

## Poetry.

The following lines written by the late John McLeod, Catechist, Earltown, are printed by request.

A paraphrase of the 4th chapter of Malachi.

Feuch arsa Dia tha 'n latha a' teachd  
A loisgeas mar an aubhoion  
Smar asbhuaid loisgear as 'gu tur  
Luebd aingid'beachd:is arda.

Oir thubhairt Tighearna na sloigh  
gu n gear e as gu slan iad  
Mar chraobhan seargte a gheanar as  
Cha'n fhagar bun do bar dhiu.

Ach dhuibh'sa air am bheil eagal m ainms  
Tha tabhairt ghraidh is geil d'homh  
Thig grian na firea' tachd le soilse  
Is leighas tuidh a sgeith dhuibh.

Is teasrigidh sibbs gu tearinte  
Bho ghabhaibh 'n latha mhor ud'  
Is fasaidd sibh mar laoidh bhiaidhta  
Le sonas fhior is solas.

Saltarar leibh na h' aingidh ole  
Mar chlabar is mar leathre  
Leagar iad sios fodha bhoun ur coise  
Oir thubhairt Dia na slugh e.

Cuimhnicibh mo reachan naomh  
Thug mise do Mhaois aig Horeb  
Mar staitiun is mar bhreithnais  
Do Israel chum an seoladh.

Feuch cuiridh mise do ur tir  
Eliah mhor am faidh  
Roimh teachd latha corruich Dhe  
Chaidd chur an ceil mar bha dhuibh.

Chum tiondaidh cridhaichan ant sluaigh  
Gu Dia 's gu aon a cheile  
Eagal gun d' tig a mhallachd mhor  
A ghearras as gu leir iad.

## EARLY RELIGION.

In Israel's fane by silent night  
The lamp of God was burning bright,  
And there by viewless angels kept,  
Samuel the child serenely slept.

A voice unknown the stillness broke,  
Samuel it called, and thrice it spoke,  
He rose, he asked whence came the word  
From Eli, no—'twas from the Lord.

Thus early called to serve his God,  
In paths of righteousness he trod,  
Prophetic visions fired his breast,  
And all the chosen tribes were blest.

Speak Lord, and from our earliest days,  
Incline our hearts to love thy ways,  
Thy wakening voice hath reached our ear  
Speak Lord to us; thy servant hears.

CHRIST PREACHED IN THE SYNAGOGUE IN ROME.—A well-disposed rabbi who exhibited great logical power in conversation, said recently to Dr. Phil "The Protestant religion is the best on earth for promoting the moral and religious wellbeing of men; but we cannot believe in Christ as you do." Warmly pressing the missionary's hand, he said "Come on Saturday to the synagogue and we shall have a talk together. Accordingly Dr Philip went to the Mincha service, and when all had finished the last prayer, a number gathered round and shook hands with him "Now," said he. "let us have an earnest conversation. This is the best place, the place dedicated to the service of God. A few made strong objections, saying "No, we must have no discourses here about Christ." But the majority pressed them to silence, and said, "Let us hear all that he has to say." So the missionary began, and after a while the silence was profound. He read Acts xxviii. 1 to 31, and then delivered a discourse on the subject. At the close he was led to adopt verse twenty-four, "And some believed the things that were spoken and some believed not." They parted in a most friendly way; and their subject of conversation for some days afterward was the missionary's discourse in the synagogue about Christ.—*Illustrated Missionary News.*