the azure sky
In the shining watery mirror lie:
And the radiant star-light seems to be
In the crystal depths of the River-sea.

Loveliest Isles! mid your glorious sheen
The finger of God is plainly seen;
His might in the everlasting floods,
Wisdom amid the grand old woods,
Goodness in all the things that be
In the lovely Isles of the River-sea.

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