

Poetry.

THE CONTEST.

THE CONTEST. BY MR. JOSEPH C. REAS. (From the Banner of the Cross.)

LITERARY IMITATIONS AND SIMILITUDES.

These violent delights have violent ends, And in their triumph die; like fire and powder, which, as they kiss, consume: the sweetest honey is but like the taster's tongue.

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Compare also with the elder bard's language this of Wordsworth:— To seem, to train, To ply, to the mind convey'd In pleasure, is the darkest shade.

The heart of many a reader of 'Marmion' has throbbed when, in the course of that awful scene of judgment and condemnation to the convent canon, 'The blind old Abbot rose To speak the Chapter's doom On those the wall was to enclose Alive within the tomb.'

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Contemporaneous with the decrease of dissent we find a gradual extension of church feeling among all classes of the population.

In the year 1095—Rome had so far prospered through the divisions in the kingdom, that Pope Urban II. instituted the minor office of Neustra Senora; and ordered that every Sabbath a mass should be celebrated to her glory.

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We can trace the images no higher up the stream, till we come to their pagan prototypes. It was during the period thus recorded, that leonists invaded the land; and by the establishment of the various orders of monks, & military fraternities, subsequently to the middle of 12th century, laboured to correct what his holiness the Pope and his Subalterns were pleased to call 'faltos de doctrine' of the Spaniards.

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and Marcus Agrippa; with the Crocodile of Egypt chained to a palm tree, a clear allusion to the aid received from 'the people of the palm tree,' in the subjugation of Egypt. No. 2 shows the bloody hand of the Ulster Baronage, combined with the 'Oasis literis.' The hand was the emblem of the Pinarian family, priests of Hercules, and of the Cabiric mysteries.

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of, when the Offertory is read (which is the case every Sunday), the clergyman reads the sentence, each one of which the choir, immediately after he has concluded it, chant to a Gregorian tune. This appeared to me to be a very beautiful arrangement. I think it could scarcely be considered as anti-rubrical. In the Prayer Book as at present there is certainly no direction for any but the "Priest" to "say" the Offertory sentences. But in a former edition these sentences were ordered to be "sung." What is your opinion of the practice.

Missionary Intelligence.

THE KAFFIRS. The mission to the Kaffirs has not yet been entered on; but on the Feast of the Annunciation, which has been appointed as a day of general thanksgiving for the speedy and successful termination of the war, and for which the Bishop had drawn up a special form of service, a collection was made throughout the Diocese towards a mission to the heathen.

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AMERICAN CHURCH MUSIC.

Throughout the United States I found chanting prevailing everywhere; a curious instance, among numerous others, of the change that has come over the descendants of the Puritans. They choose for the most part, florid double chants. In some churches this, however, is not so much the case.





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GOLD.

The "thirst for gold" continues unabated. At the latest before there were 60 vessels up for export, and California direct.

ODE TO AN INDIAN GOLD COIN.

Slave of the dark and dirty mine! What vanity has brought thee here? How can I love to see thee shine?

The consciousness of perfect sincerity, blended with the depth of Madeline's repentance and humility, and with the confidence of a child asking help from a father,

AN ARABIAN TALE.

The Arab tribe of Neggedi formerly possessed a thoroughbred black mare named Houbau-beggin. She was extremely beautiful, and much coveted by the chief of another tribe called Daher.

In a few words, thanking them for the manner in which they performed their duties on the previous Sunday evening and night, but assuring them, at the same time, it was owing to no human exertions that the ship was saved,

THE OLD MAN AND HIS YOUTH.

Geron, an old man of eighty years, was one day sitting before the door of his rustic dwelling, enjoying the bright and cheerful autumn morning.

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VALUE OF A CHILD'S TIME.

It is sometimes said that a child's time is not worth much; so even say they send their children to school to get them out of the way. But parents often find that they learn some things very young. Children "learn to go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies"; that is they learn to deceive, and utter falsehood at a very early period in their childhood.

SELF-EXAMINATION BEFORE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

Long before, indeed, they could have told in words the nature of the Holy Sacrament to which they were to be admitted; but words too often are a hindrance rather than an assistance to our feelings; and preparation for a first communion is something widely different from the weekly repetition of the explanation of the subject given in the Church Catechism.

So Madeline went as she was spending some time alone, a few days after Ruth had sent her own heart to Florence. She was trying to examine her own heart; trying to discover her faults; trying to realize her true condition upon earth, and the state of her preparation for heaven. A little book of self-examination lay open before her. It contained but few questions; and those, it would have seemed, soon answered. But each question suggested to Madeline's true and conscientious mind subject for reflection and deep regret. The life, which to others appeared unspiced, was, when viewed in the presence of God, stained with innumerable sins.

But Madeline would not shrink from the sight.—One by one, the faults of which she was conscious from former self-examination were enumerated and confessed, with a fervent prayer for forgiveness and help; and then, the particular point upon which she had fixed for that day's inquiry was dwelt upon more minutely. It was vanity—a fault which Madeline was in herself, although those who knew her best would have hesitated to acknowledge that she had it. She was vain of her personal appearance, and she began her self-imposed task by examining in what details this defect showed itself. Too much time, she knew, was spent in dressing; that was one sign; she was too particular in choosing her dresses; too anxious to hear remarks made upon herself and Ruth, which indirectly paid them compliments; she always observed carefully what other persons wore, and how it was put on; she was not pleased when others were called pretty; that approached to envy; but the groundwork was vanity. These things were indeed in themselves slight, but they were indications of a temper of mind to be guarded against, and Madeline had learned to look, not at her outward conduct only, but at her heart. When the offence was thus thoroughly perceived and acknowledged, the next step of importance was to see it in its true light—in its real deformity; to view it as it must be viewed by God. Madeline was vain of her appearance, and fond of admiration in general; yet in a few years (so she had been taught always to carry on her thoughts to the end of life) her body must be laid in the grave, an object of dread to those who most loved her, with the worm spread under her, and the worm covering her. Where would then be her vanity?

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF COUNT ROSSI.

Born at Carrara in 1787, he became an advocate and professor of laws in the university of Bologna as early as 1809. In 1815 he acted as civil commissioner during the occupation of the legations by Murat, and was in consequence proscribed. He escaped to Geneva, where the rights of a citizen were conferred upon him in time to rescue him from the persecution of the Austrian Government.

In Switzerland, M. Rossi was the principal author of the scheme for the reform of the "Federal Pact," which was intended to effect by pacific means a change in favour of the federal authority somewhat analogous to that which has resulted from the late civil war. At that time, however, M. Rossi's scheme was defeated; and, wearied with the minute and untractable elements of Swiss politics, he was induced by M. Guizot to remove to Paris. A chair of constitutional law was at once placed at his disposal, and upon his naturalization in France, he rose to fill several important offices, and was eventually called to the Chamber of Peers. Although he never held a ministerial office in France, he lived in the closest intimacy with the Government and enjoyed the unreserved confidence of the King. This circumstance caused him to be selected for the important post of French Ambassador at Rome; and, after an absence of thirty years, he returned to his native country as the plenipotentiary of a Sovereign. In that capacity he probably contributed in a remarkable degree to place Pionono on the Papal throne.

With the highest intellectual cultivation of the French school, united to strong political principles formed principally on English constitutional models, M. Rossi combined all the rarest qualities of the Italian mind. His vast and unclouded judgment illuminated whatever he contemplated, and his singularly descriptive eloquence ornamented whatever he touched. His voice and the gravity of his presence had in them something of the grandeur of the statesmen and scholars of the best ages of Italy, and nothing was more utterly at variance with that affecting declamation and those disordered conceptions which form the staple of what is now termed Italian patriotism. Between him and his political antagonists in his native country there was this difference—that he had inherited the lofty faculties worthy of an earlier period in the annals of that degenerate race, whilst they have even in our day retained only the traditional infamy of its dastardly crimes.

The assassination of M. Rossi casts the deepest shade over the very name of Italy. The wretch who struck the blow and disappeared untouched in the ranks of the yielding crowd was in all probability but the mercenary agent of a more criminal faction; but this commencement shows what is to be expected of central Italy because the seat of M. Mazzini's model republic. Already throughout the Legations, in some parts of Tuscany, and in Rome itself, life and property are completely insecure. The state of the peninsula is verging towards what it was during the republican invasion of 1706, when every route swarmed with banditti and every city with assassins. The Pope, whose name was but a few months ago adored in the absurd frenzy of the people, is now a prisoner in his own palace and compelled by force of the extreme violence to submit to the dictation of a ruffian mob. The object of the democrats is evidently to carry into execution the scheme of an Italian Federative Republic, by subverting in an Italian Federative States which are too weak to defend themselves against the disaffected portion of their own subjects, excited as they are, by foreign emissaries.

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