

POETRY.

PETITION FOR SEASONABLE WEATHER.

Lord, should the sun, the clouds, the wind,
The air and seasons be
To us so froward and unkind
As we are falso to Thee,
All fruits would quite away be burned,
Or lie in water drowned,
Or blasted be, or overturned,
Or chilled upon the ground.

But from our duty though we swerve,
Thou still dost mercy show,
And deignst Thy creatures to preserve,
That men might thankful grow;
Yet though from day to day we sin,
And Thy displeasure gain,
No sooner we to cry begin,
But pity we obtain.

The weather now Thou changed hast,
That put us late to fear,
And when our hopes were almost past,
Then comfort did appear;
The heaven the earth's complaint hath heard,
They reconciled be;
And Thou such weather hast prepared,
As we desired of Thee.

FORM OF RECEIVING CONVERTS FROM POPERY.—AS USED BY ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN, A. D. 1827.

After the sermon had been concluded, an anthem was sung; when His Grace, accompanied by the Very Rev. the Archdeacons Torrens and Lindsay, the Rev. Messrs. Rowley, Ottway, Grier, T. P. Magee, W. Magee, and several other clergymen, approached the communion table. Archdeacon Torrens then advanced to the rails of the communion table, where the candidates for admission into the church were placed, and the following formulary was pronounced by him in an audible and distinct voice, and responded to with firmness and evident sincerity by those to whom it was addressed:—

Good people, his Grace the Archbishop hath given his approbation to the receiving these converts into the communion of our church; nevertheless, if there be any of you who know any impediment or notable crime, on account of which the profession they are about to make should not be looked upon as sincere, let him come forth, in the name of God, and show what that crime or impediment is.

The Archdeacon then said to the converts— I require and charge you, as you shall answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if you be not convinced in your consciences of the corruption and false worship of the Church of Rome, and if you be not firmly persuaded that the doctrine, communion, and worship of the Protestant Church is the true and safe way to salvation, as taught in the Holy Scriptures, you declare the same, and go not on to mock the Almighty by pretending to a persuasion which in truth you have not.

The Converts answered— We solemnly profess, in the presence of God, that we come here in sincerity and truth.

Archdeacon—That this congregation here present may be fully satisfied that you are well acquainted with the doctrines which you come here to profess, I ask you—

Do you utterly renounce the Sacrifice of the Mass, as offered up to God in the Church of Rome, and do you trust only in the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, made upon the cross, once for all, and do you own no other merits whereby man is saved but His only?

Converts—We do.
Archdeacon—Do you reject the doctrine of Purgatory and the practice of praying to the Virgin Mary, or to saints, or angels, or to images and relics?

Converts—We do.
Archdeacon—Do you believe that in the Holy Communion there is no Transubstantiation of the Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Christ?

Converts—We do not believe that any such change is made.

Archdeacon—Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrine required of necessity for eternal salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ?

Converts—We are so persuaded.
Archdeacon—Let us pray that these our brethren may have grace faithfully to persevere in the profession of a good faith, which they have now made.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Archdeacon—O Lord, save thy servants.

Answer—Who put their trust in thee.
Archdeacon—Create in them new hearts.

Answer—And renew right spirits within them.
Archdeacon—Restore unto them the joy of thy salvation.

Answer—And establish them with thy free spirit.
Archdeacon—O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer—And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more, open thine eye of mercy upon these thy servants; receive them into thy favour—strengthen them with thy Holy Spirit—preserve and continue them faithful members of thy Church, to the glory of thy holy name, and to their everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Archbishop then stood up, and, laying his hand upon the head of each convert, said—

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we receive thee into the communion of the true Catholic Church established in this realm.

Amen.

Now, unto God's grace and mercy we commit thee—the Lord bless thee and keep thee—the Lord be gracious unto thee—the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore.

The converts then received the holy communion.

At a church lately refitted in —shire, there is a small red cross in one of the painted windows. An old woman of the Wesleyan connexion, the first time she came out of the church after the repairs was asked by a neighbour what she thought of it.— She dwelt, in reply, with evident delight upon "that little cross in the window." We hope the time will come when no English church will want, what many possess already, the image of the cross in some place sufficiently conspicuous to assist the devotions of the worshipper. It still surmounts our great Metropolitan Cathedral, reminding us that our Lord has not yet forsaken us. It still graces our sovereign's crown, teaching both her and us, that we are all subjects of the same spiritual kingdom.—British Critic.

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