

AN EPITHALAMIUM

*On the Marriage of Miss Clara Elizabeth La Touche Vicars
and Lord Rayleigh.**

“ HAIL! WEDDED LOVE!”

Hail! far-famed altar of Saint George's,
Where so oft bright Hymen forges
Those blest fetters that together
Youth and beauty sweetly tether!
Altar, where some proud patrician
Oft appears on Cupid's mission!
Fane, where many, with hearts elated
Have found their life's hope consummated!
Exult! break forth! praise Hymen daily,
Now VICARS fair claims noble RAYLEIGH!

Where'er the mind by Virtue deck'd is,
Each fulsome compliment e'er check'd is;
And, though so oft some tongue rehearses
The charms of her named in our verses,—
Fair, pensive CLARA e'er inclined is
To think than *features* more *the mind* is!
Such were the truths taught by a mother
She'd ne'er imbibed from some other.
Exult! break forth! laud Hymen daily,
Who virtuous VICARS joins with RAYLEIGH!

Oh! where such qualities are blended,
What match in promise e'er transcended?
Virtue—fortune—youth—combined are
(And talent, too)—in those that join'd are!—
The happy pair!—oh! ne'er may Heaven
Withhold from them its bounteous leaven!
But still increase their warm affection,
Till they no more here need protection!
Exult! break forth! praise Hymen daily,
While VICARS fair claims gen'rous RAYLEIGH!

C. C.

GREAT TOTHAM, FEB. 5, 1842.

* On the 3rd inst., was married, at St. George's, Hanover Square, by the Rev. John Bramston, Vicar of Witham, the Right Honourable John James, Lord Rayleigh, only son of Col. Strutt, of Terling Place, Essex, and the late Baroness Rayleigh, to Clara Elizabeth La Touche, the amiable and accomplished daughter of the late Capt. John Richards Vicars, Royal Engineers, of Grafton-street, London, and King's County, Ireland. Vide "*Essex Herald*" of Tuesday, February 8, 1842.