

Poetry.

MARY'S DREAM.

BY SPENCER T. HALL, "THE SHERWOOD FORESTER."
The days are shortening fast, Mary;
The nights are growing cold;
And sadlier moans the wail of grief...

TRUE REPOSE IN DEATH.

(From the Christian Observer.)
The devout and eminent George Herbert remarked upon his death-bed, "I have nothing to present to God but sin and misery; but the first is pardoned, and a few hours will now put an end to the latter."

THE STAR AND THE WISE MEN'S JOURNEY.

(From Sermons on "the Seen and Unseen.")
As they are sitting, perhaps, on some house-top in their native clime, enjoying the breeze of the cool midnight, so pleasant in that sultry land...

OUR PRIVILEGES.

(From a Sermon by Bishop Hall.)
My brethren, let us bless God that we yet breathe in a pure air, free from the noisome and pestilent fogs of those superstitious vanities, where none of those fooleries and impieties are obtruded on our faith or practice...

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, OR EARLY DAYS OF NEW ENGLAND.

Messrs. Harper and Brothers, of New York, have published a work entitled, "Jeremy Belknap, D.D., the Historian of New Hampshire, with selections from his correspondence and other writings, collected and arranged by his grand-daughter."

THE ROMISH DOCTRINE OF PURGATORY.

(From a Sermon by Bishop Hall.)
The true rise and growth of the doctrine of purgatory, is plainly this. About the middle of the third century, Origen,* among other Platonic conceits of his, vented this, that all the faithful (the Apostles themselves not excluded) shall at the day of judgment pass through a purgatory fire, the fire of the great conflagration, which they shall endure for a longer or shorter time, according as their imperfections require a greater or lesser purgation.

MR. WINTHROP'S BIBLICAL QUOTATION.

(From the Calendar.)
In his address to the house of Representatives on taking the Chair as speaker, Mr. Winthrop invoked the blessing of God "whose recorded attribute is that 'He maketh men to be of one mind in an house.'"

BE YE KIND.

Sometimes it may please God to put to shame the hard-hearted, selfish man, who is only in name a Christian, by showing him that even the poor heathen are capable of more kindness than he is.

REMARKABLE EXAMPLE OF EPISCOPAL CONNECTIONS IN ONE AND THE SAME FAMILY.

(From the Irish Ecclesiastical Journal.)
Sir,—The example of a female member of the Church, herself the wife of a bishop, and the mother of five daughters, each of whom was similarly connected, is perhaps unparalleled.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

ENGLAND.
CONVOCAION OF THE CENERY.—The meeting of the Convocation of the Clergy will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday the 19th inst., at 11 o'clock.
THE HEAD MASTERSHIP OF KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL.—As several unauthorized announcements have appeared in reference to the probable successor of the Rev. J. P. Lee as Head Master of our great educational establishment...