

POETRY.

For the Christian Mirror.

THE DYING CHRISTIAN.

A CHRISTIAN on his death-bed lay—
Life's shallow stream gushed fast away;
But high above disease and pain,
Bright hopes of heaven his soul sustain.

His glistening eyes already see
A blissful immortality—
His spirit feels, without alloy,
An inward peace, a heavenly joy.

He cries, Come Saviour, quickly come,
And take my wearied spirit home;
For in thy strength my soul shall cry,
"Oh grave! where is thy victory?"

Earth cannot now my spirit bind—
All worldly cares I leave behind;
Then come, dear Lord, no longer stay,
And bear my longing soul away.

Source of my light—Eternal Day!
Softly thro' death my soul convey!
Lo! death appears—now, blessed Lord,
Fulfil the promise of thy word.

The struggle's past—and nature gives
The contest o'er;—while death receives
The mortal part, the happy soul
Triumphant gains the blissful goal.

Montreal, September, 1841.

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THE FARMER.

"All the energy of the hero, and all the science of the philosopher, may find scope in the cultivation of one farm."

From the Commercial Messenger.

AGRICULTURE.

AGRICULTURE may be said to be to the state what the heart is found to be to the human body. It is the source from whence must flow the fertilizing principle, which impregnates every thing in its course with its enriching influence, and which furnishes employment and food for the whole human race. To the agency of Agriculture we are indebted for the existence of the mechanical arts, for commerce, and for civilization. To it we owe all the refinements, luxuries, and comforts, which we enjoy. Through its means, the riches of the Gospel have been carried over the deep into distant lands, causing light to appear where darkness and idolatry prevailed.

If the benefits which agriculture has conferred be as important as are here stated, with what zeal should we watch over its interests, lending our aid freely and gratuitously to promote them by every means in our power. Amongst the many reasons which may be assigned for the low ebb to which agriculture has reached, in the Lower Part of this Province, is that of the almost total want of the ordinary elements of Education amongst the agricultural class. This great want has prevented the proper application of improvements in the economy of agriculture, by the Canadian farmer, and has confined him, in his practice, to the continuance of a system which is radically wrong. The consequences may too easily be traced:—his lands have been worn out, under an injudicious course of cropping, while his means, by an improvident course of economy, have shared the same fate. Until Education shall have shed her light upon those who follow the pleasing and invigorating pursuit of tilling the soil, we cannot reasonably expect an amelioration of their circumstances. Much, however, may be done to supply the void which the want of Education has created, by example, and it seems probable, for a length of time at least, that this will be the only mode of conveying instruction. It will be well then that those who are possessed of intelligence, and are blessed with health for the exercise of it, to do so, not only for their own benefit, but particularly for the advantage of the locality where they reside.

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