

THE LAY-READER.*

Samuel Gunn was born at Waterbury, in Connecticut, in the year 1763, and baptized by a clergyman...

The parish of Waterbury was, at that time, without a clergyman, and Mr. Gunn, being a man of unimpeachable morals...

It was in the autumn of 1805, that Mr. Gunn, with a wife and five children, commenced his long and fatiguing journey...

At length his boat was made fast near the village of Portsmouth, a place containing at that time more than a dozen dwellings...

In so enterprising a neighbourhood Mr. Gunn was not idle. He purchased a small farm, and diligently employed himself in felling the trees...

Every Sunday, the lay-reader collected his family around him, and united with them in worship and praise. For many years none but his domestic circle attended on these occasions...

A clergyman, in priest's orders, visiting Portsmouth about this time, Mr. Gunn expressed his desire to partake of the holy communion. The sacred rite was accordingly administered to him...

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persons, and had effected the organization of a parish, of which Mr. Gunn was elected senior warden.

For the third time our lay-reader occupied the desk; but the people were, to a great extent, destitute of Prayer-books, and could not, of course, join in the responses.

The congregation, now exceedingly small, was often a subject of ridicule to the thoughtless and the prejudiced. The members of other denominations also frequently impertinently inquired of the few Episcopalians...

Having been just ordained a deacon by Bishop Chase, I was sent by him to Portsmouth, where I received and accepted an invitation to take charge of the feeble congregation.

During the winter following the accident, he one day requested as many of the parishioners as could attend, to meet him on important business.

But the lay-reader lived not to see the Church erected, nor even its corner-stone laid. A few months after his generous gift, his form became emaciated, and he was soon confined entirely to his bed.

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Let us compare our present condition with that of our forefathers while the Gospel was yet unknown to them!

SUFFERINGS OF THE IRISH CLERGY.

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parties, yet with many of the Clergy the doubt was, not whether they could educate their children in their own sphere of life, but whether they could give them food to eat, and raiment to put on.

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The Garner.

CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SOUL AND BODY.

Scarcely can I conceive, even to myself, this union between my body and my soul—how it is that I bear upon me the stamp of divinity, and that at the same time I grovel in the dust!

HISTORY TEACHING BY EXAMPLE.

The store-house, and the very life of memory, is the History of time; and a special charge have we, all along the Scriptures, to call upon men to look to that.

CHRISTIANITY.

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HYPOTHESIS.

A large part of the world are heathens. I call those heathens, who either have no God at all, or false gods.

him in it; it is a mere trifle; though he knows that God has forbidden it,—whoever has set up his idol in his heart, and is worshipping Belial, the God of debauchery and profaneness...

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