

profound lakes,—torrents, cascades, and streams, unite to give that high interest which is so delightful, and so peculiar to some spots of earth. One meets, here and there, in every country, with one or other of these features, but the combination of them forms somewhat of the treasures of a Cabinet, where rare and beautiful things are grouped at once, to the exclusion of the dull and uninteresting, beneath the eye.

On our first page is the commencement of a lecture delivered on Wednesday week, before the Halifax Mechanics' Institute. It has been suggested that the Pearl would form an appropriate vehicle for the publication of lectures, occasionally,—and we intend applying for a few of those which may appear of a popular character, and not much dependent on experiments or diagrams. The Institute has become one of the recognized places of public recreation and instruction, where several meet weekly and enjoy that co-operation, in literature, and arts and science, which is of so much moment in all the higher concerns of life. Many who have heard lectures may be expected to reap additional pleasure from an opportunity of a quiet perusal, and persons in the country may wish to know what the Institute is about, and to participate in its studies although at a distance from its walls.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**—Doctor Grigor delivered a lecture on last Wednesday evening on Phrenology, and is to continue the subject. The Doctor stated his intention to be, to treat of the opponents, the advocates, the progress and the uses of the Science. The lecture of last Wednesday evening was on the two former topics, and comprised a review of the controversy which has been going on, and the results of it. The Doctor is a zealous Phrenologist, and gave his side a complete triumph in every stage of the discussion.

No doubt the Phrenologists have done much good in turning men's minds from the dull dreams of the metaphysicians, to practical views of man's mental organization,—and, in exhibiting—what might be apparent from mere, unlearned observation—that different men have different capabilities and propensities, and that the same achievements and virtues should no more be expected from all men alike, than that the grey hound, and the mastiff and the water spaniel should have the same habits. But do they not carry their views to too great an extreme, and particularize and dogmatize in matters which evade the search of human intellect?

The Doctor's next lecture will be more interesting to a mixed audience, than his last,—it will, we understand, give the principles and applications of the Science.

We use the term Science in connection with this branch of study, because it is customary to do so, although we doubt the propriety of the application, and think that it is of much consequence that proper terms only should be used in matters of serious speculation. Phrenology, is a branch of knowledge consisting of certain deductions from certain facts,—but other explanations are given of these facts and the deductions are disputed. A Science we understand to be, a theory and a series of rules, founded on a body of indisputable facts; which facts, in their existence and their results, can be demonstrated,—and from which no other rules or theory could be deduced without involving glaring absurdity and contradiction: Science, means something settled, proved, on which all who are initiated must rest thoroughly satisfied, and which deals with the discovered and demonstrated essences of subjects.—Phrenology may have claims to the term, but it has been disputed, and seems doubtful yet awhile, whatever may be arrived at, in future stages of the study.

#### NEWS, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

The Great Western again brings latest news from Europe to New York, and scatters it thence, over the continent, some weeks in the advance of Packets and all other modes of conveyance. A beautiful demonstration this, on a vast scale, of the power which science gives to man.

London dates are to the 18th October. The prospects of Harvest, happily, are much better than we had reason to expect from previous intelligence, and a fair average crop seems to be generally expected. The money market also, had a brightening aspect; cash was flowing in from the Continent and the United States and Mexico,—and apprehensions had been allayed if not altogether dissipated.

Lord Durham, it is said, goes Ambassador to Turkey. The Atlantic, new Steam Ship, about the size of the Great Western, was nearly ready for launching. Two 80 gun line of battle ships were to be commenced at Chatham. A lad threw himself from the Monument on Oct. 15,—another on the melancholy list of most extraordinary suicides.

Runejeet Singh, the old Indian Ally of the English, died at his capital, Lahore. At his funeral the murder of six persons was perpetrated, by burning, as a sacrifice to the departed tyrant. The Christian allies should, if they could, effectually discountenance such abominations. Can Christians and the sons of Belial be united, without all being suspected to be alike?—France, it is said has determined to recognize the independence of Texas, and many indications of extensive emigration, to this lately founded

slaveholding State, were observable in England.—Nothing of consequence appears respecting Spain. Don Carlos, happily, is in the safe keeping of the French, and a formal renunciation of the throne which he has so long embroiled, was expected at his hand. Some of his Generals still keep the field, and Espertaro was on the eve of attacking them; but it is to be hoped, that, they will not make more than a show of resistance, for the sake of obtaining terms: their master is a prisoner, and his cause is at an ebb which seems beyond the reach of any farther flow.—Riots among the manufacturing population had occurred at Ghent.—No new movements of consequence appear in the East. Russia had offered the Sultan 250,000 men to assist against the Pacha, if the Egyptian forces should again take the field, Mehemet holds the fleet and seems not inclined to relinquish this advantage, except on his own terms.

Canada appeared quiet at last accounts. The Responsibility agitation was still felt in the discussions of parties.—Mr. Burke, now called Dr. Burke, who lectured some time ago in Halifax on Phrenology, was lecturing at Quebec.

In the United States, matters appeared to be calming down,—the suspension of specie payments had not spread. New York and Boston remained firm, and exhibited no signs of retreating from the position taken up. Emigration was setting in force to the West,—Another Fire occurred at Mobile, on the 10th, and destroyed about 30 houses. Bands of Gamblers, some of whose fraternity had become the victims of Lynch law, were blamed for these awful conflagrations.

The Mechanics' Institute of St. John, N. B. was opened by a lecture from M. H. Perly, Esq.

The Truro Literary and Scientific Society is to be opened on Nov. 21, by A. Archibald, Esq.

Mr. James Leonard, carpenter, was drowned by the upsetting of a boat, in which he was crossing the harbour, on Friday evening last. A child of Mr. Duckett was so injured by fire as to be deprived of life during the week. Other accidents of a similar nature have been reported.

Master Hutching, a little hero six years old, has been delighting audiences during the week. He is indeed a Prodigy,—for elocution, action, versatility of mimicry, singing, and all the elements of an old stager. Some scenes of extreme richness and oddity have been fixed in the minds of his audiences, by the extraordinary little fellow. From the mawkish lisps, and frenchified phraseology, and affected action of Augustus Fitzpoodle,—to the squeaking tones, and broad provincialisms, and feeble movements of the mother of "our boy Bob,"—and then, in another extreme, to the mock heroism of Bombastes, all was amazingly clever, and exhibited astonishing accuracy and self possession,—only to be gained, one would suppose, by intimate acquaintance with the stage and its feelings.

#### MARRIED.

At Newport, on the 5th inst. by the Rev. J. L. Murdoch, Mr. Robert Salter, to Jane, fourth daughter of Mr. John Chambers.

At Carlisle, July 29th, by the Rev. John Johnson, Minister of the Established Church, Mr. Thomas Cook Almon, native of England, to Mary Jane, third daughter of Perry Dunaresq, Esq. of Dalhousie, and Collector of H. M. Customs, Bay de Chaleur.

At Miramichi, on the 4th inst. by the Rev. R. Archibald, Captain Francis J. McAlpine, of Halifax, to Martha, youngest daughter of J. Rainie, Esq. of Aberdeen.

#### DIED.

On Sunday morning, Emma Mary, only daughter of the Rev. Doctor Twining, in the 17th year of her age.

On Friday Edward, eldest son of Mr. E. Duckett, aged 3 years and 10 months.

On Friday evening of Apoplexy, aged 55 years, Mr. Daniel Buckley, a native of Cork, Ireland, and for many years a respectable inhabitant of this town; by this bereavement a wife and three children are left to deplore the loss of a kind and loving husband and an indulgent and exemplary parent.

Suddenly, on Saturday night, in the 60th year of her age, Mary, relict of the late Mr. Henry Hill.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

##### ARRIVED.

Saturday, November 9th.—Am brig Columbia, Dexter, Alexandria 16 days—wheat flour, etc. G. P. Lawson—left brig Florence to sail in 4 days; schr Ion, Hammond, St. John, N. B. 6 days.

Sunday 10th.—Schr Collector, Ragged Islands, fish; Flower, Cape Negro, fish.

Monday 11th.—Schr Helen, Drew, Petersburg, U. S. 15 days, flour and tobacco, to S. Binney; Betsey, Graham, Labrador, via Sydney, 14 days, fish, to D. & E. Starr & Co. spoke, 4th inst. off Scatterie, Am schr Palestine, hence, for Bridgeport.

Tuesday—Speedy Packet, LeBreton, Gaspe, 8 days, dry fish, to Creighton & Grassie.

Wednesday 13th.—New brig Inverness, LaSerene, P. E. I., 3 days, timber and produce.

Thursday 14th.—Barque Thalia, Shand, London, 63 days, (passed Falmouth 30th Sept.) general cargo, to S. Cunard and others, made Sambro Light 11th inst; New brig C. W. E. R., Norwood, Chizecook, 1 day.

Friday 15th.—Brigt. Adrianna, Hunt, New York, 10 days, (put into Laflave, 10th inst.) pork, flour, etc. to J. & M. Tobin & Son; schr Shannon, Cann, Yarmouth, 6 days; Olive Branch, Bouchier, Quebec, 20 days, beef, pork and glass, bound to St. John, N. B.; H. M. Packet brig Ranger, Lieut. Turner, Falmouth, 40 day; Passengers, Rev. W. Gray, lady and 5 children; Rev. Wm. Cogswell and lady; Honorable Captain Gray, 52nd Regiment.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—An errata for lines signed Kappa, has been mislaid, it will be attended to, next number.

A Temperance Meeting will be held in the Old Baptist Meeting House, on Monday Evening at half-past Seven.

#### AUCTION.

##### Fresh Fruit.

Received per Schooner William, from Boston.

BY DEBLOIS & MERREL,  
To-morrow, Saturday, at 12 o'clock, at M. G. Black's Wharf.

100 kegs GRAPES, in prime order;

100 boxes best Muscatel bunch RAISINS,

100 quarter boxes do do do,

20 frails FIGS.

ALSO, 38 firkins Sydney Butter, 4 cases London Pickles.  
November 15.

#### MASONIC HALL.

Under distinguished Patronage.

Last Night of Master Hutchings' Performance  
IN HALIFAX.

THE Nobility, Gentry and Public are most respectfully informed that Master Hutchings' Farewell Night, will take place  
TO-MORROW EVENING, (Saturday,) Nov. 16.

When he will make his appearance in the popular piece of the

**Pet of the Admiral,**

In which he will personate 5 distinct characters and repeat the celebrated one of

**Bombastes Furioso,**

Being positively his last appearance in Halifax.

Tickets to be had of Mr. Hutchings at Medley's Hotel. Doors open at 7, performance to commence at 8 precisely. Price of admission \$1, Children under 12, half-price. Nov. 15.

#### Just Published,

And for sale at the Stationary Stores of Messrs. A. & W. MacKinnlay, Mr. John Munro, and at the Printing Office of W. Cannabell, Marchington's wharf,

**Cannabell's Nova Scotia Almanack for 1840.**

Containing lists of the Executive and Legislative Councils, House of Assembly, Sittings of the Supreme Court, Justices of the Peace, Barristers and Attorneys, Officers of the Provincial Revenue, Officers of H. M. Customs, Land Surveyors, Banking companies, Insurance companies, Mails, Stage Coaches, Steamers, Clergy, Academies, Merchants Private Signals, EQUATION TABLE OF TIME, the Navy, Army, Staff of Provincial Militia, &c. &c. with a variety of miscellaneous matter, and INDEX. Nov. 1-

#### Seasonable Goods.

Landing, Ex Prince George from London:

PILOT Cloths, Flushings, fine and Slop CLOTHING, Blankets, and a variety of other articles in

50 Packages,

Received as above, and for sale on reasonable terms by  
Nov. 1, 1839. 3m. J. M. CHAMBERLAIN.

#### Canvas and Cordage.

A FRESH SUPPLY of CANVAS and CORDAGE received per Acadian direct from the Rope Walk of the Gourcock Company. ALSO, Per Brenda,

Pilot Cloths, Flushings, Flannels, Blankets,

Brown Cloth, Prints, Springfield and Manchester Warp, Mackerel, and Herring Nets, Salmon Twine, Nails, Spikes, Paints, Oils, Shot Gunpowder, and many other articles suitable for the season, all of which the Subscriber offers for sale on moderate terms.  
Oct. 18.—2w ROBERT NOBLE.

#### Stoves! Stoves!

CANADIAN heavy cast STOVES for Churches, Kitchens, C and Halls—For sale by the Subscriber at his Auction Store, near the Ordnance, viz.

Largest size double close Canada Stoves,

for Kitchens, Single Close ditto, 4x2, 3½x2½, 3x2 and 2½ by 1½ feet. ALSO, on hand, from New York and Boston, an assortment of Franklin and Cooking Stoves; a further supply daily expected.

Oct. 11.—2m. J. M. CHAMBERLAIN.

#### Keefler's Reading Room

ESTABLISHED OCTOBER, 1836.

THE SUBSCRIBERS to the above are respectfully notified, that their SUBSCRIPTIONS for the next year (1840) are now due. Gentlemen wishing to subscribe, will please hand in their Names to the Proprietor.  
October 4.

CHARLES KEEFER.