

POETRY.

From Keble's Christian Year.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.

As rays around the source of light
Stream upward ere he glow in sight,
And watching by his future flight
Set the clear heavens on fire ;
So, on the King of Martyrs wait
Three chosen bands, in royal state,
And all earth owns, of good and great,
Is gather'd in that choir.

One presses on, and welcomes death :
One calmly yields his willing breath,
Nor slow, nor hurrying, but in faith
Content to die or live :
And some, the darlings of their Lord,
Play smiling with the flame and sword,
And, ere they speak, to his sure word,
Unconscious witness give.

Foremost and nearest to his throne,
By perfect robes of triumph known,
And likest him in look and tone,
The holy Stephen kneels,
With stedfast gaze, as when the sky
Flew open to his fainting eye,
Which, like a fading lamp, flash'd high,
Seeing what death conceals.

WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER.

O Lord, my God, do Thou thy holy will—
I will lie still—
I will not stir, lest I forsake thine arm,
And break the charm,
Which lulls me, clinging to my Father's breast,
In perfect rest.

Wild Fancy, peace ! thou must not me beguile
With thy false smile :
I know thy flatteries and thy cheating ways ;
Be silent, Praise,
Blind guide with siren voice, and blinding all
That hear thy call.

Come, self-devotion, high and pure,
Thoughts that in thankfulness endure,
Though dearest hopes are faithless found,
And dearest hopes are bursting round.
Come, Resignation, spirit meek,
And let me kiss thy placid cheek,
And read in thy pale eye serene
Their blessing who by faith can wean
Their hearts from sense, and learn to love
God only, and the joys above.

TEMPERANCE.

NEW BRUNSWICK TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

A public meeting of this Society took place at the Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School Room, on Monday evening last, when in consequence of the absence of the President Dr. Gray from indisposition, Mr. Justice Parker, one of the Vice Presidents of the Society took the Chair, and opened the business of the meeting; after which

The Rev. J. W. D. Gray moved the first Resolution, and which was seconded by S. Huyghue, Esq. and unanimously agreed to:

1st. Resolved. That the object, at which Temperance and Abstinence Societies aim, is the same; They differ only in the mode, which they severally adopt. Circumstances may render both useful, but the present state of Society, seems to make generally expedient the Temperance plan.

The second Resolution was moved by W. B. Kinnear, Esq. and seconded by John Kerr, Esq. and also unanimously agreed to.

2nd. Resolved, That want of due consideration is by far the most formidable obstacle to the Establishment and success of Temperance Societies. If the influence of Truth and Reason were only admitted, the Dealer would relinquish his traffic; and the consumer would cease to be the victim of his unholy gain.

The third Resolution was moved by Mr. William Ewing, and seconded by John Kinnear Esq, and also unanimously agreed to.

3rd. Resolved, That they who keep those fountains open, which debase the minds; ruin the souls of sots; destroy the happiness and usefulness of domestic circles, and fill the land with miserable Widows and Orphans, share to no trifling extent in the Guilt which attaches to Drunkenness; and who are they? The Distiller; the Importer; and the wholesale as well as retail Vender.

The fourth Resolution was moved by L. Donaldson Esq. and seconded by G. H. Smith, Esq. and also unanimously agreed to.

4th. Resolved, That although the importation of Spirituous liquors appears to have decreased in the past year, yet there is evidence enough to every person, who walks abroad, that the curse of Drunkenness is yet strong. It is therefore the duty of every citizen among us, to contribute his efforts to dissipate this abundant fountain of woes and calamities.

The Chairman then made a few observations respecting the liability of persons of Intemperate habits to contract disease, and of its generally terminating fatally in such cases, which had been exemplified by the late awful visitation of Cholera, and the present one of Small Pox here, after which

Mr. George Matthew addressed the meeting and mentioned some cases that had occurred within his own knowledge as Overseer of the poor, and having charge of the Lunatic Asylum; since the commencement of the Small Pox 20 persons were admitted into hospital with that disease, 12 of these he had ascertained to be of temperate habits, the remaining 8 of intemperate; the former had only the mitigated kind and all recovered—the 8 had the confluent or worst kind, and only one of them recovered—he also stated that a large proportion of persons admitted as paupers he found on enquiry were reduced to that condition by intemperance and that he could not exempt the children admitted, from the same rule; and that out of 54 Lunatics admitted into the Asylum during his charge, 24 had been reduced to that state by intemperance.

Persons wishing to join in the pledge were then called upon to come forward, and thirty-seven added their names to the list of those already joined in the hope of being the means of subduing this destructive vice.—*Gazette.*

God is omniscient as well as omnipotent: and omniscience may see reason to withhold what omnipotence could bestow.

Selected for the Colonial Churchman.

A beautiful exhibition of the effects of the Gospel is found in the narrative of the loss of the *King of the East Indiaman*, in 1825. The account is given by Major M'Grigor, who was not rendered the less capable of calmly observing the events he has recorded, or of firmly bearing his part in the dangers of that awful crisis, in consequence of having his own soul kept in peace by the precious hopes of a disciple of Christ:—

While the ship was burning below, and the magazine was every moment expected to blow up, and a soul out of more than six hundred, had a thought of perishing either by fire or the tempest; some were standing in silent resignation, or stupid insensibility, or others were given up to the most frantic despair; while "some on their knees were earnestly imploring with significant gesticulations, in noisy supplication, the mercy of him whose name they exclaimed, was at length outstretched to save them;" and others had sullenly seated themselves directly over the magazine, that by means of the expected explosion a speedier termination might be put to their sufferings—"several of the soldiers, women and children, who had fled for temporary shelter to the after cabins on the upper decks, were engaged in prayer and reading the scripture with the ladies, some of whom were enabled, with wonderful self-possession, to offer to others those spiritual consolations which a firm and intelligent trust in the Redeemer appeared at this awful hour to impart to their breasts. The dignified deportment of two young ladies in particular formed a specimen of natural strength of mind, finely modified by christian feeling, which failed not to attract the notice and admiration of every one who had an opportunity of witnessing it.—One young gentleman, having calmly asked my opinion of the state of the ship, I told him that I thought I should be prepared to sleep that night in eternity, and I shall never forget the peculiar fervor with which he replied, as he pressed my hand in blessing, "my heart is filled with the peace of God." Commendation would only mar such a beautiful testimony to the blessedness of a Gospel faith. "Thou wilt bless him," &c.—Isaiah, 26. 3.

A Remarkable Church.—The first Church in Hingham, Mass. has had but five pastors since its establishment in 1638, viz: Hobart, ancestor of the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Hobart, Bishop of New York; Norton, Gay, Ware and Richardson. The ministry of Mr. Hobart was upwards of forty-three years; Mr. Norton's about thirty-eight years, and Dr. Gay's nearly sixty-nine years. He died March 18, 1787. So, that for nearly one hundred and fifty-two years from the establishment of the Church, it had but three pastors, and for upwards of two hundred years but five pastors, two of them are still living, viz: Dr. Ware, Professor of Theology at Cambridge University, and the Rev. Mr. Richardson, the present minister. The times have sadly changed in this respect. Instead of only five pastors about every two years, it is a rare circumstance for the man to follow a pastor to the grave, whom he knew as his spiritual guide when but a child, and there are but few—who do not arrive at man's estate, and enjoy the happiness of listening on the Sabbath to the voice of the pastor who baptized him.—*Epis. Rec.*

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