— Nature and Faith. —

2. Cor. IV. 17, 18. v.

We wept — 'twas Nature wept, — but Faith
Can pierce beyond the gloom of death,
And in you world so fair and bright
Behold thee in refulgent light!
We miss thee here, yet Faith would rather
Know thou art with thy Heavenly Father
Nature sees the body dead —
Faith beholds the Spirit fled;
Nature stops at Jordan's tide —
Faith beholds the other side;
That but hears farewell and sighs,
This thy welcome in the skies;
Nature mourns a cruel Blow —
Faith assures it is not so
Nature never sees thee more —
Faith but sees thee gone before:
Nature tells a dismal story —
Faith has visions full of glory;
Nature views the change with sadness —
Faith contemplates it with gladness;
Nature murmurs — Faith gives meekness,
"Strength is perfected in weakness."
Nature wrinkles, & hates the rod —
Faith looks up & blesses God;
Sense looks downwards — Faith above;
That sees harshness — This sees love.
Oh! let Faith victorious be —
Let it reign triumphantly!
But thou art gone! not lost, but flown,
Shall I then ask thee back my own?
Back — & leave thy Spirits brightness?
Back — & leave thy robes of whiteness?
Back — & leave thy angel mould?
Back — & leave those streets of Gold?
Back — & leave the Lamb who feeds thee?
Back — from fountt to which He leads thee?
Back — & leave thy Heavenly Father.
Back — to earth & sin? — Nay rather
Would I live in solitude!
I would not ask thee if I could;
But patient wait the high decree,
That calls my Spirit Home to thee!

Abt. 3 P.m. I went over to see the bride & Bridegroom at Fosters found them allright & Jolly. back to Tea at Mr Parson's.

May 26. Saturday, fine S.W. Up early & rode over to clock we arrived in Town abt 8.40 a.m. back to my business at nine. Trade fair, though week below aver from the wet & Holiday.

May 27. Sunday, fine. N.E. to school & ch as usual, Lect P.m. Luke XI. 9.10 v. To St John's in the evening Mr Hoare preached on the "Pearl of Great Price" an excellant sermon. To Mr Boggie's after called at Mr Brown's Sun on our way to Mr Mollets.

May. 28. Monday. fine N.E. Trade fair at Home writing in the evening.

May 29. Tuesday. fine. N.E. Trade fair, salting butter & putting Shop to rights, To the Mechanics in the evening.

May 30. Wednesday, fine Sty N. hot, clearing up, up Town to nomination, Moorhouse is in for Superintendant by allmost two to one above Lance & Traver's was nowhere