

POETRY

STANZAS

On Contemplating the Heavens at Midnight.

Tell me, ye brightly-burning orbs of night,  
Now shining down on our terrestrial sphere,  
If to your realms the SPIRIT takes its flight  
When it throws off its mortal covering here?  
Does it take wing and to the skies aspire,  
And breathe forth songs in heaven to some melodious lyre?

Tell me, fair moon, that sails't in æther's space,  
Art thou some world, peopled with creatures free,  
Where sundered spirits shall meet face to face,  
Lifting the veil of immortality?—  
Shall we THIS know, ev'n as on earth we're known,  
And shall affection clasp hearts made again its own?

Tell me, ye clouds, that o'er the azure heaven,  
Float like the streamers of some bridal vest,  
When, by the breeze of midnight, ye are driven,—  
Say, do ye canopy some place of rest,  
Some peaceful bourn to which the spirit flies,  
To join the lost of earth and re-umite its ties?

Ye CANNOT answer! and it is not meet  
Such mysteries should be solv'd by us.  
Why should man,  
With blinded gaze and travel-wearied feet,  
Attempt to penetrate what angels scan  
With heavenly eyes but dimly?—let him bend,  
Adoring what nor sense nor sight can comprehend!

A SISTERS' TRIBUTE.

When first a curly-headed boy  
Thy soul with music was enchanted,  
In feeble efforts would annoy  
Before the science was implanted.

Then tiresome was thy tiny life,  
Whose shrill, harsh notes to thee spoke gladness,  
I bade thee hush! in words of strife,  
When hearts were near oppressed with sadness.

Many a truant chase had I,  
To quell thy noise and boyish riot,  
To silence thee—when those would sigh  
Who sought in vain for earthly quiet.

I little thought the passion then  
We tried to keep in due subjection  
Would lead thee, honored among men,  
And guide thy taste to such perfection.

Years rolled along—thy talent shone  
Like new-born light through darkness breaking;  
Fond ears have listened to each tone,  
Seraphic sounds from heaven speaking.

In groups thy hearers have advanced,  
In exactly delight hath found them,  
And all have stood, awhile entranced,  
As though some magic spell had bound them.

And thou hast oft, in twilight's hour,  
Recalled a tear—in vain concealing—  
For, by thy talismanic power,  
Thou could'st reveal the soul of feeling.

If proud vexation came with care,  
To contradiction anger lean us,  
If thou but played one favourite air,  
Dissensions lingered not between us.

Those airs I may not hear again,  
For sickness hath subdued with sorrow  
The hope that languishes in pain  
To hear thy dulcet notes to-morrow.

And though the transient sparks of life  
May gleam no more on joys terrestrial,  
Thine harmony, from flute or fife,  
Shall breathe to me of sounds celestial.

Shall mingle with the seraph choir  
And bind us still to one another,  
When, joining with the angel's lyre,  
We meet in better worlds, my brother!

A sister's love upholds thy fame,  
Science more perfect cannot makethee;  
Then for thy babes and honored name  
May smiling fortune soon o'ertake thee!

WONDERFUL.—The Speaker of the House of Commons saw members on Friday at his mansion on Carlton House Terrace, upwards of 250 being present!—*Globe.*

Economy of Time.—The day at present fixed for hearing appeals against the poor rate assessments, in one of the most extensive districts in Dorchester, is Good Friday!

ASSIZES.—An ancient, and in these peaceful times a very singular, custom still prevails at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in connexion with the assizes for the northern circuit. Before the judges set out on their journey from Newcastle to Carlisle, the mayor has to present their lordships with a certain piece of money, for the purchase of daggers to defend themselves with on the road.

Marb of Intellect.—At a meeting held, last week, at Shipston, one of the speakers, addressing the meeting after the first motion, said "he supposed it was carried *crim. con.*

If your wife be of opinion that absolute monarchy is better than constitutional government, be resigned, you cannot say your sovereign was not your own choosing.

Faux and Vaux.—A lady remarking that there was very little difference between Faux and Vaux, was told that the only difference was, that one failed, and the other succeeded in blowing up the Lords.

Carbonear, 21st May, 1838.

We have to report for the information of those Persons who signed the Petition from Carbonear, to His Excellency the Governor, that the committee appointed at the Public Meeting in this place, for the purpose of getting up that Petition, forwarded it on the 14th inst., by a Deputation to his Excellency and that the Gentlemen of the Deputation waited on His Excellency and received the following answer to their application:

GENTLEMEN,

"The present Deputation being composed entirely of Members of the House of Assembly who must be supposed not only competent to judge of the matter set forth in the Petition you have just presented, but also especially anxious to prevent any unnecessary Expenditure of the Public Money, I shall certainly assume the responsibility of issuing Warrants for the purchase of Seed Potatoes in accordance with its prayer and your desire, and I can only hope that those who receive assistance on this occasion will be duly impressed with the conviction that it is given in consequence of extreme distress and is not to be looked upon as a precedent for future general guidance—as I conceive that there is no part of Her Majesty's extensive Dominions where forethought, self-exertion and a spirit of independence of eleemosynary aid should be fostered with more care than in Newfoundland."

"Government House,  
18th May, 1838."

We would also avail ourselves of the present means of advertising those Persons who have Seed Potatoes For Sale, as well as those who have no means of procuring any; that, as the season is far advanced; an early application to the commissioners for the POOR, will be very necessary, so as that the intention of the Petitioners, and the benevolent acquiescence of His Excellency the Governor to the prayer of their Petition, may be made available to the relief of the Destitute.

JAMES POWER,  
Chairman.  
THOMAS NEWELL,  
Secretary.

STOP READ!

At considerably Reduced Prices.  
The Subscriber

HAVING JUST RECEIVED  
HIS FALL SUPPLY OF

The under-mentioned Articles, recommends them as worthy the attention of the Public, as he intends to dispose of them at a very low figure above the Invoice Cost, viz.:

- Linen Bed Tick
- Printed Cottons
- French Gingham
- Bombazets, Plaids
- Thibet Wool Shawles
- Plain Middle Ditto
- Fancy Ditto
- Cross-bared, corded & book Muslins.
- Jaconet and Mull Ditto
- Ladies' Work'd Lace and Muslin Collars
- Colored Jacoets
- Laced Edgings
- Men's Braces
- Men's stout Yarn Hose
- Men's Worsterd Ditto
- Men's Lambswool Ditto
- Women's Black Ditto Ditto
- Men's Cuff'd and Milled Gloves
- Men's Fleece'd Ditto
- Women's Fine Ditto
- Women's Black and White Cotton Dc.
- Cotton and Regatta Shirts
- Men's Drawers
- Boy's Cloth and Plush Caps
- White and Grey Shirtings
- White Counterpanes
- White Flannels
- Women's White and Colord Stays
- Men's and Woman's Shoes and Boots
- A few Martin Boas
- Swansdown Ruffs, Wadding
- Men's Beaver Hats
- Men's Guernsey Frocks
- Canvas Frocks
- Whitney Blankets
- Petershams, Pilot Cloths
- Superfine Brown, Blue & Olive Cloths
- Moleskins!
- Tea Trays
- Rum, Moissases, Sugar, Teas
- Pork, Butter
- Soap by the box
- Upper and Sole Leather
- Earthenware, Pipes
- Tobacco and Snuff, in large and small quantities
- And Sundry other Articles.

GEORGE W. GILL.

Carbonear,  
November 22, 1837.

ALL Persons having any Claim on the Estate of ROBERT DOBIE, of Kirkaldy, (North Britain), but late of Brigus, Surgeon, Deceased, are requested to present the same to the subscriber; and all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to

JULIA DOBIE,  
Administratrix.

MIDDLE-BIG AT PACKET

ROBERT and JOHN HINDS, of Middle-Bight, begs most respectfully to inform their Friends and the Public, that they have a safe and commodious Four-sail BOAT, which they intend running the Winter, as long as the weather will permit, between Middle-Bight, Brigus and Port-de-Grave. One of the Owners of the Packet will call every Tuesday morning at Messrs. PERCHARD & BOAG's for Letters and Packages, and then proceed across the Bay as soon as wind and weather will allow; and in case of their being no possibility of proceeding by Water, the Letters will be forwarded by Land, by a careful Person, and the utmost punctuality observed.

They beg to state, also, that they have good and comfortable Lodgings, and every necessary that may be wanted, and on reasonable terms.

TERMS:

Passengers .....5s. each  
Single Letters.....1s. "  
Double Ditto .....2s. "  
Packages in proportion.  
Not accountable for cash or any other valuable property put on board.  
Letters will be receive at Mr. McTeer's Bookseller, for the above Places, and for Harbor Grace and Carbonear.  
January 20, 1838.

Indentures

FOR SALE at this Office.  
Harbor Grace, April 4.

Notices

CONCEPTION BAY PACKETS  
St John's and Harbor Grace Packets

THE EXPRESS Packet being now completed, having undergone such alterations and improvements in her accommodations, and otherwise, as the safety, comfort and convenience of Passengers can possibly require or experience suggest, a careful and experienced Master having also been engaged, will forthwith resume her usual Trips across the BAY, leaving Harbor Grace on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY Mornings at 9 o'Clock, and Portugal Cove on the following days.

FARES.

Ordinary Passengers .....7s. 6d.  
Servants & Children .....5s.  
Single Letters .....6d.  
Double Do.....1s.

and Packages in proportion  
All Letters and Packages will be carefully attended to; but no accounts can be kept for Postages or Passages, nor will the Proprietors be responsible for any Specie or other monies sent by this conveyance.  
ANDREW DRYSDALE,  
Agent, HARBOUR GRACE  
PERCHARD & BOAG,  
Agents, St. John's  
Harbour Grace, May 4, 1835

NORA CREINA

Packet-Boat between Carbonear and Portugal Cove.

JAMES DOYLE, in returning his best thanks to the Public for the patronage and support he has uniformly received, begs to solicit a continuance of the same favours.

The NORA CREINA will, until further notice, start from Carbonear on the mornings of MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, positively at 9 o'clock; and the Packet Man will leave St. John's on the Mornings of TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, at 9 o'clock in order that the Boat may sail from the cove at 12 o'clock on each of those days.

TERMS.

Ladies & Gentlemen .....7s.  
Other Persons, from 5s. to 3s. 6d.  
Single Letters .....6d.  
Double do.

And PACKAGES in proportion.

N.B.—JAMES DOYLE will hold himself accountable for all LETTERS and PACKAGES given him.

Carbonear, June, 1836.

THE ST. PATRICK

EDMOND PHELAN, begs most respectfully to acquaint the Public, that he has purchased a new and commodious Boat which at a considerable expence, he has fitted out, to ply between CARBONEAR and PORTUGAL COVE, as a PACKET-BOAT; having two cabins, (part of the after cabin adapted for Ladies, with two sleeping berths separated from the rest). The fore-cabin is conveniently fitted up for Gentlemen with sleeping-berths, which will he trusts give every satisfaction. He now begs to solicit the patronage of this respectable community; and he assures them it will be his utmost endeavour to give them every gratification possible.

The St. PATRICK will leave CARBONEAR, for the COVE, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 9 o'Clock in the Morning, and the COVE at 12 o'Clock, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the Packet-Man leaving St. JOHN'S at 8 o'Clock on those Mornings.

TERMS.

After abin Passengers 7s. 6d.  
Fore ditto, ditto 5s.  
Letters, Single 6d  
Double, Do. 1s.

Packages in proportion to their size or weight.

The owner will not be accountable for any Specie.

N.B.—Letters for St. John's, &c., &c. received at his House in Carbonear, and in St. John's for Carbonear, &c. at Mr. Patrick, Kiely's (Newfoundland Tavern) and at Mr. John Cruet's.

Carbonear,  
June 4, 1836.

TO BE LET

On Building Lease, for a Term of Years.

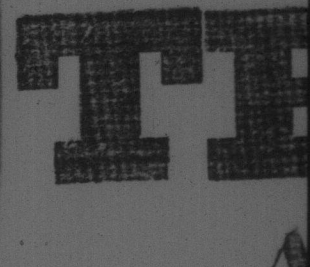
A PIECE of GROUND, situated on the North side of the Street, bounded on EAST by the House of the late captain STABB, and on the east by the Subscriber's.

MARY TAYLOR,  
Widow.

Carbonear, Feb. 9, 1837.

Blanks

of Various kind for SALE at the Office of this Paper.



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HARBOUR GRACE.

Purification

An important lately made by from steam en- tive, marine, o as large furni may be consu from which it for its utility? simplicity of which the v may be acco siderable cl; plished; not increased, bu ing of fuel m use. When applied to the nes of the large town; day will be ed to fire pla boast an cle nimate abo lines of de the steam; well as leav at once ab means. It's first instanc for which theo need use coke. invention o arranging th and positio fuel is regu vation up without th any appsta instrument the manage carb. and gasses are of combu charged w atmospher proceed th which inc mination less combu combustio smoke is chimney. thrown up dense smo of the fu pears bet of the chi the fire is Another mentioned ashes wh vessels wh board, m be again the fire. ed, noth is the in Chanter, fore a lar tlemen, a factory found en