

POETRY.

AN OLD GEM.

BY THE REV. JOHN FLAVEL.

JUDGE in thyself, O Christian ! is it meet
To set thy heart on what beasts set their feet ?
'Tis no hyperbole, if you be told,
You dig for dross with mattocks made of gold.
Afflictions are too costly to bestow
Upon the fair-faced nothings here below.
The eagle scorns to fall down from on high,
The proverb saith, to catch the silly fly ;
And can a Christian leave the face of God,
To embrace the earth, or dote upon a clod ?
Can earthly things thy heart so strangely move,
To tempt it down from the delights above ;
And now to court the world at such a time,
When God is laying judgment to the line ?
Its just like him who doth his cabin sweep
And trim, when all is sinking in the deep ;
Or like the silly bird, that to her nest
Doth carry straws, and never is at rest
Till it be feathered well, but does not see
The axe beneath, that's hewing down the tree.
If on a throepe thy heart itself repose
With such delight, what if it were a rose ?
Admire, O saint ! the wisdom of thy God,
Who of the self-same tree doth make a rod ;
Lest thou shouldst surfeit on forbidden fruit,
And live not like a saint, but like a brute.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS.

FROM the interest given to the Annual Meetings of the Religious Societies last year, by holding them in one week, the several Committees have resolved to hold them this year in the same manner, in the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, viz :—

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