COBOURG, CANADA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1843.

Poetry.

ECCLESIASTICAL SONNETS.

WALTON'S BOOK OF LIVES. There are no colours in the fairest sky So fair as these. The feather, whence the pen
Was shaped that traced the lives of these good men, Dropped from an Angel's wing. With moistened eye We read of faith and purest charity
In Statesman, Priest, and humble Citizen: O could we copy their mild virtues, then What joy to live, what blessedness to die! Methinks their very names shine still and bright; Apart-like glow-worms on a summer night; Or lonely tapers when from far they fling A guiding ray; or seen—like stars on high, Satellites burning in a lucid ring Around meek Walton's heavenly memory.

PLACES OF WORSHIP. As star that shines dependent upon star Is to the sky while we look up in love; As to the deep fair ships which though they move Seem fixed, to eyes that watch them from afar; As to the sandy desert fountains are, With palm-groves shaded at wide intervals, Whose fruit around the sun-burnt Native falls Of roving tired or desultory war— Such to this British Isle her christian Fanes, Each linked to each for kindred services; Her Spires, her Steeple-towers with glittering vanes Far-kenned, her Chapels lurking among trees, Where a few villagers on bended knees Find solace which a basy world disdains. William Wordsworth.

> LEO THE TENTH. (From Roscoe's Lorenzo de Medici.)

the king was opposed by an invincible objection, for to speak much yourself. before the investiture could be obtained from the "You are now devoted to God and the Church: on Pope, information was received at Florence that the which account you ought to aim at being a good archbishop was yet living. This disappointment was ecclesiastic, and to show that you prefer the honour however compensated by the abbacy of the rich and state of the Church and of the apostolic see to monastery of Pasignano. Of the glaring indecorum every other consideration. Nor, while you keep this of bestowing spiritual functions on a child Lorenzo in view, will it be difficult for you to favour your was fully sensible, and he accordingly endeavoured to family and your native place. On the contrary, you counteract the unfavourable impression which it might should be the link to bind this city closer to the make on the public mind, by inculcating upon his son | Church, and our family with the city; and although the strictest attention to his manners, his morals, and it be impossible to foresee what accidents may happen, his improvement. He had too much sagacity not to yet I doubt not but this may be done with equal be convinced, that the surest method of obtaining the advantage to all; observing, however, that you are rewards of merit is to deserve them; and Messer always to prefer the interests of the Church. Giovanni was not more distinguished from his youthful associates by the high promotions which he enjoyed, than he was by his attention to his studies, his strict performance of the duties enjoined him, and his inviolable regard to truth.

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It seems that although the Pope had complied with the pressing instances of Lorenzo, in bestowing on his prohibited him from assuming the iusignia of his rank has left in one of his letters a particular narrative his respects to the Pope. On his approach to that city he was met and congratulated by several other cardinals, who made no hesitation in receiving into their number so young an associate. By the seriousness and propriety of his demeanour, he obviated as a promotion so unprecedented had made on the public addressed to him an admonitory letter, as conspicuous for sound sense as for paternal affection, but which discovers the deep policy of Lorenzo and the great utility. extent of his views. This letter may, without any unreasonable assumption, be considered as the guide of the future life and fortunes of a son, who afterwards ported it with a dignity which gave it new lustre.

> Lorenzo de' Medici, To Giovanni de' Medici, Cardinal.

Providence, not only for the many honours and beneso important, is rendered still more so by the circumstances with which it is accompanied, and especially by the consideration of your youth and of our situato God, and continually to recollect that it is not pleasing to his disposition. Farewell." through your merits, your prudence, or your solicitude, that this event has taken place, but through his favour, which you can only repay by a pious, chaste, and lished the fortunes of the Medici on a permanent rate-payers. I am aware, too, that the property on the boys only reared,—however inadequate his fortune Rhetoric, or the art of conveying our thoughts to exemplary life; and that your obligations to the per- foundation. Naturally munificent to all, Leo was which this assessment falls has been affected by the might be to the allotment of large marriage-portions to others by speech with advantages of clearness, force, formance of these duties are so much the greater, as lavish in bestowing upon the different branches of his general course of events around us, and that difficulin your early years you have given some reasonable own family, the highest honours and most lucrative ties beset your office now, which in the last generation natural monster (for so we now should call him), who the auditors; of how great benefit is it, if it be well expectation that your riper age may produce such preferments of the church. Giulio de' Medici was were but little known. I am therefore chiefly anxious in a single instance should attempt to revive the pracfruits. It would indeed be highly disgraceful, and as created Archbishop of Florence, and was soon after on one point alone; and that is, to receive from you tice of this exploded system of economy, escape public God, and edification of men! What hath been a contrary to your duty as to my hopes, if, at a time wards admitted into the sacred college, where he a full and clear assurance that you will steadily set infamy and the vengeance of the laws. when others display a greater share of reason and adopt a better mode of life, you should forget the predopt adopt a better mode of life, you should forget the predopt and provided according to your office according to your powers and opportunities. For the rest I am the heathen world, of a want of natural affection, in which he succeeded Adrian VI. who filled it to your powers and opportunities. For the rest I am the people world in modern warms of the great better mode of life, you should forget the predopt and vice to truth scherosts and vice to truth scherosts. cepts of your youth, and forsake the path in which cepts of your youth, and forsake the path in which only ten months after the death of Leo. The daugh willing to wait; and I do so in the confident belief tion, which is not found in modern manners. The vanity, and vice, to truth, soberness, and virtue, by an are not only allowed but required to take a vocal part you have hitherto trodden. Endeavour therefore to ters of Lorenzo, Maddalena the wife of Francesco that the Parish Churches of this Archdeaconry in a crime indeed which justifies divorce is too frequent; eloquent Apollos, a Basil, a Chrysostom! alleviate the burthen of your early dignity by the Cibò, Contessina the wife of Piero Ridolfi, and Lucre- few years will have undergone a thorough repair. but the husband is not at liberty, as in ancient times, regularity of your life and by your perseverance in zia the wife of Giacopo Salviati, gave no less than four Extensive restorations have been made, at a considerthose studies which are suitable to your profession.— cardinals to the Romish church; there being two of able cost, in about eighteen Churches within the last than an offence on her part against the fundamental incentives to virtue doth it full a body of voice rose throughout the church that It gave me great satisfaction to learn, that, in the great satisfaction to learn, that, in the supply the room of experience, and furnish us with the voice of the clerk was barely distinguishable, and course of the past year, you had frequently, of your Profiting by the examples of his predecessors, Leo lost a the voice of the cert was parely distinguishable, and prudence at the expence of others, informing us about having always felt how cheerful a thing it was to own accord, gone to communion and confession; nor opportunity of aggrandizing his relations, well restorations, which are still more numerous. I must formity to the rules of the gospel, and the spirit of the ways of action, and the consequences thereof by attend divine worship in my parish church, I cannot do I conceive that there is any better way of obtain- knowing that, in order to secure to them any lasting therefore express my satisfaction at the cheerful and primeval institution. ing the favour of heaven, than by habituating yourself to a performance of these and similar duties. This appeared being the favour of heaven, the apostle says the heathen were, to a performance of these and similar duties. This have acted since I had the official duty of overseeing the apostle says the heathen were, as a body, to a performance of these and similar duties. 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stand and practise better than I can express it.

Giovanni, the second son of Lorenzo, was destined lar directions as to your behaviour and conversation ries. Under the control of Leo, the riches that flowed Church, while we spend ten or a hundred fold more fifth century, when Rome was stormed and plundered and the duties proper to our relations: by rightly from his infancy to the church. Early brought for- would be a matter of no small difficulty. I shall from every part of Europe to Rome, as to the heart of every year upon our own dwellings, our comforts, re- by the Goths under Alaric. Those bands of barba- understanding and estimating which things we may ward into public view, and strongly impressed with a therefore only recommend, that in your intercourse the ecclesiastical system, were again poured out finements, self-indulgence; then it is plain as day rians, as they were called, were Christian; and their know how to behave ourselves decently and soberly sense of the pecessity of a grave deportment, he seems with the cardinals and other men of rank, your language through a thousand channels, till the sources became that we have an anxious care for this world and for our conduct in the hour of conquest exhibited a new and toward our conduct in the hour of conquest exhibited and toward our conduct in the hour of conquest exhibited and toward our conduct in the hour of conquest exhibited and toward our conduct in the hour of conquest exhibited and toward our conduct in the hour of conquest exhibited and toward our conduct in the hour of conquest exhibited and toward our conduct in the hour of conquest exh never to have been a child. At seven years of age he be unassuming and respectful, guiding yourself, how- inadequate to the expenditure. To supply this defi- selves, and, say what we may, little or no real love or wonderful example of the power of Christianity over neighbours; we may learn to correct our inclinations; was admitted into holy orders, and received the ton- ever, by your own reason, and not submitting to be ciency, he availed himself of various expedients, which, faith towards God and our Lord Jesus Christ. was admitted into holy orders, and received the tonsura from Gentile, Bishop of Arezzo. From thencesura from Gentile, Bishop of Arezzo. From thenceforth he was called Messer Giovanni, and was soon
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"You are not only the youngest cardinal in the college, but the youngest person that ever was raised to that rank; and you ought therefore to be the most vigilant and unassuming, not giving others occasion to wait for you, either in the chapel, the consistory, or upon deputations. You will soon get a sufficient insight into the manners of your brethren. With those of less respectable character converse not with son the dignity of a cardinal, he was not insensible of too much intimacy; not merely on account of the the indecorum of such a measure, for he expressly circumstance in itself, but for the sake of public opinion. Converse on general topics with all. On for three years, requesting that he would apply that public occasions let your equipage and dress be rather interval to the diligent prosecution of his studies.—
below than above mediocrity. A handsome house the regularity of the unhappy orphan whose large property has been the direction of Giovanni Lascar. The affability, the reverence to His sanctuary.

Your year of office will interval to his grangement. He accordingly went to Pisa, where the regularity of his conduct and his attention to his improvement, justified in some degree the extraordinary indulgence with regularity, and gradually to bring your expenses which he had experienced, in consequence of which within those bounds which in a new establishment his father made the most pressing instances to the cannot perhaps be expected. Silk and jewels are not Pope to shorten the term of his probation. "Trust suitable for persons in your station. Your taste will the management of this business to me," said Innocent; be better shown in the acquisition of a few elegant "I have heard of his good conduct, and of the honours remains of antiquity, or in the collecting of handsome which he has obtained in his college disputes. I books, and by your attendants being learned and wellconsider him as my own son, and shall, when it is least bred rather than numerous. Invite others to your expected, order his promotion to be made public; house oftener than you receive invitations. Practise besides which, it is my intention to do much more for neither too frequently. Let your own food be plain, his advancement than is at present supposed." The and take sufficient exercise, for those who wear your three years were, however, suffered to elapse, and the habit are soon liable, without great caution, to contract young cardinal was then admitted to all the honours infirmities. The station of a cardinal is not less of his rank, the investiture having been performed by secure than elevated; on which account those who Matteo Bosso, prior of the monastery at Fiesole, who arrive at it too frequently become negligent, conceiving that their object is attained, and that they can preserve of the ceremony. After passing a few days with his it with little trouble. This idea is often injurious to father at Florence, Giovanni hastened to Rome to pay the life and character of those who entertain it. Be attentive therefore to your conduct, and confide in others too little rather than too much. There is one rule which I would recommend to your attention in preference to all others: Rise early in the morning. This will not only contribute to your health, but will much as possible the unfavourable impression which enable you to arrange and expedite the business of the mind. Soon after his arrival at Rome, his father station, such as the performance of divine service, studying, giving audience, &c. you will find the observance of this admonition productive of the greatest

"Another very necessary precaution, particularly on your entrance into public life, is to deliberate every attained the highest rank in Christendom, and sup-"You, and all of us who are interested in your holiness, alleging as a reason your own youth and in- relation with holier things than the toils and trades of Christian charity (and it may indeed be different), is thoughts, choicest notions, and best inventions, couched welfare, ought to esteem ourselves highly favoured by experience. You will probably be desired to intercede this world, and will be discharged, I trust and believe, certainly nearly allied to it, and makes a considerable in good expression, and digested in exact method? fits bestowed on our house, but more particularly for the many nonours and benewho now bear this office, I desire to say that I am not spirit is, that the vices which are still generally harall have their use and pleasure. I shall only touch having conferred upon us, in your person, the greatest often; for his temper leads him to be most liberal to ignorant of the difficulties you have to contend with. boured are sins of indulgence and refinement rather them. dignity we have ever enjoyed. This favour, in itself those who weary him least with their solicitations.— They that have been Churchwardens before you, by

advice which, in the first instance, I can possibly give well aware, would probably pay as little regard to his nate, and therefore empty, terms of commendation. immediate apprehension and punishment, sometimes family, as he had himself, in some instances, paid to In a number of upwards of two hundred men, all can- imbrues his hand in blood; but scenes of blood and

"You are not unacquainted with the great impor- a proper solicitude for the public safety."

tance of the character which you have to sustain, for Leo was not however aware, that whilst he was office, when any one discharges the duties of Church- of children and servants are no longer at the disposal you well know that all the Christian world would composing the troubles which the ambitition of his warden with a narrow, grudging, and penurious heart. of the father of the family; nor is domestic authority beneficial may it be to us, suggesting to us the dietates prosper if the cardinals were what they ought to be; neighbours, or the misconduct of his predecessors, had If we can bear to see our Parish Church damp, slo- maintained, as formerly, by severities which the mild of reason, concerning the nature and faculties of our because in such a case there would always be a good occasioned, he was exciting a still more formidable venly, decaying, or patched up with cheap, paltry respectively. pope, upon which the tranquillity of Christendom so adversary, that was destined, by a slow but certain pairs; if we can endure to argue and object, and put malefactors. Even war has lost much of its natural means of attaining happiness, the best rules and materially depends. Endeavour then to render your- progress, to sap the foundations of the papal power, off our duty from year to year, or to try and throw on cruelty; and, compared with itself in ancient times, methods of practice; the distinctions between good self such, that if all the rest resembled you, we might and to alienate that spiritual allegiance which the others what we ought to do ourselves; if we can go wears a mild and gentle aspect. The first symptom and evil, the nature of each virtue, and motives to expect this universal blessing. To give you particu- Christian world had kept inviolate for so many centu- on thinking anything good enough for the Parish of the mitigation of its horrors appeared early in the embrace it; the rank wherein we stand in the world.

> has derived from the errors of Leo X., we may be once more. What a homestead of Christian peace dually declined, till, in the present age, not only captalents and to his virtues. No sooner was he raised the sick and weary, the widowed and world-worn, in conquered provinces governed with equity, but in the engage us in all good practice. to the papal chair, than Rome assumed once more its your Parish Church, and the sacred precints which actual prosecution of a war it is become a maxim to of his pontificate was to invite to his court two of the fu and honourable in the eyes of your brethren, who and the individual is screened as much as possible from celebrated professors of literature, from every part of wdl. Guard the House of God with a dutiful and general philanthropy. Wars of enterprise, for con-Europe, were induced by liberal pensions to fix their loving care. And if the Lord blessed the house of quest and glory, begin to be reprobated in the politics dous wonders of grace, whereby God hath demonresidence at Rome, where a permanent establishment Oled-edom for the Ark's sake, while it tarried with of the present day. Nor, in private life, have later strated an incomprehensible kindness to mankind, munificence, the judgment, and the taste of this be som over, and with it the opportunity, and perhaps intrusted to his management. splendid pontiff, are celebrated by a considerable the bessing will pass to other hands. Use it well a patron of letters, and have considered the age of lightly esteemed." Leo X. as rivalling that of Augustus. Leo has not however escaped the reproach of having been too lavish of his favours to authors of inferior talents, and of having expended in pompous spectacles, and theatrical representations, that wealth which ought to have been devoted to better purposes. But shall we condemn his conduct, if those who had no claims on his justice, were the objects of his bounty? or may it not be doubted whether this disposition was not more favourable to the promotion of letters, than a course of conduct more discriminating and severe? Whatever kindness he might show to those who endeavoured to amuse his leisure by their levity, their singularity. or their buffoonery, no instances can be produced of his having rewarded them by such distinguished favours as he constantly bestowed on real merit; and whilst we discover amongst those who shared his

CHURCHWARDENS AND THEIR DUTY. (From a Charge by Archdeacon Manning.)

This you must observe, lest you should give him their neglect, have doubled your present burdens; gaiety rather than of direct premeditated malice. ioners to give the least sums grudgingly, by doing the think of settling the point with his intended wife, be- divine oracles. greatest duties meanly—these are they who have be- fore marriage, according to the ancient practice, that Luther would not part with a little Hebrew he had gold; she is more precious than rubies, and all the The elevation of Leo X. to the pontificate estab- queathed to you neglected Churches and unwilling the females she might bear should be all exposed, and for all the Turkish empire. "I well know, that as you are now to reside at the friends and families of his predecessors. not be alike; all will not have the same knowledge of murder make no part, as of old, of the public diversions

The influence of example is itself prevalent; but you church. At the time when he assumed the chair, the will possess various degrees of intelligence, ability, fury of wild beasts for a show of amusement and recrewill probably meet with those who will particularly calamities of Italy were at their highest pitch; that conscientiousness, and religion; and they will vary in ation to the populace, nor engaged in mortal combat blesseth, rewardeth innocence and integrity; how he endeavour to corrupt and incite you to vice; because, country being the theatre of a war, in which not only the fulfilment of their office in proportion as they are with each other upon a public stage. Such bloody crosseth, defeateth, blasteth, curseth, punisheth inas you may yourself perceive, your early attainment all its governments were engaged, but which was renvarious in their qualifications for its discharge. I sports, were they exhibited, would not draw crowds of quity and outrage; managing things with admirate as you may yourself perceive, your car, and a spectators to our theatres, of every rank, and sex, and temper of wisdom, to the good of mankind, and those who could not prevent your receiving that honour French, Helvetian, and Spanish troops. A council high degree for their duties; with others who had age. Our women of condition would have no relish advancement of his own glory! those who could not prevent your receiving that honour relation and spanish to the same advancement of his own grory?

will secretly endeavour to diminish it, by inducing you which had long established itself at Pisa, under the thought little of the declaration and promise you are for the sight: They would not be able to behold it.

The mathematical sciences, how pleasant is the will secretly endeavour to diminish it, by latter and form the first the forfeit the good estimation of the public; thereby influence and protection of the King of France, going to make here to-day. But in all my official with so much composure as to observe and admire the speculation of them to the mind! How useful is the precipitating you into that gulf into which they had thwarted the measures, and at times overawed the intercourse I have in no single instance been con-skill and agility of the champions, and interest them-practice to common life! How do they whet and precipitating you into that guir into which attempt, the consideration authority of the holy see; and, in addition to all her strained to compel the fulfilment of duty by force of selves in the issue of the combat: They would shriek excite the mind! How do they inure it to strict of your youth will give them a confidence of success. other distresses, Italy laboured under great apprehen- law. My steadfast resolution was to try first every and faint;—they would not exclaim, like Roman ladies, reasoning, and patient meditation! To these difficulties you ought to oppose yourself with sions from the Turks, who constantly threatened a other means; to appeal to conscience and sense of in a rapture of delight, when the favourite gladiator To these difficulties you ought to oppose yourself with stone fire fire and sense of the greater firmness, as there is at present less virtue descent on that unhappy country. The address and the fatal blow; nor with cool theatre, or visible system presented before us; observamongst your brethren of the college. I acknowledge perseverance of Leo surmounted the difficulties which made here before me in the sight of God, is all one indifference give him the sight of God, is all one i amongst your brethren of the conlege. The standard man indeed that several of them are good and learned men, he had to encounter; and during his pontificate the with the most solemn oath; and I am thankful to say trate suppliant.* Nor would the pit applaud and shout their causes; reflecting on the order, connection, and whose lives are exemplary, and whom I would recompapal dominions enjoyed a greater degree of tranquilthat this appeal has been fully answered. Not only
when the blood of the dying man gushing from the
harmony of things; considering their original source; mend to you as patterns of your conduct. By emu- lity than any other state in Italy. In his relations has no case for legal steps arisen; but, I am satisfied, ghastly wound flowed upon the stage. mend to you as patterns of your conduct. By end, I am satisfied, will not arise. I have endeavoured to show you that with foreign powers, his conduct is no less entitled to will not arise. I have endeavoured to show you that with foreign powers, and the more known and with the more known and with the more known and with the more known and the more known esteemed, in proportion as your age and the peculiarity approbation. During the contests that took place the due and seemly maintenance of the House and "unmerciful." With an exception in a single instance, of your situation will distinguish you from your col- between those powerful monarchs, Charles V. and worship of God is not so much a duty as a privilege; we are milder in the use of power and authority of leagues. Avoid, however, as you would Scylla or Francis I., he distinguished himself by his moderation, not a burden, but a blessing; and to appeal to you every sort; and the abuse of authority is now restrained Charybdis, the imputation of hypocrisy; guard against his vigilance, and his political address; on which as trustees of things sacred to God, in behalf of your by law in cases in which the laws of ancient times al-Charybdis, the imputation of hypotrisy, guard against the vigilation, either in your conduct or your dis- account he is justly celebrated by an eminent historian solves and of your children. I had rather win you to lowed it. Capital punishment is not inflicted for slight clearly seen, whose glory is declared, whose transcencourse; affect not austerity, nor even appear too of our own country, as "the only prince of the age fulfil your duties freely, and of a willing mind, than offences; nor, in the most arbitrary Christian governdent govern serious. This advice you will, I hope, in time under- who observed the motions of the two contending obtain the most exact obedience to legal orders and ments, is it suddenly inflicted, upon the bare order of monarchs with a prudent attention, or who discovered directions; and I would, therefore, again remind you the sovereign, without a formal accusation, trial, con- whose particular kindness toward us men dothevidently that there is a contradiction between the man and the viction, sentence, and warrant of execution. The lives shine in those his works of nature!

the life, have in them a virtue of power to change this obtaining it.

TRASTED. (From Bishop Horsley's Sermons.)

Let us compare the world, as it now is, with what it was before the appearance of our Saviour. We shall find, if I mistake not, that the effect of Christianity in improving the manners of mankind, though as yet far less than may be ultimately hoped, is already however far from inconsiderable. Let us next consider by what means God vouchsafes to carry on this conflict of his which I have mentioned, the perceptible beginnings of plation of such objects? Especially considering that mercy with the malice of the Devil. We shall see, amendment cannot be traced to an earlier epoch than this study doth not only yield private benefit to ourthat the imperfection of what is yet done so little jus- the establishment of the Christian religion in the Ro- selves in forwarding our own salvation, but enableth tifies any sceptical misgivings, that, in the very nature man empire by Constantine; and immediately after us by our guidance and encouragement to promote of the business itself, ages are necessary to the comwhilst we discover amongst those who shared his friendship and partook of his highest bounty, the pletion of it; and that the considerable effect already fore is begun, is going on, and will unquestionably be to people heaven, according to that exhortation of St. Flaminio, we may readily excuse the effects of that to the intended purpose, and an earnest of the com-Flaminio, we may readily excuse the effects of that superabundant kindness which rather marked the superabundant kindness which rather marked the pletion of the work in God's good season. We shall may endure the just judgment of God: Sins yet remay endure the just judgment of God: Sins yet remay endure the just judgment of God: Take heed unto superabundant kindness which rather marked the excess of his liberality than the imperfection of his liberality than the imperfection of his also be enabled to discern what we may ourselves conmain among us, which, without farther reformation and thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in to the present interests of the individual and of society. dividuals in perdition.

Comparing the world as it now is with what it was before the promulgation of the gospel, we shall find the manners of mankind in this respect at least improved, that they are softened. Our vices are of a more Before many years, the office of Churchwarden, tame and gentle kind than those of the ancient heathen may happen. With respect to your speaking in the which has been sometimes so much slighted, and not world; they are disarmed of much of their malignity, consistory, it will be most becoming for you at present seldom blameably undertaken only to be neglected, by the general influence of a spirit of philanthropy, with the wisest men of all ages and all countries, who to refer the matters in debate to the judgment of his will be sought after as one that brings a man into which, if it be not the same thing in principle with thereby communicate to us their most deliberate for the favours of the pope on particular occasions.— in a spirit of gladness and piety. To you, brethren, part of it in practice. The effect of this philanthropic

Rome, that sink of all iniquity, the difficulty of conducting yourself by these admonitions will be increased. the most prosperous in the annals of the Romish feeling for the House and worship of God. They general rejoicing and festivity, are not exposed to the

the fierce passions of man. Alaric no sooner found to regulate our appetites, to moderate our passions, to notice. Encouraged by the dissatisfaction which was nan an English village lying round its churchyard the rich furniture and costly ornaments of the churches to the most happy end, with the firmest assurance. thus excited, a daring reformer arose, and equally regardless of the threats of secular power, and the uried side by side. What a mystery of love and was a thing very different from the boasted examples denunciations of the Roman see, ventured to oppose mity is there; what a grandeur and pathos of sure of Pagan manners, the generosity of Camillus and works and providence of God. the opinion of an individual to the infallible determi- and simple faith! The village Church and its mellow Scipio's continence. In either of those examples, we It fully declareth to us our own nature, our original nations of the church. At this critical juncture, cimes, the village tree and the village festival, are see nothing more than the extraordinary virtue of the our designed end, our whole duty, our certain way of Luther found that support which he might in vain thoughts which refresh us even now in the dry and individual, because it was extraordinary, equally rehave sought at any other period, and an inroad was garing age in which we live and toil. What elements fleeting disgrace on his times and credit on himself: made into the sanctuary, which has ever since been da happy life, withdrawn from the tumultuous world, This was an instance of mercy and moderation in a selves in all respects piously toward God, justly and widening, and will probably continue to widen, till the sill linger among us! Our ten thousand village whole army—in common soldiers, flushed with victory, charitably woward our neighbour, soberly toward our mighty fabric, the work of so many ages, shall be laid (hurches, and the parochial system of which they are and smarting under the wounds they had received in selves; without blame in the world, with satisfaction

But turning from the advantages which the world liboured and distracted land to be merry England From that time forward the cruelty of war has gra- rewards. ancient character, and became the seat of genius, compass it about! Who can say how much is in abstain from all unnecessary violence: Wanton deprene appointed his pontifical secretaries. The most is elated to the holiest things, I pray you to use it are controlled in the pursuit of their objects by the vanities

ments, or partook of his bounty. Succeeding times remembering how He hath said—"Them that honour Christian purity; but yet the worst excesses of modern the sweetest, the happiest operations of our soul. have been equally disposed to do justice to so eminent me, I will honour; and they that despise me shall be voluptuaries seem continence and sanctity, when they are set in comparison with those unnatural debauche- desires concerning these poor, transitory, earthly CHRISTIANITY AND HEATHENISM CON- their manners, that they stained the lives of their objects most excellent, eternal, and celestial. gravest philosophers, and made a part of even the reli-

gious rites of the politest nations. sins of the present times that I am thus exact to enu- heavenly rules of life; which are able to make us wise merate the particulars in which our heathen ancestors to salvation, and perfect to every good work. surpassed us in iniquity: I mean not to justify the

READING. (From the Works of Dr. Isaac Barrow.)

The reading of books, what is it, but conversing And as to the particular matters or objects of study,

literature are very profitable and necessary, as the offence, remembering also at times to converse with they that have gone on the wicked maxim of doing to To instance in particulars. We are not destitute, inlets to knowledge, whereby we are enabled to underhim on more agreeable topics; and if you should be the Parish Church as little as ever they can, which as the heathen were, of natural affection. No man in stand wise men speaking their sense in their own terms tion in the world. The first thing that I would therefore suggest to you is, that you ought to be grateful done with that modesty and humility which are so ought; and they that have taught their fellow parish- by the exposure of his infant children: No man would to drink sacred knowledge out of the fountains, the

more effectual instrument of doing good, and working

examples, without our own danger or trouble! How describe the damp and chill it cast over me, when I

Consurgit ad ictus, Et quoties victor ferrum jugulo inscrit, illa Delicias ait esse suas, pectusque jacentis Virgo modesta jubet, converso police, rumpi.

Natural philosophy, the contemplation of this great and their final design: how doth it enlarge our minds? admiration of those petty things, about which men cark and bicker! How may it serve to work in us pious affections of admiration, reverence, and love wisdom, and goodness are conspicuously displayed,

The study of moral philosophy, how exceedingly

It enlighteneth our minds with the best knowledge

It certainly and perfectly doth inform us concerning the nature and attributes, the will and intentions, the

It exactly teacheth us how we should demean ourof our conscience, with assured hope of blessed

It proposeth those encouragements, and exhibiteth allowed for a moment to inquire what it owes to his nay you make for yourselves, for the aged and poor, tives among Christians are treated with humanity, and assurances of those helps, which serve potently to

. It setteth before us a most complete and lively pattern of all goodness; apt most clearly to direct, magnificence, letters, and arts. One of the first acts your hands? If you make the House of God beautithereto; especially instructing and inclining to the most elegant Latin scholars that modern times have ca measure the help you give to your pastor's work? the evil of the public quarrel. Ambition and avarice practice of the most high and hard duties, meekness, produced, Pietro Bembo and Giacopo Sadoleti; whom Yours is no light charge; no mere secular office: it are not eradicated from the heart of man; but they humility, patience, self-denial, contempt of all worldly

It discovereth those sublime mysteries and stupen-

In the virtues of temperance and chastity, the prac- him with most firm assurance, to delight in him connumber of learned men who witnessed his accomplishthen; as men that would win a blessing of the Lord; tice of the present world is far below the standard of tinually with joy unspeakable; which are the noblest,

ries of the heathen world, which were so habitual in things, to contemplations, affections, and hopes toward It engageth us to study the book of God, the book

of books, the richest mine, of most excellent know-You will remember that it is not to extenuate the ledge, containing infallible oracles of truth, and

And how can we otherwise be so well employed, as ways of man, but of God. The symptoms of a gra- in meditation about such things? What occupation dual amendment in the world, I trust, are numerous doth nearer approach to that of the blessed angels? and striking. That they are the effect of Christianity, What heaven is there upon earth like to that of conis evident from this fact, -that in all the instances stantly feasting our minds and hearts in the contemcarried to its perfection. But let none imagine that Paul pressing on Timothy this study with diligence; tribute to the furtherance of a work so important even repentance, must involve nations in judgment and inhear thee.

So considerable is each part of learning, so extremes ly profitable are some parts of it. Indeed the skill of any liberal art is valuable, as a handsome ornament, as an harmless divertisement, as an useful instrument upon occasions; as preferable to all other accomplishments and advantages of person or fortune, (beauty, strength, wealth, power, or the like); for who would not purchase any kind of such knowledge at any rate; who would sell it for any price; who would not choose rather to be deformed or impotent in his body, than to have a misshapen and weak mind; to have rather a lank purse, than an empty brain; to have no title at all, than no worth to bear it out; if any would, he is not of Solomon's mind; for of wisdom (by which he meaneth a comprehension of all knowledge, divine and human; into which the knowledge of natural things, of mathematics, of poetry, are reckoned ingredients) he saith, The merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Her fruit is better than gold, yea than fine gold; and her revenue than choice silver.

> MAKING THE RESPONSES. (From the British Magazine.)

in the public devotions. And yet, it is surprising in how few churches this is done. For my own part, debarred from a rightful privilege, for I durst not raise my voice amidst a general silence. I was, however, told by my tutor, that it was my duty to conquer what he called a false shame, and give the Almighty the public honour which the church ordained, whatever others might do. I accordingly did so, and have con-