

Poetry.

Lines
When for our babes we vain would strive,
The Holy Spirit's sweetest breath;

But the Christian religion has swept this machinery away. Poetry and religion now go hand in hand. While the heathen religion is now a myth, the Christian poet, to obviate the difficulty to which he is thus subjected, resorts to Mythology, where he can feast the imagination, and delight the fancy.

my witness the manifestation and coming of the kingdom of God.
It will delight the friends of missions throughout the world, to learn that the Lord has greatly prospered the word and means of instruction and grace upon Mount Lebanon during the past few years.

which allusion has already been made in a previous chapter: "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: Handle me, and see; for a spirit hath no flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them." Luke xxiv. 39-43.

THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES.
The following interesting and truthful description of this institution, is from the pen of a member of the Bible Class connected with the First Church of Manayunk, under the care of Rev. A. Culver. It was read at a visit of the class to the Academy which took place on Easter Monday.

books, they facilitate a rapid rising in spiritual power, if not in fruitless popularity among "flocking ears."
There is a manifest course for the safety of a preacher's own soul, as well as for the souls of his hearers. Visiting walks are safer and more useful than the quiet contemplation of the study of Satan's illustrious suggestions to worldly ambition. Let us take heed.

KNOWING THE SCRIPTURES.
While it is certain, and should always be kept prominently before the mind, that mere knowledge does not make a man religious, we fear that many, running into the extreme, underrate the importance of knowledge. There is much said in many of the periodicals of the day that would almost justify the conclusion attributed to the Romans, that "Ignorance is the mother of Devotion." Some continually deary doctinal discussions as unfit for us as the schoolroom.

Correspondence.

INFLUENCE OF MYTHOLOGY AND CHRISTIANITY ON POETRY.
BY WILLIAM C. WINSLOW.
Mythology was an ancient poetry that Christianity is to modern. Religion, the vital spark of human nature, is an element of genuine poetry.

LETTER FROM SYRIA.
Mr. Geo. W. Mears, Corresponding Secretary of the S. S. Missionary Society, of the Western Church, has received two letters from Mr. and Mrs. Denton, missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M., at Bhandun, Mt. Lebanon, which he has kindly placed at our disposal. We make the following extracts from Mr. Denton's letter. That of Mrs. B. shall appear in our next:

THE RESURRECTION BODY.
The ensuing extract is taken from that very interesting and remarkable book, entitled "The Stars and the Angels," which has just been published in this country by Messrs. W. S. & A. Martin, of Philadelphia.

THE SPIRITUAL BODY.
"Al! flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds."
There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

MOURNING DRESS.
The practice of putting on sombre garments, as an exhibition of grief for the death of friends, is a general custom, and one which has been in vogue since the earliest times.

PASTORAL VISITING.
John Wesley said: "By repeated experiments, we learn that, though a man preach like an angel, he will neither collect nor preserve a society which is collected, without visiting them from house to house."

ACT QUICKLY.
Whether you are a preacher or a church-member, be entreated to act speedily. In the kingdom of grace, each year's delay, each month's week's crop of effects is seed for the next; one counts for a thousand, and a thousand for a million.

Christianity reveals the only living and true God. Hence it strips the poet of all this machinery. When he has occasion to refer to a divine agent, he must refer to this same being whose attributes are clearly revealed, and beyond the scope of a free imagination.

In the Zakhel case and our expulsion thence in May last, we have found a more satisfactory result than we dared at first to anticipate. By reason of the very unsettled state of Syria, and the consequent injuries, unaddressed, which several Americans had suffered, and the communication of these facts to Washington, our Ambassador at Constantinople was advised from the department of state, to visit Syria, and ascertain the facts, and if possible, adjust and terminate all these difficulties.

THE SPIRITUAL BODY OF CHRIST.
The spiritual body of Christ is possessed of the same power. A careful examination of the history will show that the body of Christ came out from the sepulchre before the angel rolled away the stone. The angel descended from heaven, and rolled away the stone, and showed that he was risen, not to release him from captivity.

MINISTERIAL POPULARITY.
There are two kinds of this popularity. One is founded rather upon ability in the pulpit, in the great congregation; the other upon pastoral faithfulness out of it, from house to house.

JOHN ADAMS.
The elder Adams was the son of a worthy collier.
It was, perhaps, owing to the very fact of his humble parentage that the elder Adams became what he was. I have never seen the following story in print, but it legitimately descended to me by oral tradition, having been told me by my grandfather by the pious Deacon Adams, of the town of Braintree, himself.

CREDULITY OF INFIDELS.—Charles the Second, hearing Vossius, a celebrated free thinker, repeating some incredible stories about the Chinese, said, "This is a very strange man. He believes everything but the Bible!"

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