

POETRY.

THE BLESSING AFTER SERVICE

The peace that God bestows,
Through him who died and rose;
The peace the Father giveth, through the Son,
Be known in every mind,
The broken heart to bind;
And bless ye, travellers, as ye journey on!

Ye who have known to weep
Where your beloved sleep;
Ye who have poured the deep, the bitter cry!
God's blessing be as balm,
The fevered soul to calm,
And wondrous peace each troubled mind supply.

Young man whose cheek is bright
With nature's warmest light;
Whilst youth and health thy veins with pure blood swell;
Let thy remembrance be
Of thy God blest to thee,
Peace, passing understanding, guard thee well.

Parents, whose thoughts afar,
Turn where your children are;
In their still graves, or beneath foreign skies
This hour God's blessing come,
Cheer the deserted home,
And peace with dove-like wings around you rise.

Ere this week's strife begin;—
The war, without, within:
The triune God, with spirit and with power,
Now on each bended head,
His wondrous blessing shed,
And keep you all in every troubled hour.

Scenes in our Parish.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ANECDOTE OF BISHOP HOBART.

The Bishop was about to preach and administer confirmation at one of the points where I had been officiating as a missionary. It was comparatively a new settlement where there were but a few framed houses, and there existed a church of no description in the whole town. The word had been preached in school-rooms, and log-huts, and even in the open air. The spirit of God had accompanied that preached word, and some sixteen individuals were prepared to stand up and ratify their baptismal engagements before high heaven. The largest and most commodious room that could be found was a new building that was just being put up. The edifice was enclosed, and the lower floors laid—over these floors rough boards, supported by blocks of wood, were spread out for seats. In one corner was placed a table and chair for the occupancy of the Bishop. At the appointed hour the lower part of the building was entirely filled. Although the greater part of the rubbish had been cleared away, there was still remaining a stack of scantling that had been left in the room. Some loose boards also were thrown here and there upon the joists over head; these all in time became occupied. The whole group, when the congregation were fully assembled, would have presented a singular scene to the eye of one who had only been familiar to the appearance of a city congregation. This high stack of scantling was now covered by a group of hardy looking and sun-burnt farmers, while upon the loose boards over head, there sat, with their feet dangling down, some fifteen or twenty young men. The assembled congregation were waiting in breathless attention and eager expectation to catch the first glimpse of what they had never seen in all their life—a Bishop.

The Bishop, aware of the peculiarities of the place in which he was to preach, and of the kind of people that would be his auditors, proposed of his own accord to dispense with his Episcopal robes, and fur-

ther added, "If it is deemed expedient, and any good can be effected by it, I will officiate even without my gown, for I do not regard these external robes as among the weightier matters of the Law."—*Rev. J. A. Clark's Letters.*

PROTRACTED MEETINGS.

The people of a Presbyterian or Congregational Church in Wareham, Massachusetts, having become dissatisfied with their Clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Nott, because he did not approve of protracted meetings and opposed their introduction into the parish, that gentleman has published a pamphlet for distribution among them, setting forth the reasons of a course of conduct which deep and anxious consideration has obliged him conscientiously to pursue. We copy the remarks of the Boston Recorder on the subject, premising that the Editor from a personal acquaintance of thirty years with Mr. Nott, says of him, that few men in all the world are more thoroughly sound in the faith, or more earnestly bent on the full accomplishment of the great ends of the ministry, and that if he do not stand approved to God and to good men, he knows not where to look for the pastor that may hope for such approbation.—*Banner of the Cross.*

"The reasons assigned by Mr. Nott, are briefly these—

1. His incompetency in point of health to a task, to which in truth, he considers all men incompetent.
2. A protracted meeting is no ordinance of God, and in regard to it, he is at liberty and under obligation to act, according to his own best judgment.
3. It is a mistaken measure.
4. It is out of keeping with the whole course of his ministry.
5. He hopes for free course to God's word without it.
6. The measure ought to be declined, because it claims to itself the honour due only to the word, the ordinances, and the Spirit of God. These reasons are amplified and illustrated satisfactorily in the two or three pages devoted to them in the pamphlet.

We have no doubt ourselves of the validity of these reasons. And others might be added, at least as important specifications, under one or other of these general charges against protracted meetings. And if we are not very much deceived, the great majority of our brethren and of the reflecting members of our Churches, feel with us on the subject. Time which proves all things, is now demonstrating the evil influences attendant on them; in the fitfulness of religious feeling throughout Zion; in the wide spread spiritual languor of the Churches; in the increased hardness of the hearts of the multitude; in the abounding of infidelity; in the filling up of the churches with unworthy members; in the spread of a minianism, Antinomianism and Perfectionism; in the alienation of ministers and their people resulting in frequent dismissals, and in almost universal distrust of every doctrine preached, and movement made by the most faithful servants of God; and in the doubts every where felt, and often expressed, of the genuineness of reported revivals, when they are proceeded by a "protracted meeting."

We love the work of God, unless our heart utterly deceives us. But, we fear the work of man. And that the work of man predominates in "four days," "twenty days," and "forty days' meetings," we have no doubt. It is not the ordinance of God.—It is not the work of God. And though some souls may be saved through the instrumentality of such excitements, they are saved as by fire: and the same fire devours myriads more, who but for such excitements of man's creation, might have remained within reach of the arm of mercy. It is time, high time that this subject were more carefully examined and better understood, by those whom God has commissioned to lead on the sacramental host of his elect to battle and to victory."

The tongue of a woman is her sword, and she never suffers it to grow RUSTY.—*Chinese Proverb.*

Native Episcopal Church in Calcutta.—We find in the Calcutta Christian Observer, an account of the formation of a new Episcopal Church, designed for a native priest, the Rev. Krishna Mohan Banarji. The corner stone was laid in January last; the ceremony being conducted by the Bishop, Archdeacon, Rev. T. Sandys, and the Rev. K. M. Banarji. It is situated in Cornwallis Square, where several buildings connected with Protestant Christianity are also found—the Ladies Central School, the Scottish College, and the Mizapore Mission establishment. The Observer offers a prayer which we heartily echo, that the Holy Spirit may be in the midst of these churches and schools of the Prophets.—*Gos. Mess.*

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