## POETRY.

AUTUMN WOODS. BY BRYANT.

ERE, in the northern gale, The summer tresses of the trees are gone, The woods of Autumn, all around our vale, Have put their glory on.

The mountains that infold In their wide sweep, the colored landscape Seem groups of giant kings in purple and

That guard the enchanted ground.

I roam the woods that crown The upland, where the mingled splendors Where the gay company of trees look down On the green fields below.

My steps are not alone In these bright walks; the sweet south-west, Flies, rustling, where the painted leaves are

Along the winding way.

And far in heaven, the while, The sun, that sends that gale to wander Pours out on the fair earth his quiet smile .-

The sweetest of the year. Where now the solemn shade, Verdure and gloom where many branches

So graceful when the noon of summer made The valleys sick with heat ?

Let in through all the trees Come the strange rays; the forest depths are bright; Their sunuy colored foliage in the breeze Twinkles in beams of light.

The rivulet, late unseen. When bickering through the shrubs its wa-Shines with the image of its golden screen, And glim:nerings of the sun.

But 'neath you crimson tree, Lover to listening maid might breathe his Nor mark, within its roseate canopy, Her blush of maiden shame.

Oh, Autumn! why so soon Depart the hues that make thy forests glad Thy gentle wind and thy fair sunny noon, And leave thee wild and sad.

Ah, 'twere a lot too blest Forever in thy colored shades to stray; Amidst the kisses of the soft southwest To rove and dream for aye.

And leave the vain low strife That makes men mad-the tug for wealth The passions and the cares that wither life, And waste its little hour.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER.

Great Source of all my comforts here My solace when in care; In mercy lend a gracious ear, To this - a mother's prayer.

For the deer gifts thy hand has given I supplicating bow; Those loans of love to rear for heaven. For them I wrestle now.

I will not ask that they may grow Richer in this world's wealth; I will not ask thee to bestow Uninterrupted health.

All this I leave, for thou know'st best How much of these they need; The sparrow is a daily test Thy hand will ever feed.

But I will ask unbounded store, A privilege divine, That whether they are rich or poor, They may be truly thine !

Yes, thine alone, thine every day, E'en from this very hour ; Thine when this life shall fade away, Thine, Lord, forevermore !

> From the Christian Witness. AN INQUIRY.

What bearing have the great schemes of moral reform, which are peculiar to the present age, upon the duties of the Christian minister, and upon the constitution of the Christian Church ? Shall Temperance and other specific virtues be made special

topics of remark, in public preaching?

Temperance is one of the Christian virtues, and therefore it is to be preached. It makes a part of the Gospel Godiness cannot exist without temperance, though outward ten perance often exists without godliness. Temperance has no more of merit in itself than that which arises from abstinence from any particular vice. The temperate man has the same kind of virtue with the man who abstains from pro'ane ness, from theft, or from perjury. It is no self denial with nineteen-twentieths of the community to avoid the crime of drunkeness. The love of strong drink is an artificial anpetite, and though this appetite has the strength of iron fetters, when once fastened upon us, we may easily forestall the bon !. age. We are not then to take credit to ourselves, or to suppose that we are accepted by God, simply because we are not under the dominion of one particular vice. To preach the virtue of temperance, as a mere physicial thing, as disconnected from sanctification of the heart, through the operation of Gospel truth, would indeed be out of place in the house of God, and on occasion of public worahip.

But it is a peculiarity of our times, that many of the great branches ethics, as the abolition of drunkeness, of sensual vices, of war, have become so interwoven with certain peculiar movements-with the progress of what are called "causes," as the " cause of temperature," or the cause of abolition"-that these topics have beimmediately produce combustion in the public mind. The bearing of the dscussion of the New Testament dispensation, is unthe difference of the party of the new Testament dispensation, is unsupposed to her companions; "how troublesome it is to upon the movements of this or that purty or coalition, is kept in view, rather than its bear upon the great principles of the beart, the Cosnel is continually so- the Cosnel in order of the party. The last command of the asset the Cosnel is continually so- the Cosnel in overty creature." Indicate the Cosnel is continually so- the Cosnel is continually so- the Cosnel in overty creature." Indicate the Cosnel is continually so- the Cosnel is continually so- the Cosnel in overty creature." Indicate the Cosnel is continually so- the Cosnel is continually so- the Cosnel in overty creature. Indicate the Cosnel is continually so- the continual pain to Gospel, and the sanctification of the heart. the Cospel in every creature." And again. He will be angry if we are not and for the creat led and cornect assemblies limits here to change their course.

judgment may not be satisfied as to the empire, which might then be said to coming a terrible evil-and the evil increases -- pri nitive Church. And can we doubt that | you know what I mean, dear ?" from the habit which men have acquired of it was a right spirit, and that it ought to be ranging themselves into parties, differing the spirit of the Church in all ages? For the child thoughtfully. gard to modes of operation: The final res. but for this, as well as for other purposes; whether you think your soul will go to heav. ult of this, man cannot forsee-the pheno. or rather mainly for this purpose,-that she en when you die?" menon is somewhat new—and the end is not might be, as it were, a great light-house to "I don't know, I'm sure, Ellen. What yet. Party feeling is one of the strongest the nations; that she might, according to do you think?" ties by which depraved men are kint to- the language of the inspired apostle, "hold "O, Mary Anne," replied Ellen, earnesgether; and when we make parties in forth the word of life" to the benighted and tly, " I am afraid not. The Bible tells us berty of private judgment upon all matters impelled to send it as far as possible, from were obliged to hurry, and had no time for me. And, though I am reduced to the fee None in the world have such interests in of opinion and practice but such as are the r sing to the setting sun? Were the private prayer. Then, when our dear Mrs. bleness of a child in mind and body, God their affections as you have. You have also fixed by the immutable Jehovah, and in apostle Paul now to rise from the dead, and H-was reading the holy word of God, can bestow upon my spirit a giant's strength, the greatest authority over them, respect to uniting with, or not uniting with re-visit our assemblies in person, with what you were looking about you. At prayers, to bear His will and love Him for all he whole dependance is upon you for a mainall societies for effecting moral results, except that one society of which Jesus is the is no part of the church's duty to engage in fidgetting about and yawning as though you of his dear Son. Head,—is a libert, which this free land of missionary enterprise; but that this hallow- wished they were over; and when we rose gotton out of mind.

all that has been done in bringing about line."

from his own ordinance.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ALWAYS A MISSIONA-

forcement of any and all of these subjects came and spake unto them, (the apostles,) by these untoward circumstances; we are saying: All power is given unto me in not to heep back any part of that message, heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and which by God's authority has been written teach all nations, baptizing them in the down in our commission, and which there- name of the Father, and of the Son, and of Ellen! how long is it since the bell rung?" fore we are bound to enforce : but then we the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all recognizes but two parties in the universe, This injunction was not confined to the with my assistance, you may be ready ployments, and reduced very nearly to in- be eternally tormented, how could we hold and those are made up of the friends and apostles. It is manifestly binding as long in time." the enemies of God. The Gospel makes as there shall be a family or an individual that age—time and eternity are the great it was in immediate connection with this the sound of the school-room bell the young tures; and am almost continually in pain: by our want of charity and compassion for portions of existence which it recognizes. command that the Saviour added,—"Lo, I ladies left their rooms to assemble for morn. why should I live any longer? Blessed be men's soul's. We look on miserable souls, Vice, in its various forms, will exist, so am with you always, even unto the end of ing prayers. Mrs. H---, their gov. God, I may still glorify Him, if He sees it and pass by, as the priest and Levite by the long as man's heart remains unrenewed; the world;" plainly implying, that the obli- erness, was a pious lady, and as such had to be best that I should suffer for some time wounded man. sometimes one form of evil will have ascen- gation to perform the duty enjoined, was as the spiritual as well as temporal improve- longer. Those who are on the bank of eter- You will pray to God for them, to open dancy, and sometimes another—sometimes broad and as lasting as the promise of sup. ment of her papils in view; consequency she nity, often have more influence and au hother eyes, and turn their hearts; and why the greater readiness of access to one set port under its performance. The same was simple in her devotions, and fervent in rity in what they say, than those in health. not endeavour their conversion; if you deof instrumentalities will give a greater pre- great command is either directly or virtual- her address. Her labors, together with A dying person has no worldly purposes to sire it? And if you do not desire it, why valence to a particular vice—sometimes by repeated from the date of the Master's one of her teacher's a young person of deep serve, and must usually be sincere in what do you ask it? Why do you not pray them sin will stalk through the and in all its nak. ascension to the end of the New Testament and fervent picty, had been blessed to the ed deformity, and again it will robe itself history. And, accordingly, THE APOSTOLIC conversion of several of the elder young ladin a fair outside, put on a decent and sob. Church was always, and eminently, a les; and they were indeed a little band of lings of those who converse with him. His your neighbour fallen into a pit, and should er mein, and wears desprive and pleas- Missionary Church. She was constantly love. Ellen was one of these; she was an words have, therefore, weight. I will not pray to God to help him out, but neither The Holy Good, we may believe, sthe the Gospel. In conformity with the had been with Mrs. II—five years. Of will exhort my relations, my friends, my direct him to help himself, would not any wisest and most effective reformer, and He, Saviour's injunction, she immediately adin all ages, and with all characters of men, dressed herself to the great duty of preachairs at the purification of the heart. It is ing repentance and remission of sins unto something to save the body, but a far great. all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. She young companions she was active and in my past ungodiness, and in my present to keep in credit and favour with men, that er thing it is to save the soul; and in saving raised funds, and sent out missionaries in earnest in her exertions for their eternal peace. God grant, that since I have los: it makes us most unconscionably neglect the soul, we rescue the body from the pois. every direction. In all her assemblies for welfare; ever ready to oblige and assist many an opportunity of serving him when our own duty. son of sin. Human laws and voluntary worship, the conversion of the world was them in any way, she won their affections I was in health, my dying counsels and exsocieties have a good work to do—they evidently the great prominent object of and by these means often had an oppor- hortations may be eminently useful. Chris bashfulness. When we should shame men must adapt their plans to meet the exigen. counsel and prayer. And her sincerity in tunity of dropping a word for the benefit tians, too, may be edified by my last hours. out of their sins, we are ourselves ashamed cies of the age--and where wisdom pre- these prayers was evinced by unceasing of their souls.-This morning, as sides over their deliberations, when sound and vigorous efforts for carrying the object soon as she had an opportunity, she demoral principle is at their basis, and where prayed for into effect. Accordingly we termined upon making an effort for Mary I may by patient resignation. To bear trithey seem likely to accomplish the work find the apostles and their contemporary Anne: she had often been grieved to see al well, as much manifests the power of we blush to tell them of it, and persuade pr posed, the good and wise should give coadjutors in the ministry, preaching the her little favorite give way to indolence and grace as to discharge duty well. May my them from it? them their hearty support. Still it should Gospel, and establishing churches, not on- discontent, and this morning particularly; friends see, n me, how patient, how cheerbe remembered, that the good and wise are ly in Palestine, but in Syria, in Asia Mi. so drawing her aside from the others, its not bound to join in every association which nor, in Greece; as far west as the city of they were preparing to walk, she said, sufferer. Let them see how God can fill Jesus Christ's, and their brethren's. With nims at a useful end. We all have the right Rome, and as far east as Babylon. Nay, "Will you walk, with me, dear?" to the wisdom of day human scheme, and they went on, exploring one moral wilderexercise our private opinion in regard to ness after another, and breaking up field the wisdom of any human scheme, and after field with the Gospel plough, until they while we love the principle, and would sac- had spread the knowledge of the religion rifice to bring about the good result, still our of Christ over the greater part of the Roman said Ellen, after they had walked a lit.1;

ours has strangely misabused, or has for- ed work ought to be resigned to other hands! from our knees, you exclaimed, 'How long remove opportunities for indulgence in vice, IN HER OWN NATURE ESSENTIALLY A MIS. do you think of these things, dear?"

The great question, my friends, which worketh repentance." Nothing more was Spirit; He has made me His child; and now watch ov r them, and give them no rest till a great thing effected—every Christian will we have to settle, is not what others may said during their walk; but as soon as they give thanks; but when we are enlisted do, if they think proper; but what the church arrived at home, Mary Anne caught Ellen's me harm. And, if He could do so, how The way to influence children.—Lead give manks; but when we are emisted do, it mey mink proper; but what me church arrived at nome, many Anne caught Emen s arrived at nome, arrived at no principle. The danger to which we allude, are destitute of the Gospel. No one doubts again." this renewal. The scriptural requirements themselves, but the single object of their as- end to give her heart wholly to the Lord, then receive me to glory. for admission to Christ's communion are sociation, may, if they choose, unite for the Ellen was her chief companion, and they simply that we truly and earnes ly repent prosecution of that object. But would it be went on their way rejoicing; their path to us of our sins, are in love and charity with wise in the Church to surrender the work glory was sometimes rough and uneven, our neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, of missions into such hands? Would the but they did not " grow weary in well do. tollowing the commandments of God; and great cause of spreading the Gospel be safe ing;" and they are now reaping their re\_ to extremes. I advise you to do it with pru\_ no Christian minister or Christian Church an nour under such management? Nay, ward, in that glorious place where sin and dence and discretion. Choose the fittest has a right to diminish aught, or add any is it not incorrect in principle, that ecclesic sorrow are done away. They have wash. season. Deal not with men when they are all upon their hearts. thing to these requirements. The matter assical man, or ecclesiastical matters, should ed their robes and made them white in the in a passion, or where they will take it for a is not left to our discretion—it is as fixed be authoritatively disposed of by any other "blood of the Lamb," and now ascribe all disgrace, When the earth is soft, the and absolute as the holy supper itself. But than ecclesiastical bodies? Especially, ac- the glory and praise to him. nominations to make membership in cer- rian Church, can any man be licensed to your hearts to the Lord, or are they still ab. der a sermon. Christian faithfulness rethere is a growing tendency in certain de cording to the constitution of the Presbyte. tain societies, which whether good or evil, preach the Gospel, or ordained to the work sorbed in the pleasures of the world? Do quires us, not only to do good when it fulls matters not, a test of Church membership, of the ministry, or regularly sent to any field you love God or Satan most? 'By their in our way, but to watch for opportunities. Cheraw, S. C., Jan. 26. and this is one false principle which is like. of labor, domestic or foreign, without the fruits ye shall know them," said the Saviour, Suit yourself also to the quality and temper ly to impede the progress of the temper- authority of the ecclesiastical judicatory to when he was upon earth. What fruits are of the person. You must deal with the inance reformation. Experience may prove which he is subject? Well it is plain, you bringing forth? O children examine genious, more by argument than persuasion. that entire abstinence is the only remedy then, that some branches of the missionary yourselves, and do not rest, till you feel that There is need of both to the ignorant. The to save the world from the blight of intem. enterprise are opon to all who choose to you are indeed born again that you are affections of the convinced should be chiefly perance—but this would not prove that a pursue them; it is equally plain that other indeed born again; that you are indeed excited. The obstinate must be sharply pledge to this effect may be demanded as a branches of that enterprize, and those the "children of God, by faith in Christ Jesus." requisite in order to admission at the Lord's most vital and important, are absolutely retable-it would not prove that we are at stricted to the judicatories of the Church .liberty to establish a test would have ex- Others may, to a certain extent, engage in cluded the blessed founder of the sacrament | this work; but the Church must engage in it as one of her primary objects. It is her We have made these general remarks, appropriate work. She is disobedient to hoping to show that there is no necessity her muster's command, and recreant to her for disunion amongst the real friends of most sacred and tender obligations, when gard to the modes of action ought not to For this her scriptural organization, in Old Age, by Baptist W. Noel," just reconvinced that you speak not of your own morality, to show that a difference in re. she neglects it. For this she was founded. affect our moral principles, or hinder us church Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and printed by H. Perkins, Philadelphia. The head. Turn them to the very chipter and affect our moral principles, or hinder us church Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and from co-operating in a good work when
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time, her life and her glory .- pp. 7-9.

Now, we are not to be shut out from the en\_ | in the same solemn circumstances,-"Jesus | all ready. Let me help you to dress." " Well, but Ellen, let me upon my eyes

herself, and seeing that her companions nied with a fervent prayer, that the truths heavenly delights: how then should they were nearly dressed, she exclaimed; "O, of which it treats may fill the evening of his draw others so earnestly to seek them? "Nearly half an-hour, Mary Anne; but I am ready, and if you are quick, I think

"Tnank you, Ellen ; how kind you are,"

"Oys, Eller," said the little girl, jum.

be so glad." " I have something to say to you, dear," member what I say, because it is about him for all that is past, and trust him for all man; and they have good reason; but overway," and you must pay attention, and re.

"Do you mean my soul, Ellen ?" asked

"O children, to the Saviour come, And cast your sins away : Then when you die he'll take your home, To everlasting day." Child's Companion.

springs up between members of the same on earth. And the performance of this tensive connexions among the nobility of is contemptible, but the voice of God is awfamily, wi hout something of blume on both work, while it is her duty, is, at the same England, he is one of four brothers, who ful and terrible. "Odear! what shall I do!" said little of England. Baptist is the occupant of the you persuade them to. Let them see in That such was considered as the duty of Mary Anne, stretching herself in bed, after pulpit of St. John's, Bedford Row, London. your lives that superiority to the world, Twenty Dollars per monthly

that have drunk from those living streams.";

life with tranquility and hope."] much trouble to those who kindly nurse me: when we look them in the face? Mary Anne was soon dressed, and at I am able to do nothing for my fellow-crea- These attempts are also much hindered employed in plans and labors for spreading orphan, at the time I am speaking of she neglect the opportunity of doing good. I put forth your hand to help him, nor once and joy, with all the pains of dissolution just were to speak with a great man, and it ping and clapping her hands; " I shall before him. I have not, as I ought, live I would not displease him, they would do it. to the Lord; but may othe Christians learn But to go among the poor, and take pains by my example, what it is to die to him! with them in their cottages; where is the I, through all the suffering and languor person that will do i. ? Many will rejolco which are yet reserved for me, I can bless in being instrumental to convert a gentlemode of operation. The world is suffer. Such was the spirit and course of the something of the u most importance. Do that is to come; if my will is lost in his, so look the multirude, as if the souls of all were Gethsemane, "Not my will, but thine. be consider how low Christ stooped to us!done"-it my friends can see that God is Few rich, and noble, and wise are called. not in radical principles, but simply in re- what was the Church originally founded, "Yes, Mary Anne; I want to ask you enough to make me happy, though all the It is the poor that receive the glad tidings of into wearisome, or even excruciating, pain The encouragements. - Consider how -then will be be glorified in me. What- much the welfare of church and state deever, then, He appoints for me, I may sill pends on this duty. Good laws will not re. be useful and happy. I am ready for death; form us, if reformation begin not at home. morals, we find one fact on grow up into the perishing? Nay, can we conceive of that we must have new hearts before we can me far better to depart, and be with Christ; church and state, even the want of a holy the full stature of uncharitable zeal, and an organized body of Christians, prizing onter heaven, and by their fruits we are but while He appoints me to live, I may, by education of children. I also en reat pathe other division becoming indifferent, if the Gospel in any measure as they ought; to know them.' Now, only look at the his grace, glorify him no less than by the rents to consider what excellent advantages not averse to a good end, because of a considering it as the only hope of ruined fruits you bring forth, dear : to go no farther most active exertions. Should my exame they have for saving their children. They real or fancied defect in the operation of man; as "the power of God unto salvation back than this morning; you did not rise ple teach my dear friends how to die, hat are with you while they are tender and flexiits professedly warmest friends. The li. to every one that believeth," without feeling when you were called, consequently you will repay them for their kind attention to ble. You have a twig to bend, not an oak.

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Causes of neglecting this duty .-- One hin-The little volume is dedicated to the au- derance is, men's own sin and guilt. They rst; what a hury you are in!" then raising thor's father, Sir Gerard Noel, "accompation on themselves been ravished with

Another is, a secret infidelity prevailing in men's Learts. Did we verily believe. I am cut off from all my former em- that all the unregenerate and unholy shall

It is common to be hindered by sinful

Another hindrance is self-seeking. All

when He sees fit to call me, it will be for This is the cause of all our miseries in and can never want opportunities : especially When Jesus Christ was on earth, He you mothers, remember this, who are more "No part of the Church's duty," the holy Mrs. H—has been this morning! But said to His disciples, "My meat is to do with your children, while young, than their The work which the Temperance So. man would reply, "to send the Gospel abroad I will say no more; you must be convinced the will of Him who sent me, and to finish fathers. What pains are you at for their ciety or any other similar association can beyond her own bounds! If this be not these are not the fruits that should be His work." Blessed be God for giving me bodies! And will you not be at as much effect is simply preven ive. Its aim is to her appropriate work, nothing is. She is brought forth by a child of God. What some measure of my Saviour's sprit! My pains for the saving of their sou's? Your Sobs were the only answer little Mary good, that I am sure what He wills is best; you to think of their perishing forever? I and take away occassion of temptation, and stocker, as really and cost and this though, a partial, is a good work. For as sine is a society for worship or for discipwas subdued, and she felt "sorrow which given me His Son; He has given me His your bowels, teach them, admonish them,

warming in a great and good emerprise, is bound to do. We do not deny that any mand, and lerventry pressing it to her ups, has a right to do with me what he pleases. and other religious du ies. Inform their it is more than ever necessary for us to persons, who choose, may associate, and exclaimed, "Dear, dear Ellen, do pray has a right to do with me what he pleases. guard against clogging our onward move- raise funds, and employ living teachers to with me; pray to Go! to forgive me; and My desert was eternal punishment: instead understandings: Store their memories. ment with the encumbrance of any false carry and explain the Bible to those who that may I never, never be so wicked of which He is about to raise me to immor- Rectify their will. Quicken their affections. Ellen complied with her request, and His will? O, let Him do with me what He their tongues, and teach them gracious lquirements for membership and communito employ their time and their funds in such after earnestly exhorting her to "watch pleases! Send, Lord, ease or pain, strength speech. Reform and watch over their oution in a Christian Church are fixed by God, they are baptism and repentance. The God, they are baptism and repentance. The renewal of the heart follows hard upon re- mass of Pelagians, Socinians, Deists, and little girl's heart; that impression was never wilt. Thy will be done. All that Thou they read them, Examine themd ten what pentance, and all the graces of the Cnris. even Atheists, responsible to no worldly au- effaced, but, by the grace of God, she was tian character are the necessary results of thority, and agreeing in nothing among enabled to overcome her evil propensities. me, whether by my life or by my death, and day in this work, and suffer them not to the meaning of what they read or learn .--Keep hem out ofevil company, and acquain; them with the godly, and fail not to make them learn their catechism. Especially show them the necessity, excellency, and pleasure of serving God; and labour to fix

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