

NOTES.

- (1) "Of the dim days of old,
A record; mysteries in types beheld;
And saintly lives," &c.

It was the author's intention, had he completed this very fragmentary poem, to have followed out the plan here suggested, and to have taken up, as the work went on, not Scripture incidents only, but Types also, and Scripture characters

- (2) "And at the vestments he saw;
Oh! provide him—the lamb,—with a 'process' at law."

"We are of opinion that it is expedient to restrain in the public services of the United Church of England and Ireland all variations in respect of vesture from that which has long been the established usage of the said United Church, and we think this may be best secured by providing aggrieved parishioners with an easy and effectual process for complaint and redress." See "*First Report*" of *Ritual Commission*.

- (3) "Sit, shining, at the side
Of the resplendent Sun!—then what was I?"

The phenomenon of the tail of a comet being visible in bright sunshine, which is recorded of the comet of 1402, occurred again in the case of the large comet of 1843, whose nucleus and tail were seen in North America on the 28th February, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The nucleus and tail appeared like a very pure white cloud, a darker spot intervening between the tail and the nucleus."—*American Journal of Science*, Vol. XIV., p. 229.

- (4) "Haling unto God
A holy sacrifice;
As though, by such device,
He might avert the just and angry rod."

"Whilst the comet of 837 (which, according to de Sejour, continued during 24 hours within a distance of 2,000,000 miles from the earth), terrified Louis I. of France to that degree, that he busied himself in building churches and founding monastic establishments, in the hope of appeasing the evils threatened by its appearance. The Chinese astronomers made observations on the path of this cosmical body, whose tail extended over a space of 60°, appearing sometimes single and sometimes multiple."—*Humboldt's Cosmos*, Vol. 1, p. 84.