

6. I AM A CHURCHMAN—Because the Established Church is remarkable for the care she has taken to provide for the young; requiring sponsors for every child; by supplying an admirable catechism for youth; and by maintaining the most useful rite of Confirmation, she has beautifully shown her maternal solicitude and wisdom—she has had her Saviour's injunction in remembrance—"Feed my lambs."

7. I AM A CHURCHMAN—Because I find the prayers of our Church so plain, so full, so fervent! I have got intimate with the Prayer Book; I can understand it, I can enter into it so well, that I find nothing like it for public worship.

8. I AM A CHURCHMAN—Because I am persuaded that our Church is surpassed by none, in the tone of moderation and the spirit of charity which not only distinguish her services, but which, since the glorious Reformation, have distinguished her general conduct towards those who have differed from her.

9. I AM A CHURCHMAN—Because I love, I pray, for unity. My Saviour loved and prayed for it: (John xvii.) I will not, therefore, I dare not, leave the Church of my forefathers, and thus promote dis-union. The Scripture bids me "*Mark them which cause Divisions, and avoid them*;" and how shall I, therefore, help forward those divisions myself? (Rom. xvi. 17.) The Scripture tells me also of the last day apostates:—"*These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit*," (Jude 16.) and I would not be like unto them.

10. I AM A CHURCHMAN—Because the Scripture tells me to be subject to the "*Powers that be*;" (Rom. xiii. 1.) and to submit myself to *every ordinance of man* for the Lord's sake. (1 Pet. ii. 13.) To turn therefore, from the Church of England without such a reason as would satisfy my Saviour, is to *despise* the ordinance of man. For the Church to which I belong is supported by the Government under which I live; and that Government, though it *tolerates* (i. e. *bears with*) dissent, does not *sancion* it.

11. I AM A CHURCHMAN—Because I find that the Establishment excites the bitterest enmity, and endures the fiercest assaults of the Papist, the Socinian, the Infidel, the lawless, and the profane. I cannot believe that she can be bad since they hate her so much; for *their* hatred is their best testimony in her favour. Whatsoever is of God has, in all times, been hated and railled at by wicked men and heretics.

12. I AM A CHURCHMAN—Because I see that God is blessing our Church. He has revived his work in the midst of her. How wonderfully have her faithful and devoted ministers recently increased! how rapidly are they still increasing! At the same time the tone of godliness, amongst her serious members are so simple, so practical, and so exemplary, that it has been frankly declared by several highly respectable and candid Dissenters, that there is more exalted piety to be found within her pale, than can be met with amongst all those who differ from her.—(See particularly the works of Robert Hall, of Leicester.) God then has not forsaken—and ought I to forsake her.

13. I AM A CHURCHMAN—Because, though I am told my Church has many faults, and though I in part believe it, I can find nothing human that is faultless; and if I look closely into other Christ'an bodies, I find as many and worse blemishes there. I feel persuaded too, that, since God is purifying her, her principal imperfections, will soon be done away. I would say, therefore, of my mother Church, as it has been beautifully said of my mother country—"With all thy faults, I love thee still."

Whilst, then, I love all those that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; whilst I respect the scruples of those who out of tenderness of conscience differ from me; and whilst I avow it as my choicest, my noblest distinction, that I am a *Christian*—I thank God that I am able to add, *I am also a CHURCHMAN.*

## POETRY.

### THE END OF THE FAITHFUL.

BY REV. W. STEWART DAWKING.

I've seen the sun sink brightly to his rest,  
When the long travel of a summer's day  
Had brought his bright-wheeled chariot to the west,  
Where flamed the splendours of his parting ray.

And I have seen him cast o'er wood and wold,  
Ere he went down into the grave of night,  
A flood of light, whose waves of liquid gold  
Broke o'er all nature, in my dazzled sight.

I've seen the clouds that in his midday power,  
Had fled like cowards from his face away;  
Close darkly round him in his dying hour,  
Hoping for victory in his decay.

But vain their coward hopes—his blazing beams  
Shed even in death, upon each cloud's dark fold.  
A thousand rich and ever varying gleams  
Of gorgeous purple, and of burnished gold.

Thus have I seen the Christian pass away:  
In light and glory from this earthly sphere;  
Though Satan, haply, in life's closing day,  
Strove to o'ercast his path with clouds of fear.

And tho' their shadows deep and dark as night,  
Seemed as though o'er his spirit they must roll:  
Yet were they brighten'd by the Saviour's light,  
Reflected from the pure regenerate soul.

Oh Saviour of the Lost!—a sinner's cry,  
Vouchsafe in mercy from Thy throne to hear—  
And when at last I lay me down to die,  
Banish each shade of doubt, each cloud of fear.

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