

POVERTY IS NO DISGRACE.

Not many days since, we rambled a short distance from the more compact and thickly settled part of the town, both for exercise and to breathe a purer air than can be found amidst a dense population. We saw by the way-side a little urchin, apparently about six or eight years old, busily engaged in picking barberries. His clothes were neat and clean, but patched with many colors.—His countenance open, frank, and the emblem of innocence. We stopped a moment to look at and admire the apparent contentment of the little fellow, and while so stopping, a very respectable and fine looking middle aged lady, with a lad of about ten years came up, who like ourself, were walking to take the morning air. On seeing the little fellow among the barberry bushes, the lad of ten with finer clothes, but a coarser heart, abruptly accosted him with, "I say, boy, what do you wear your clothes patched up for?" With a countenance that bespoke wounded feelings, he readily replied, "I have no father—my mother is poor, with four smaller children than I am, and not able to give me better clothes. I work in the factory most of the time, but the water is low, and I have not work to-day, so I am picking barberries for my mother to buy me a new jacket with." A tear coursed down the cheek of the lady, who was not an inattentive spectator of the scene. "George, my son," said she, "is it kind in you thus to address this poor boy, who is not, as you are, blest with an indulgent father to provide him with food and clothes." The kind-hearted we an had touched a tender cord, for George was not destitute of tenderness and manly feelings. He burst into tears, and entreated his mother to give the poor boy some of his clothes. The barberries were immediately purchased of the little fellow, for which he received enough to buy him a jacket and trowsers. Nor did the kind-hearted mother of George confine her liberality to the boy with his barberries. The poor boy's mother has since shared liberally of her munificence, which she ever receives, with the utmost gratitude.

A gentleman in Paris, superintendant of an institution for the instruction of deaf and dumb children, was asked by a friend to allow him to put a question to one of the children, with a view to ascertain his mental improvement. The request being complied with, he was desired to write his question, and affix it to the wall. It was this: "Does God reason?" The child instantly wrote underneath with his pencil, "God knows and sees every thing. Reasoning implies doubt and uncertainty; therefore God does not reason."

We ought only to make confidants of those who are virtuous, well-informed, and whom we have known long.

Died, at Charlotte-Town, P. E. Island, on Tuesday evening, 1st inst. Sir ARTHUR WILLIAM YOUNG, Lieutenant Governor of that Island—a situation which he filled with much honor to himself and advantage to the Colony.—His death is greatly regretted.

FIRE.—A fire broke out yesterday morning in a workshop belonging to Mr Thomas McKie, but was fortunately got under before it had extended further. The building in which it originated was nearly destroyed, and a good deal of finished work and other property.—N. S.

We have received the first number of the "Colonial Churchman," a religious Paper, published at Lunenburg, N. S. once a fortnight, at 10s. per annum.—It is neatly printed, and judging from the contents of the first No. we should think it will be an interesting publication, especially to the Members of the Establishment, and should be supported by every lover of the Church of England.

MARRIED.

On Friday evening last, by the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, Mr George Trider, to Miss Margaret Finlay.

On Monday, by the Rev. Thomas Taylor, John Mackie, to Ellen Power, both of this Town.

On Monday last by the Rev. Mr Morrison, Mr. Alexander Merron, to Miss Elizabeth Lintemen, both of Cole Harbour.

DIED.

On Wednesday morning, Ann, second daughter of Mr. John Rhind, aged 6 years and four months.

At Windsor, on Friday last, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowes, aged 47 years, relict of the late Mr. William Bowes.

At Lawrence Town, Margaret, wife of Mr. Samuel Gammon, aged 47.

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