

Poetry.

THE HEARSE.

By M. S. FITZGERALD.
The hearse is on the streets—I know her slow and weary pace;
Her plumes are nodding to the crowds that line her ways;

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

(From the English Churchman.)
We are far from thinking the "Evangelical Alliance,"
A matter to be passed over in silence. It is in itself
Simply ludicrous; and there is much that is

they may openly unite themselves with the positive
Dissemination which is their secret home. And so,
With respect to the general crowd; their very numbers
Must be a perplexity to the original schemers.

For less than failure even its friends cannot regard
Its inauguration. Not only was the principle of such
An union, by the absence of positive dogma, immoral—
Not only were the parties to the union peculiarly

At present the deliberative proceedings of the
"Evangelical Alliance" are not officially before the
World. And yet there can be no doubt that the
Picture sketched by the surreptitious pencil of the

Some random pearls we string together, only to
Give life to the picture.
The scene itself, we quite agree with "Sir Culling,"
Was such "as was never presented since Jesus Christ

And of the general tone and visible aspect of it,
At least, we think, been fairly to them; only that

one discussion in this assembly of love, we conclude
with the Patriot's vigorous sketch:
"The scene at this time is most exciting. The
Combatants have laid aside their armour; they have

To this, an actual specimen of "Unity in Diversity"
at work, we only desire to append one more subject—
Mr. E. B. Clark to the extent of admitting that some

THE WORKS OF LIFE.

(From "Sermons on duties of daily life," by the Rev. F. C.
Page, M.A.)
What are we that we should be so vainly boast?
Out-cast from Paradise, born in sin, tainted, fallen,

OLD AGE IN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

(By the Rev. Hugh Smith, D.D.)
With age we naturally and properly associate
ripeness of judgment and richness of experience. A
"right Christian judgment in all things," and an

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merits what was wanting in ours, not merely to patch
up a sort of righteousness for us. This is not only a
mean, but an unchristian view of the subject; it not

they are temporal, and a nearer interest in "things
eternal," because they are eternal and near at hand;
leisure for reflection, in connexion with the contem-
plative disposition of age; the consciousness that

THE MERITS OF CHRIST.

(By the Rev. C. B. Taylor, A.M.)
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Communication.

DR. HOOK ON NATIONAL EDUCATION.

To the Editor of The Church,
Rev. Sir.—Few declarations of individual opinions
need to have attracted more attention lately than Dr.
Hook's Letter on National Education, and since the

It is not intended, I presume, to deny that the Church
of England is the established Church, that is, the Church
of the State, but to show that the Church of England

And our duty, therefore, it is especially if we happen
by God's providence to be called to situations of influence,
rank or authority—by all means in our power to increase

CHURCH EXTENSION IN NOTTINGHAM.—It gives us
great pleasure to be able to inform our readers and the
public that through the unwearied exertions of the Rev.
J. W. Brooks, the estimable Vicar of St. Mary's, arrange-

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dedication of the present Dean, more than 40 windows
have been opened and restored; the heavy coatings of
plaster and wood-work which concealed the raised
tomb of Cardinal de Lisleburgh, as also the beautiful
baroque work of Lidian Aleck and a considerable por-