







Original Poetry.

For the Church.

"UP, LORD, WHY SLEEPEST THOU?"

PSALM XLV. 23.

I.

Up, Lord, why sleepest thou? awake,
And mighty now, as erst, to save,

II.

Fast bound in sin and Satan's thrall,
The kindreds of the nations lie;

III.

Up, Lord, why sleepest thou? how long
Shall we expect thy promise true?

IV.

Oh, turn thee yet, for Jesu's sake,
And teach us to rejoice in thee:

G. M.

CHURCH CALENDAR.

Nov. 25.—Twenty fourth Sunday after Trinity.
Dec. 2.—First Sunday in Advent.

THE FIRST MARTYR OF THE REFORMATION. JOHN ROGERS.

The first called to take up his cross was John Rogers.
He had been brought up in Cambridge, and afterwards became chaplain of the factory at Antwerp, where he fell into the company of Tindall and Coverdale, and helped them to produce that translation of the Bible which goes by the name of Matthew's translation.

YOUNG.

Young is almost constantly original; he seems to borrow little either from his predecessors or contemporaries: his jewels come out of his own mine.

has ever surpassed the well known description of the silence of night?

"Creation sleeps; 'tis as the general pulse
Of life stood still, and nature made a pause."

Or the vivid portrait of a person terrified at his perilous situation, where

"—hopes and fears

Start up alarm'd, and o'er life's narrow verge
Look down."

Or the good man uplifted above the tumults of the world—a passage evidently in the memory of Goldsmith:—

"As some tall tower, or lofty mountain's brow,
Detains the sun, illustrious from its height;

What can be more beautiful or natural than the comparison of his own retired situation, where the roar of the Great Babel dies faintly upon the ear, to a shepherd gazing from his hut, while "ambition's fiery race" goes by,

Or more impressive than the simile—

"As when some stately growth of oak or pine
Which nods aloft, and proudly spreads her shade,—

We might continue our selection through several pages, had we space and leisure for the task. Young's faults, we repeat, result from an overflow of ingenuity, and a too rapid succession of thoughts—the ore is precious, but it wants hammering.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON & DR. CHALMERS.

The Bishop of London is a great admirer of Dr. Chalmers and his productions. And yet we know of no two writers whose tone of language is more totally dissimilar.

The Garner.

HOLY PRAYER.

The prayers of holy men appease God's wrath, drive away temptations, and resist and overcome the devil: holy prayer procures the ministry and service of angels, it rescinds the decrees of God, it cures sicknesses and obtains pardon, it arrests the sun in its course, and stays the wheels of the chariot of the moon;

BISHOPS.

The primitive general use of Christians most effectually doth back the Scripture, and interpret it in favor of this distinction [the order of Bishops]; scarce less than demonstrating it constituted by the Apostles; for how otherwise is it imaginable that all the churches founded by the Apostles, in several most distant and disjointed places, (at Jerusalem, at Antioch, at Alexandria, at Ephesus, at Corinth, at Rome,)

should presently conspire in acknowledgment and use of it? how could it, without apparent confederacy, be formed, how could it creep in without notable clatter, how could it be admitted without considerable opposition, if it were not in the foundation of those churches laid by the Apostles?

CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT.

Not so with him who has learned contentment in the school of Christ. The basis of his contentment cannot be shaken. Friends may fail like the summer-brooks; and the unkindness and treachery of man may sorely grieve his spirit; but he has a friend in the everlasting courts above, that "sticketh closer than a brother."

JUSTICE.

How blessed a thing it is for any nation, that justice is impartially executed even upon the mighty! A few drops of blood have procured large showers from heaven.

TRUE MERCY.

Mercy, the choicest flower of the Crown, and which has the kindest aspect on the subject, may in an ill hand become oppressive to the people; and so it always does when it is used to countenance or protect the wicked against justice; and to set those who do not love the law, above the fear of it;

THE GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED.

It is obvious that there can be no effective results from a ministry which does not set forth faithfully those vital truths which lay bare the natural helplessness of man, and shew him how he may be made wise unto salvation.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

The Church Catechism, written in our own mother tongue, brief, and on the whole, of admirable simplicity; a manual which, elementary as it may be thought, no competent judge can examine without seeing that its authors must have been men mighty in those Scriptures, whereof, indeed, it is the essence, most patiently investigated, and most skillfully and scrupulously expressed;

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