

The Church

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Poetry.

OUR MOTHER CHURCH.

Poem titled "OUR MOTHER CHURCH." Verses describing the church's state and the speaker's devotion.

prove of whatever we are pleased to say for you; or at least, you may consider how you like the address after it has been offered."

I have come from my house a sound orthodox Christian, and have hardly taken my seat in the Church, when I have found myself praying, or at least one in my name, as a rank Socinian.

earth, the earthly head of His Church, then whoever is not in communion with the Pope cannot be in communion with Christ, and hence, being cut off from the Body of Christ, is cast out of the way of salvation.

This is their theoretical principle of authority in its germ only. Their course it is not pretended that each individual Romanist can submit his doubts at once to the Pope, and yet if he doubts, they must be resolved by the quieting of his conscience.

There are two voices in the Scripture and in the human soul. The one speaks of man's accountability to God, and independence, to some extent, of control from his fellow men.

No doubt the Romanist theory is an easy one. It does not require that singular faith which is a daily need under the Catholic system.

Under such a system the whole character must be enslaved, the mind cramped, the affections seared, and the will destroyed.

GOD'S FREE GRACE IN THE SACRAMENTS.

In that first dispensation, in paradise itself, man had no natural right to immortality: the hope of eternal life was by a covenant of grace or favour; but now we hold it by a covenant of mercy as well as grace.

no man shall see the Lord." But as in the state of innocence eternal life was to be obtained by the use of the tree of life in paradise; so now, in the Church, we must make more acknowledge our unworthiness of it after all our best performances, and accept it in the sacraments of grace as an entirely free gift.

MORAL INFLUENCE OF PRAYER.

When you give thanks to Almighty God your heavenly Father for all the instances of His liberality and mercy; acknowledging that you owe to Him your life, health, and all things; that you have deserved nothing from Him but punishment, while He is leading you with benefits; that every moment of comfort in your life, is the gift of Him, against whom you have committed so many offences; that He watches over you, when you think not of Him, and when you knowingly displease Him, He is ready to forgive; that He has given up His own and only begotten Son, who was in the bosom and glory of the Father, to a life of pain and sorrow, and a death of ignominy and anguish;

CONSIDERING GOD'S DOINGS.

The workings of God, whether they be in blessing or plunging, present or past, to ourselves or others, particularly, or to a whole country generally, are deep to be considered: for he would teach us many things by them, if we had that grace, wit, and eyes, to consider them.

THE ROMANIST IDEA OF AUTHORITY.

The idea of authority which prevails in the Roman Catholic Church, has developed itself from that fruitful source of nearly all their corruptions, the dogma of the Papal supremacy. While the minds and hearts of the members of that communion are imbued as they now are, with confidence in this aged but unprinciple principle, it is little hope of their being induced to look favourably on Catholic claims.

pomp and vanities, to hereditary and accumulated ungodliness. Fasting is contrasted with the sins of the body, with luxury and uncleanness, with surfeiting and drunkenness. Prayer, again, is the antagonist of forgetfulness of God, trust in ourselves, indifference in spiritual things, open contempt of God, cursing and blasphemy.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

ENGLAND. THE APPREHENDED FAMINE—FORM OF PUBLIC PRAYER. The Archbishop of Canterbury, agreeably to the order of the Privy Council, has issued the following form of prayer to Almighty God for relief from the dearth and scarcity now existing in parts of the United Kingdom, owing to the failure of some of the crops of the present year, to be read in all churches and chapels of England and Wales, on Sunday, the 11th of October, and two following Sundays.

REFORMATION OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S MONASTERY.

It is three years since public attention was called to the disgrace of suffering the desecration of these noble ruins to the purposes of a pot-house. It was then suggested that the clergy might relieve the ruins from their debasement...

THE NEW BISHOP.

The name of the Rev. A. Aspöcker, a well-known friend of popular education, has been mentioned (though without authority) for this piece of preferment.

THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

The Bishop of Salisbury has appointed Thursday next for the consecration of a new church at West Ashton, Wilts. It gives us great pleasure to announce that the beautiful district church, lately erected at Zeals, in the populous parish of Mere, Wilts, will be consecrated by the Bishop of Salisbury, on Wednesday, the 14th of October next.

SERIOUS INVASION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE LAITY.

We complain, and very justly too, that the popish clergy are too assuming, and claim a superiority over the laity, inconsistent with the natural rights of mankind, and the relation of brethren formed by the covenant of grace.

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of the arrangements within, which previously were such as greatly to diminish the simplicity of the building, and which had lost its ancient screen, and become entirely blocked up with pews looking westward; which, like those in the nave, were of quite the most extravagant height of modern days.

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The Church.

tion of Parliament just closed. This obstacle, however, the rev. doctor was glad to inform them he had just heard was likely to be removed before another session.

of one petition only, it is to be found in forms of prayers habitually employed by God's ancient people.

"It is my painful task to record another calamity which came upon us during this eventful summer. We lost our youngest child, a lovely boy nine months old."

Table with columns for months (January to December) and days of rain (10 months, 12 months, etc.)

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On Sunday, the 25th ultimo, the Lord Bishop of Toronto held an ORDINATION in the Cathedral Church of St. James, in this City, on which occasion the following Reverend gentlemen were admitted to the Holy Order of Priests:—

The Rev. Robert Shanklin, Assistant Minister of St. Catharines and Travelling Missionary in the Niagara District.

We request the attention of our readers to the article on our first page entitled "SERIOUS INVASION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE LAITY," for which we are indebted to our excellent contemporary, the Calendar.

That an individual of the rank and station of the person here brought forward, should, on the other hand, assume the boldness that he manifests in impugning thus the order and regulations of a religious society, should not surprise us; because it is only a necessary result of the system which they recognize and act upon.

We shall not quote a proverb upon this point which has in it perhaps more of truth than reverence; but the fact is testified by the experience of centuries, that when caprice of temper or perversity of will create a discontent with well-defined duties and old established institutions, Scripture will be quoted, or rather wrested, to give countenance to the novelty, and justify the change, to which nothing but a selfish principle has impelled.

We have seldom perused a work better calculated to afford instruction and entertainment, than the "MEMOIRS OF A MISSIONARY," briefly referred to in our last. This work, and from some little experience we feel ourselves competent to judge, is a faithful development of the toils, and privations, and satisfactions of a Missionary in Canada; of his labours and hardships which, in the exercise of his vocation, he is compelled to endure, and, on the other hand, of the peace and comfort which, after the earnest and diligent though at best imperfect discharge of these duties, he is, above all other men, privileged to enjoy.

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It is our pleasure this week to acknowledge the receipt of another work which was very kindly sent to us,—"Songs of the Wilderness," by the Lord Bishop of Montreal.

These were composed, as the preface states, during his Lordship's voyage to the Red River Settlement, in the summer of 1844; and while they give utterance, in the language of devotional song, to sentiments likely to be prominent at a season so peculiar in its interest, they exhibit much that will edify the mind of letters and gratify the lover of poetry.

The observations of an "Old Churchwarden," on the psalmody usually adopted in our Churches and Chapels, are well worthy of consideration, and we shall give them our best attention. We agree with many of his suggestions, but can hardly assent to his objection to the introduction of what he terms the "doleful prayers" of David.

Our thanks are due to the esteemed friend who has kindly sent us a very interesting description of the laying of the foundation-stone of TRINITY COLLEGE, Perthshire. Had we received it a little earlier it should have appeared this week; but we are compelled, by the quantity of matter previously on hand, to defer it to our next.

We have been requested to insert the following Errata to the late Report of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto:—

In the list of subscribers for Wellington Square, instead of Mr. Smith 1, s.d. it should be Mr. Smith 5s. York Mills—For H. B. Lane 5s. read £1 5s.

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The former may be said to have commenced November 23d, 1835, with thermometer 23°, gale from E. and heavy snow. On December 1st, the bay of Toronto was frozen over, and the temperature of this month was as follows:—Three days below zero; fifteen between 20° and 32°; nine between 10° and 20°; four from 32° to 40°.

January was not remarkable for severity, the minimum being only -2, and the maximum 45. The heaviest snow was on the 23rd, and the range of the mercury during the month 68. The following table gives the temperature for the first six days of February, 1836, wind at N.W. the whole time:—

Table with columns for days (8, 12, 5) and temperatures (7, 12, 5).

March was likewise unusually severe. April 2d, the ice in the bay was 24 feet thick, and about the middle of this month a vessel, in crossing the lake from the Niagara river, fell in with a large field of ice in the open lake.

During this period there fell no more than 1 1/2 inches of rain. Number of days of snow, 34. 13 due to February alone.

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With respect to the following Tables, it must be remarked, that days of snow and days of rain are those on which the slightest fall of either occurred; which, unless corrected in some measure by observation of the gauge, would convey a more unfavourable idea of the subject than it really merits, many days elapsed under the above heads being on the whole fine. Neither is a mere note of the depth without a more minute description of the weather sufficient, for in the heavy thunder storms of

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The Church the duty of enrolling themselves and assisting to the utmost of their influence as well as their means in carrying out the objects of the Society.

UNITED STATES.

CASIMIRA LITURGICA.—Those who have read our Canada contemporary, The Church, of late, cannot have been pleased with certain series of poetical contributions which it has presented them.

From English Papers by the Caledonia.

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Colony.

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MR. MARKS'S CONCERT.—Mr. Marks, the well known Violinist, gave a concert at the City Hall, on Monday evening last, at which he succeeded in bringing together a plenary concert, which, if ever, he were equalled at any one concert given in this City.

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