

POETRY.

From the London Christian Observer.

THE HOLY ANGELS.

By Bishop Mant.

O THOU, who sitt'st on high,
Lord of the earth and sky,
Encircled by the six-wing'd seraph train;
Whom not Isaiah view'd,
As round thy throne they stood,
And heard them chanting in alternate strain,
"O holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts,
Whose glory fills the earth, while heaven thy presence
boasts:"

Lord of the earth and sky,
Whether thou sitt'st on high,
Or wendest forth to manifest thy will;
Still on thy royal state
Attendant spirits wait,
To swell thy pomp, and thy behests fulfil:
Where'er thou art, thine angel hosts are there,
Bright as the lambent flame, free as the viewless air.

All glorious was the array,
When, on Creation's day,
Thou bad'st the earth self-poised "on nothing hang:"
To see so fair a place
For man's intended race,
Heaven's wide expanse with Hallelujah rang;
Together sang the stars of morning bright,
And all the sons of God shouted for deep delight.

All glorious was the array,
When Thou, on Israel's day,
Gavest forth from Sinai's top the "fiery law:"
Ten thousand saints around,
(While peal'd the trumpet's sound,
Resplendent forms, astonished Moses saw:
No human breath that pealing trumpet blew,
Which sounded long and loud, and still more loud it grew.

And glorious was the array,
When, on redemption's day,
Thou camest in lowly guise to visit earth:
To Bethlehem's nightly fold
The news thy angel told,
And heavenly voices hymn'd the Saviour's birth:
Glory they sang for God's redeeming grace,
And peace restor'd to earth, and love for man's lost race.

But yet another day
Demands that bright array,
When thou shalt come in glorious majesty:
Thy holy angels then
Shall call the tribes of men
From the four corners of the ambient sky:
"To judgment," hark, a shout proclaims abroad!
Hark, the Archangel's voice sounds from the trump of God!

Blest beyond thought are they,
Whom, on that dreadful day,
EMANUEL, thou shalt welcome for thine own:
Mix'd with a countless band
Of angels they shall stand,
And sing to Him who sitteth on the throne;
"Worthy is He, the great, the good I AM,
All blessing to receive; and worthy is the Lamb."

Lord of the earth and sky,
Whose angel hosts on high
Wait at thy bidding, at thy bidding move:
O grant us to fulfil
On earth thy sovereign will,
As they fulfil it in thy courts above:
That striving now to serve thee, ev'n as they,
Like them we may become through thine eternal day!

From the British Magazine for September last.

SCOTLAND.—The following letter from Dr. Chalmers is important, showing as it does the opinion of one of the most eminent men of the present day on the subject of the appropriation clause:—

"Burntisland, July 22, 1836.

"Dear Sir,—On the subject of our recent conversation I would beg leave to add, that I have always regarded the appropriation of any part of the revenues of the Irish Church to other than strictly ecclesiastical objects as a very gross violation of the principle of a religious establishment. And I further think that the actual appropriation carried in the House of Commons militates in the strongest manner against all the principles of protestantism. I have ever reprobated the grant to Maynooth college; and (*a fortiori*) I must deplore should it ever be the adopted policy of our government, the alienation, in however small a

proportion, of the endowments of the protestant hierarchy of Ireland to the support of any popish seminary whatever; and more especially to the support of schools which will only admit the Scriptures in a changed or mutilated form into their course of education. The question, my dear Sir, is altogether a vital one; inasmuch, that if any whether in or out of parliament, shall support the appropriation clause, I doubt whether they have a sincere, and most certainly they have not an enlightened attachment to the interests of the protestant faith.—Ever believe me, my dear Sir, yours most truly,
THOMAS CHALMERS.
"Alex. Campbell, Esq. of Monzie."

IRELAND.—At the visitation for the see of Meath, held on the 28th of July, the following unanimous address was presented by their archdeacon, from the clergy of the diocese of Meath, to their esteemed diocesan, requesting that Right Rev. prelate to convey their thanks to the Lord Primate of Ireland, with a supplication that his grace would have the goodness to express their gratitude to the committee for the relief of the Irish clergy, and through them to the generous British public:—

Mr Lord,—We, the clergy of the diocese of Meath at visitation assembled, beg leave to express to your lordship our sincere and unanimous thanks for the paternal care and solicitude you have exercised among us, amid the frequent and multiplied communications which the unhappy juncture of our affairs has required throughout this extensive see.

We acknowledge gratefully the direction your lordship has used, when considering the applications which so many of our destitute brethren have been obliged to lay before you in the trying and difficult times upon which it has pleased the Lord we should fall.

It is not our wish, however, to enter now into any recital of what we have had to undergo, while to us it has been given not only to believe but to suffer.

For the future, we hope in the Lord, that as our day is, so shall our strength be. And in this address we look back upon the past only as it presents the most gratifying object that can arise to man in this present world, namely, the faithful tokens of attachment we have received in the hour of utmost distress.

Our hearts burn within us when we return thanks for the unbounded Christian sympathy felt towards us, and the munificent gifts of liberal beneficence heaped upon us, as we trust for the honour of God, and the good of the household of faith.

While we offer to your lordship personally our thanks for your ministration in these things, we take the liberty of requesting that you will make known to his grace the Lord Primate of Ireland, our deep sense of his unremitting assiduity, which can be equalled by nothing but his unwearied liberality in attending to the wants of that extensive portion of the Church of Christ over which Divine providence has placed him.

In a word, we would say, that when such a man has been raised up to fill this high office, it is an evidence, that though in Ireland the United Church is persecuted, it is not forsaken.

We would beg, through his grace, as our archbishop, to communicate to the British Committee of Relief for the Irish Clergy the indelible record of our thanks to our friends in England, throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Words are wanting to tell how much we value the countenance as well as the support we have received from the British public, of all ranks, from the throne to the cottage.

But though language cannot express the gratitude we feel towards our benefactors, our prayers, we trust, may be heard on high as a memorial to draw down blessings on our brethren; and that, with a clergy strengthened, established, settled in the faith, peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be their portion for ever.

T. DE LACY, Archdeacon of Meath.

We are informed by a correspondent of whose veracity we have had experience, that the Rev. Mr. Thompson is obliged to be accompanied every Sunday by a guard of police to his Church and Templehooly, (Mr. Sheil's parish) for the purpose of performing divine service. What will those members of parliament who rail at the Irish clergymen for being absent from their glebes say, when they hear that one of these unfortunate men is obliged to be accompanied to the

house of God by a guard of police, and that the moment of his setting his foot on his own threshold would be the signal for his destruction.—*Colonel Adair.*

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MIDDLESEX.—The extensive alterations in the chapel Royal, St James's, have commenced, the plans having been approved by his majesty, when he inspected that sacred edifice, attended by Sir Benjamin Stephenson and Sir Robert Smirke. It is proposed to enlarge the body of the chapel sufficiently to accommodate the whole of their majesties' household, and the gallery is to be erected for the peeresses. A new organ is being built, which is to be placed in a more favourable situation than that occupied by the present one. The chapel is expected to be re-opened about the month of June next.

LINCOLNSHIRE.—The Bishop of Lincoln has placed at the disposal of the Church Commissioners the sinecure prebend of Lafford in the cathedral church of Lincoln, vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. Edward Smedly.—*Standard.*

WARWICKSHIRE.—A new chapel is erecting at Edgbaston, near Birmingham; it is built from a design by J. J. Scoles, Esq., at the expense of Lord Colthorpe, aided by a legacy of £500, bequeathed by the will of the late Mr. Samuel Wheeley, of Edgbaston.

SURREY.—The Dean of Salisbury has given £500, in aid of the fund for building a church at Guildford.—*Surry Standard.*

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