

## POETRY.

## ADVENT.

Oh! Saviour, is thy promise fled?  
Nor longer might thy grace endure,  
To heal the sick and raise the dead,  
And preach thy Gospel to the poor?

Come Jesus! come! return again;  
With brighter beam thy servants bless,  
Who long to feel thy perfect reign,  
And share thy kingdom's happiness!

A feeble race, by passion driven,  
In darkness and in doubt we roam,  
And lift our anxious eyes to Heaven,  
Our hope, our harbour, and our home!

Yet 'mid the wild the wintry gale,  
When Deathrides darkly o'er the sea,  
And strength and earthly daring fail,  
Our prayers, Redeemer! rest on Thee!

Come, Jesus! come! and, as of yore  
The prophet went to clear thy way,  
A harbinger thy feet before,  
A dawning to thy brighter day:

So now may grace with heavenly shower  
Our stony hearts for truth prepare;  
Sow in our souls the seed of power,  
Then come and reap thy harvest there!

Bishop Heber.

## ANOTHER BY THE SAME.

The world is grown old, and her pleasures are past;  
The world is grown old, and her form may not last;  
The world is grown old, and trembles for fear;  
For shadows abound, and judgment is near!

The sun in the Heaven is languid and pale;  
And feeble and few are the fruits of the vale;  
And the hearts of the nations fail them for fear,  
For the world is grown old, and judgment is near!

The king on his throne, the bride in her bower,  
The children of pleasure all feel the sad hour;  
The roses are faded, and tasteless the cheer,  
For the world is grown old, and judgment is near!

The world is grown old!—but should we complain,  
Who have tried her and know that her promise is vain?  
Our heart is in Heaven, our home is not here,  
And we look for our crown when Judgment is near!

## THE VENERABLE BEDE.

This learned monk was born in the year 672, and may well be called the Father of Ecclesiastical History.—His whole life, almost literally from the cradle to the coffin, was spent in literary labours for the benefit of mankind. He died of consumption and asthma at the age of 63. It is related of him that during his last severe illness,—his mind being clear and unclouded to the last,—he did not relax from his accustomed exertions.—The evening of his death he spent in translating the Gospel of St. John into the Saxon language. At length his amanuensis said, "there remains but one chapter, but it seems very irksome for you to speak."

"Oh, no," said the venerable Bede, "it is not difficult. Take a pen, dip it in the ink, and write as fast as you can. I have no time to lose."

Some time after the young man who wrote for him, said, "there is now, Master, but one sentence wanting." Upon which the dying man bade him write quick. Soon after the young man said, "it is now done." To which Bede replied, "well hast

thou said the truth—it is now done. Take up my head between your hands and lift me—because it pleases me, much to sit over against that place where I was wont to pray; and where, now sitting I may invoke my Father." His wishes were gratified, and being seated according to his desire on the floor of his cell, he said,—“Glory be to the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost;” as he pronounced the last word he immediately expired.—*Chron. of the Church*

## BISHOP HEBER.

The following inscription has just been placed on the pedestal of Chantry's fine monument of Bishop Heber in St. Paul's Cathedral:—"To the memory of Reginald Heber, D.D., Lord Bishop of Calcutta. This monument was erected by those who loved and admired him. His character exhibited a rare union of fervent zeal with universal tolerance, of brilliant talent with sober judgment; and was especially distinguished by Christian humility, which no applause could disturb, no success abate. He cheerfully resigned prospects of eminence at home, in order to become the Chief Missionary of Christianity in the East; and having in the short space of three years visited the greater part of India, and conciliated the affection and veneration of men of every class of religion, he was then summoned to receive the reward of his labours, in the XLIII. year of his age, MDCCCXXVI."

"Thou art gone to the grave; but we will not deplore thee, Though sorrow and darkness encompass the tomb; The Saviour has passed through its portals before thee, And the lamp of His love is thy guide through the gloom.

Thou art gone to the grave; but 'twere vain to deplore thee! When God was thy Ransom, thy Guardian, thy Guide; He gave thee, He took thee, and He shall restore thee: And death hath no sting since the Saviour hath died."

## ANNUALS.

The Editor of the Church thus expresses his opinion with respect to Annuals.—“Our own impression is, that were nine-tenths of those ephemeral productions—not inaptly termed the whipp'd cream of literature—comprised under the name of Annuals, Mirrors, Ladies, Books, &c., swept from our drawing room tables and shelves, where they usurp the place of works really useful and substantial, and converted to the use to which the library at Alexandria was so unhappily appropriated by its barbarous captors, we should not have so grievous an amount of moral laxity to deplore.” The observation is a just one, and we should like to see the same sentence of condemnation executed upon at least an equal proportion of the fictitious literature of the day. It is not only injurious in its tendency by imparting false notions of things, and thus unfitting its devotees for the sober realities of life; but, to the extent mentioned, is destitute of the talent which it might be supposed would form its attraction to cultivated minds.—*Ban. of Cross.*

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C. H. BELCHER.

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## EXTENT OF THE BRITISH DOMINIONS.

The sun never sets on the dominions of the Queen of England. Before the evening ray leaves the spire of Quebec, his morning beams have shone for three hours on Port Jackson; and while sinking from the waters of Lake Superior, his eye opens upon the Ganges.—*Ent. Press.*

Five gentlemen in the Canadas, who were preachers in different branches of the Methodist connexion, from conscientious convictions have lately embraced the principles of the Church; two are now in deacons' orders, and three are candidates for ordination.—*Ban. of Cross.*

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