

Poetry.

REMORSE AND PUNISHMENT.

From Pollok's "Course of Time."

Suddenly before my eye
A wall of fiery adamant sprung up—
Wall mountainous, tremendous, flaming high
Above all flight of hope. I paused, and looked;

Fast by the side of this unsightly thing
Another was portrayed, more hideous still;
Who sees it once shall wish to see't no more.
For ever undescribed let it remain!

HAMPDEN.

The circumstance of the recent disinterment of the bones of the patriot, by my Lord Nugent, may perhaps give to the following an interest which it would not otherwise possess.

"Hampden passed his early years in the lighter dissipations of society. He had taken no degree at the University, but he studied the municipal law at the Inns of Court."

"Hampden lives in the unfading colours of the most forcible of portrait-painters, the majestic Blarendon. Who will deny that he possessed that greatness of mind and character, and which suffered no diminution from an early death, capable of inspiring the most elevated patriotism?"

"In must be confessed, that though England has had no

Plutarch to interest us by the charm of his details, our country does not want for subjects, particularly in the revolutionary age which now engages our attention.

"The only anecdote we find to record of Hampden, is the peculiar manner which he observed in speaking in Parliament. He considered that to speak last, in an able debater, was an advantage almost equal to a victory."

"How often has the inquiry been agitated, whether a terrible ambition was not concealed under the public virtues and powerful faculties of the patriot Hampden?"

"Hampden has been described by our last authority, Dr. Lingard, as by preceding writers, to have been 'quiet, courteous, and submissive.' At first he was one of the party who had prepared themselves for voluntary banishment; but whether this great man bore his faculties so meekly, may be a subject of future inquiry."

"The integrity of Hampden's principles, and his self-devotion in the public cause, to say the least, lost something of their purity in their progress. Whatever might have been the integrity of the patriot, it was involved in dark intrigues, and degraded by an ambition which often betrayed the partisan and the demagogue."

"In that projected coalition of the patriots with the King's friends, which was frustrated by the sudden death of the Earl of Bedford, we can view only a scheme of political ambition. The men of the people hastened to take possession of their

seats in the cabinet, driving away the ministry of Charles, some by flight, some by intimidation, some by compounding. Hampden here acted a remarkable part.—The patriot demanded to be instituted the governor of the prince. I would not infer, notwithstanding this egotistical complacency, that the great mind of Hampden would not have sown the seeds of patriotism in a patriot King.

The attempt at the governorship of the Prince is said to have been intended as a means to keep the son as a hostage for the father.—Thus the monarch was to be the only person in the kingdom bound up hand and foot on a throneless throne. He was to be a phantom of state, whose title was to hold the people in subjection to the sole will and absolute power of the great and ambitious mind, which frames a new government,—or to use Hampden's own express words, the monarch was "to commit himself and all that is his" to the care of Hampden and his friends.

"I discovered this Trait in the parliamentary character of Hampden, in Francis Osborne's works on "government," sect. 31. It is curious to observe, that Lord Clarendon has not omitted some notice of it in his character of this patriot. Either his lordship borrowed it from Osborne, or this peculiarity of Hampden's must have been notorious in his day. The other is furnished by Sir Philip Warwick. "Clarendon, i. 298."

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