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Original Poetry.

TO THE MEMORY OF AN EARLY FRIEND.

Friend of my youth! for thy dark narrow bed In fond remembrance of the past I kneel...

Toronto, April, 1847.

THE EARL OF SUNDERLAND.

In July, 1639, when Lady Dorothy Sidney had reached her nineteenth year, she was married at Epsom...

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Sir,—I beg leave to trouble you with a few remarks on a subject, I fear, in some measure lost sight of by many of our clergy...

would I pretend, even that a divine command to them is necessarily a rule to His Church now. Some things, enjoined till Christ should come, have in consequence of his death, ceased to be necessary or even proper.

ALIENS.

Having opened Hooker in order to refer to this passage, I feel that I cannot lay him aside, without quoting a few others. I know I run the risk of being tedious, and of seeming to make an unreasonable demand upon your and your readers' patience...

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Before speaking of the benefit of sermons explanatory of our festivals and holy seasons, it will, I fear, be necessary, to say something of the wisdom of observing feasts at all. That churchmen, come to years of understanding, should need to be told that it is good and profitable to keep anniversaries in memory of sacred events, truths and persons, is a melancholy and unchristian fact.

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Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

ENGLAND.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

67, Lincoln's Inn Fields, February, 1847. A General Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, the 9th of Feb., 1847, the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph in the chair. The Lord Bishop of Tasmania was also present.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal in a letter dated Quebec, December 24, 1847, wrote as follows:— 'I have to acknowledge your letter of the 5th of last month, authorizing me to draw, without further delay, on the 100,000 granted to St. Anne's Chapel, Montreal, at the instance of the Rev. Dr. Fallon, and informing me of the vote of an additional 50, for aiding in the re-edification of St. Matthew's Chapel, burnt down last year in this city. I desire to make my best acknowledgments to the Society for this donation, and to thank you for the interest you have taken in the promotion of their bounty, which indeed, is greatly needed.

church, will not be so unjust as to deny that she has retained some features of Catholic truth,—that she holds to something of what the word of God has revealed and enjoined. For instance, even the Church of Rome retains the observance of the Sabbath-day; and if she is found to be right and scriptural in this particular, we have cause to conclude that, on the same ground that she holds this, she maintains the observance of the other holy days,—that the religious observance of the one and the other is traceable to the same authority.

Sometimes, indeed, the abuse proves the use; and here, the very overloading of the calendar,—the introduction of innumerable chains for the honour of the departed,—is an indirect proof that the principle of canonization was derived from an uncorrupt and prepossession,—is derived from an uncorrupt and authoritative source, and that the commemoration of saints and martyrs was, because apostolically and perhaps divinely derived, the more esteemed and the more valued,—the more open, on that account, to the attempt at a superstitious abuse.

We have been favoured with a Supplement to the London Spectator of the 3rd April, containing a memorial to Lord John Russell for promoting a plan of colonization for Ireland. It is signed by many eminent and influential persons, apparently without distinction of political party; so that, if carried out, it may be regarded as a national movement. The time and labour obviously bestowed upon this document, proves also that they have applied themselves to the consideration of the subject with zeal and energy.

It is not to be expected that gentlemen in Ireland, actuated as they undoubtedly are by the most benevolent intentions, should have that accurate knowledge of the capabilities and peculiarities of this new world, which would enable them to prepare a plan of this sort entirely free from objectionable features. In the hasty perusal we have had it in our power to give to this document, we think we can detect some such objections,—generally, perhaps, of a local nature; but it claims at our hands much closer and more extended attention, and we shall endeavour next week to lay its chief outlines before our readers with some remarks of our own.

The first attempt made in this western part of Canada at an Exhibition of Paintings by native artists has closed, and we are sorry to hear that it met with but indifferent success. We hope, however, that the Society will persevere in their efforts, and that the public will evince a more ready appreciation of their future efforts. Many of the landscapes were of very considerable merit, and give fair promise that with proper encouragement, the amateur and professional artists of Toronto will by no means be behind those of any other city of a similar size in the British Colonial Empire. With regard to the portraits, we are glad to have it in our power to speak in terms of decided commendation. While all were above mediocrity, some of them evince a facility and security of touch greatly to the credit of the artist, both as regards industry and talent. Let them only receive suitable encouragement, and we may, at no very distant period, have the honour of recording the merits of our own native Wests, Wilkies, and Laurences.

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On our first page, will be found an article from our valuable contemporary, the Irish Ecclesiastical Journal, on the celebration of the Holydays of the Church.

This is a subject, which, on national as well as personal, may add on physical as well as moral grounds, claims a larger share of attention than is usually given to it.

The last accounts from the Mother Country indicate no abatement of the appalling scourge of a large portion of our father-land,—the famine, and the pestilence which is sure to follow in its footsteps.

As much, as we have shown, has been done to alleviate this trying calamity; but it is to be feared that the most and the best can do only partially mitigate its complicated horrors.

We have been instructed to announce the following appointments for CONFIRMATION by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, in the different Churches of this City during the month of May next.

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