

sight into the mind of God, so that we may be able to make it known to other minds. In secret prayer we acquire a power and an influence, such as that when we deal with our fellow-creatures with reference to spiritual things, they feel that God is near them, and their consciences approve of what we say.

CHRISTIAN PRACTISE SECRET PRAYER. It is a sign that your piety is at a low ebb, if you have no delight in such an exercise. Indeed you may measure your religion by your delight in secret devotion. Philip Henry says, "Apostacy generally begins at the closet door." O then, child of heaven, be much alone with God, and thus God will be your shield and your exceeding great reward, you will be Godlike, and carry about with you wherever you go, the sweet savour of his presence.

POETRY.

For the Canadian Day Star.

FULNESS AND FREENES IN NATURE AND GOSPEL

Behold wide creation! Remark the repletion,
Of gladsome designs, of divine ordination.
Here, so densely surrounded, by bounty unbounded;
Benevolent Being alone could have founded.
Hark! glad harmony cheers the listening ears!
'Tis munificence toned in the music of spheres.

While heaven's grand display, and "day unto day"
Announce Divine glory which none can gainsay:
Hear earth vocal proclaim, the ineffable name,
Shall the gospel of grace, not re-echo the same?
The sweet light, the soft rain, God doth not restrain:
And his word tells of goodness in accents as plain.

His infinite might, Who dwelleth in light,
Maketh glad who submit, for his statutes are right.
Provisions still proving, Benevolence moving,
The will and commands of the law-giver loving,
Love ever displaying, beyond all gain-saying,
There's misery only to the disobeying.

Glad creation combines, to stretch forth love's bright lines;
But in gospel—heaven's special compassion outshines.