

the fountains of the great deep were broken up ;" that is, the springs out of which water is pumped, rushed up on the earth ; and perhaps the sea overflowed, and all the rivers in the world, "and the windows of heaven were opened."

"What! are there windows in heaven, then?" No, my dear : this is a way of speaking—meaning only that God opened the clouds as we would a window, and that he poured forth his rain upon the earth in great torrents.

And it is a very curious thing, but very true, that marks of the flood are now to be seen in the world ; for skeletons of great whales have been found on high mountains, even in England : which shows that the sea once rose as high : and the bones of beasts that belong to countries very far off have been found buried in like manner, on the tops of our hills ; as for instance crocodiles, which are chiefly found in Egypt.

Well, at last the flood ceased, after it had rained upon the earth forty days and forty nights ; and Noah remained a whole year in the ark, till he could come out on dry land, and all the waters had sunk into the earth and dried up.

From that time God gave a sign that he would never more destroy the earth by water. That sign was the rainbow. Not that the rainbow did not before exist, for no doubt it did ; but, from that time, whenever we looked on the rainbow, we were to remember what God had said to Noah.

But there are many other things, which I have no room to tell you, about the dreadful destruction which the waters made ; the ark resting upon a high mountain, called Ar-ar-at ; and Noah sending out a raven, and then a dove, to see if the earth was dry, and if they could get any resting place ; and how he built an altar, and returned thanks to God for saving him, as we ought always to do when we escape from danger ; and how God blessed him. Also about his three sons Shem, Ham, Japheth, by whom all the earth was peopled.—*Child's Comment.*

FOR THE CHRISTIAN SENTINEL.

THE XXIII PSALM PARAPHRASED.

My Shepherd is the Lord of Life, whose sovereign sway extends
From his exalted throne on high to earth's remotest ends :
His wisdom, power, and love combined insure his guardian care,
And hence he turns a gentle ear unto the voice of prayer.

In tender pastures, rich and green, he does prepare my bed,
He spreads a shady canopy above my weary head.
And while in soft repose I lie, and give my eyelids sleep,
His angels round my couch their watchful vigils keep.

He leads me to the waters cool, translucent, pure and still,
And fans me with the fragrant breeze from Hermon's dewy hill :
The joyous birds at his command wake their enlivening song,
While Sharon's roses fresh and fair he strews my path along.

He sends a father's chastisement to turn me back from sin ;
He blots my errors from his book, and makes me clean within ;
Restores my soul, and guides my feet in his delightful ways ;
My heart with gratitude he fills, my mouth with songs of praise.

Tho' thro' the vale of death I walk, and see its shadows dread,
No evil shall befall me there—his hand is o'er me spread ;
His rod and staff they comfort me ; my soul his presence cheers ;
And while he soothes my grief, he dries the fountain of my tears.

His table is before me in the presence of my foes,
The wine of joy is in my cup ; 'tis full ; it overflows ;
The oil of gladness on my head, it shines upon my face,
And in the shadow of his wings I have my dwelling place.

Goodness and mercy follow me, they guard me all my days,
They chase far off my cruel foes, and smooth my rugged ways :
They lead me to thy house on high, where I shall ever dwell,
And with thy saints in worlds of light thy praises hear and tell.

A DRUID.

OBITUARY.—(Communicated.)

Died suddenly at the Parsonage House in Cornwall, Upper Canada, on Saturday the 18th instant in the 60th year of his age, the Rev. S. J. Moulton, A. B. Rector of that place for the last thirteen years. He was a graduate of Caius College, Cambridge, and in the year 1793 accompanied his uncle, the late Bishop of Quebec, to this country, to whom, as well as to the present Bishop, he was Chaplain. For more than twenty years he was rector of Quebec, and during the greater part of that period, he acted also as chaplain to the Forces.

This devoted servant of God may, with truth, be said to have died a martyr to the cause of his divine master. For several years previous to his death, he had suffered much bodily pain, from the attacks of disease, and the premature infirmities of age, which were the consequence of his indefatigable exertions, in the faithful performance of the laborious and extensive duties which devolved upon him in the several situations which he filled.—These are the duties he continued to discharge long after the time when a regard to health and comfort, required a cessation from the cares and toils which they imposed.

He was sincerely attached to the principles of the Protestant religion, maintained by the church of which he was a minister, and of her peculiar doctrines and discipline he was a consistent advocate.

But no difference of opinion, on religious or other subjects, could limit the extent of his beneficence, or withhold his hand from being extended, in acts of Christian charity, to the poor and needy of every denomination.

His memory, indeed, will ever be cherished, with respect and veneration, by those among whom he exercised his ministry ; but few if any can fully appreciate the usefulness and value of his charitable, but unostentatious services, by which poverty and sickness have been relieved and comforted, and by which the dying penitent has been cheered with the hope of pardon through the Redeemer's blood.

That Redeemer will crown, with glory and immortality, the holy head of him who has thus spent his life in his service ; and will receive him into his eternal kingdom, with this transporting exultation, "well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

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