

## POETRY.

BY J. MONTGOMERY.

Ye armies of the living God,  
His sacramental host!  
Where hallowed footsteps never trod,  
Take your appointed post.

Follow the Cross—the ark of peace,  
Accompany your path;  
To slaves and rebels bring release,  
From bondage and from wrath.

Tho' few and small, and weak your bands,  
Strong in your Captain's strength,  
Go to the conquest of all lands—  
All must be his at length.

The closets seal'd between the poles  
Is opened to your toils;  
Where thrice a hundred million souls  
Are offered for your spoils.

Those spoils at his victorious feet,  
You shall rejoice to lay;  
And lay yourselves, as trophies meet,  
In his great judgment day.

No carnal weapons those ye bear,  
To lay the aliens low;  
Then strike amain, and do not spare—  
There's life in every blow.

Life!—more than life on earth can be;  
All in this conflict slain,  
Die but to sin—eternally  
The crown of life to gain.

O fear not, faint not, halt not now;  
Quit you like men; be strong;  
To Christ shall Buddha's votaries bow,  
And sing with you this song:

“Uplifted are the gates of brass;  
The bars of iron yield;  
Behold the King of Glory pass;  
The Cross hath won the field.”

## MONTHLY SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The arrival of the *Britannia* from Liverpool has put us in possession of news to the 19th August. The reports of the weather and the crops are much more favorable than at last advices. The favourable weather had caused a reduction in the price of corn and flour in all parts of the country, accompanied by an exceedingly dull trade in those articles. Wheat at Liverpool had receded 6d. to 8d. per bushel, and flour 2s. @ 3s. per barrel, with symptoms of a further decline, should the weather hold good. Of Ashes, a few hundred barrels had been taken at 24s. for Pots, and 25s. 6d. @ 26s. for Pearls. Demand for American Beef and Pork had been limited, and prices barely supported. A public sale on the 18th went off heavy, purchasers ex-

pecting lower prices. Cheese was lower by 1s. to 2s. and stocks light. Lard was in request, and rising, although the import had been large.

Parliament, after one of the most protracted sittings on record, will rise on the 24th of August.

In Wales, where during the last three months, matters have been very unsettled, Rebecca still continues active, knocking down toll-bars and toll-houses with undiminished vigour, sometimes almost under the noses of the military. A great number of the obnoxious toll-bars have been abolished by order of the magistrates, and arrangements are in progress for still further reducing the number.

In Ireland, matters continue stationary. One or two exciting debates have taken place in Parliament on the subject of the present anomalous state of that country, which have exhibited some of the members of the Conservative party attacking, with great bitterness, the do-nothing policy of Government. Neither the rent nor the exactions of O'Connell suffer any diminution. A crisis, it is admitted on all hands, is not distant.

Ireland has been divided into military districts. Father Mathew appears to be pursuing his temperance career almost as triumphantly in England as he did in Ireland. Thousands, heretofore votaries of Bacchus, have signed the pledge.

The British Bible Society has just presented to the royal library a collection of bibles in 82 different languages, consisting of 119 volumes.

The Rev. Dr. Cunningham, late minister of Trinity College Church, Edinburgh, preached on Sabbath last his farewell sermon to his congregation, before proceeding to America to examine the various systems of education in the seminaries of that country. He is appointed to be one of the Professors of Divinity in the New Seminary of the Free Church of Scotland.

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