

POETRY.

GETHESEMANE.

Hear Him in the garden suffering;
Hear the 'man of sorrows' groan:
'Tis the Lord, the appointed offering,
Come transgression to atone:
Sinner! here is hope for thee,
Turn to sad Gethsemane.

See, the streams of grief are flowing,
Bloody streams from every pore;
Now, this wounded Head is bowing—
Now, His cup of woe runs o'er:
Sinner! this He bears for thee,
Turn to sad Gethsemane.

Ask ye why He sorrows yonder?
Whence that agony of soul?
'Tis the law's tremendous thunder—
'Tis its curses on Him roll:
Sinner! would'st thou ruin flee,
Turn to sad Gethsemane.

Ye, whose harps upon the willow,
Murmur notes of dark despair;
Say, if sorrow's roughest billow,
Rushes not impetuous there!
Sinner! would'st thou murmuring flee,
Turn to sad Gethsemane.

Angel bands around are gazing,
One supports the Head they love;
Oh! 'twas love, 'twas love amazing,
Brought Him from the courts above:
Sinner! this thy solace be,
Turn to sad Gethsemane.

From the Child's Companion.

THE BABY.

I saw a lovely babe at play,
His brow was free from care;
He laugh'd and slept the live-long day,
Nor thought of future fear.

Again I saw that little child,
Laid quietly to rest;
And joyfully his mother smil'd
And clasp'd him to her breast.

I saw that tender babe again;
But oh! how changed! For now
His little limbs were drawn by pain,
Pain sat upon his brow.

When next I saw that lovely child,
He neither smiled nor wept;
But placid, calm, serene and mild,
He lay and sweetly slept.

But cold and lifeless was that clay,
His soul was upward flown;
Yet still so sweetly calm he lay,
I scarce could tell 'twas gone.

O children how that babe was blest
His sufferings are o'er;
He's welcom'd to the Saviour's breast,
And blest for evermore.

I felt as I survey'd that flower
Thus early snapt in twain,
I would not, if I had the power,
Recall it here again.

For well I know it blooms above,
In a more genial clime;
Safe shielded, by Almighty love,
From all the storms of time.

Children, who may be reading this,
Perhaps you soon may die,
May Jesus take you to be his,
To reign above the sky.

MAUD.

ARCHBISHOP WHITGIFT.

This prelate was an example of the Christian grace of humility. He was made archbishop in the year 1583; and the ingenious Sir Henry Watton, who knew him well, has left his character of him: "That he was a man of a revered and sacred memory, and of the primitive temper, a man of such a temper as when the Church, by lowliness in spirit, did flourish in highest examples of virtue." The following is an instance in which he displayed this temper, and showed the assimilation of his character to the example of him who was "meek and lowly of heart." He built an alms-house near his own palace at Croydon, in Surrey, and endowed it with maintenance for a master and seventy-eight poor men and women; and this place he visited so often, that he became familiar with all their names and dispositions; and was so truly humble, says his biographer, "that he called them his brothers and sisters." When the queen dined with him at his palace at Lambeth, which was very frequently, he would usually, the next day, visit his poor brothers and sisters at Croydon, and dine with them at his hospital. "You may believe," adds his biographer, "there was joy at the table;" for, after the example of his divine Master, "he was not ashamed to call them brethren."

EPISCOPACY.

The Lost High God came down to Mount Sinai, and consecrated Moses; Moses laid his hands on Aaron; Aaron upon his sons; his sons successively upon those that followed them, until John the Baptist. John the Baptist laid his hands upon our Saviour; our Saviour upon his Apostles; his Apostles upon the Bishops that succeeded them; and they ever since on those who are admitted into holy orders.—Morinus.

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