

life is of so short duration? Will ninety years erase all the golden names over the doors in town and country, and substitute others in their stead? Will all the now blooming beauties fade, and disappear; all the pride and passion, the love, hope, and joy pass away, in ninety years, and be forgotten? "Ninety years!" (says Death,) "do you think I shall wait ninety years? Behold, to day, and to-morrow, and every one, is mine. When ninety years are past, this generation will have mingled with the dust, and be remembered not."

THE JEWISH NEW YEAR.

On Sunday evening last, the year 5592 was ushered in with the usual rites observed on such occasions by the Israelites. At sunset the people now called Jews, resident in this metropolis, all assembled at their synagogues, when the whole of the Mosaic laws, and the usual prayers, &c. were read over, and the congregation remained until between eight and nine o'clock. On Monday, their new year's day for the present year, they again assembled at sunrise to celebrate the feast of trumpets, in commemoration of Abraham's offering up his son. At ten o'clock the trumpets were sounded, which announced the commencement of the year; and those who thought proper, then left the synagogue, but many of them remained to a late hour. They met again at sunset the same day, and also yesterday at the same hour, when the observance of these rites terminated. No food is allowed to be taken until the sounding of the trumpets on either day. — (London, September 30.)

MIND.

"It is the mind that makes the body rich." It is wisdom and understanding that makes the man independent. Ignorance is of all slavery the most degrading. Chains and fetters may be made of gold as well as of iron, but neither the one nor the other can keep down the energies of an intelligent, well cultivated, independent mind, — a mind trained in the school of virtue, and imbued with principles of honesty, integrity, firmness, honor, and that love which forms the basis of the social system. The power of such a spirit is uncontrollable and un limited; its elasticity can no more be subdued than that of the vital fluid which sustains its physical organization. Prison walls cannot

confine it, nor mountains nor seas set bounds to its operations.

HUMILITY.

This virtue expresses itself in the modesty of our appearance, of our pursuits, and of our behaviour toward other men. It is distinguished from affectation, bashfulness, and meanness; and consists in not assuming more of the praise of a quality than belongs to us — in not attributing to ourselves any excellence which we have not; but in the moderate value which a person puts upon himself and every thing relating to him, and in a lowly sense of our imperfections, errors, and sins.

BANKS OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The banks extend over a space of 40,000 miles, and are from 30 to 45 fathoms below the surface of the ocean. The shoals are inhabited by innumerable tribes of muscles and clams, to which it is a favorite residence, as they can easily bury their shells in the soft sand. They have enemies to contend with. The cod fish resort to this coast to prey on them. They keep a constant watch, and swim about a foot above the submarine sands. When a muscle opens its shell, it is immediately seized and devoured. — At other times the fish do not wait. They are provided with a horny protuberance round their mouths, with which they burrow in the sand, and capture the muscle in his shell. The fishermen of various nations, French, English, and Americans, who resort to these banks, take annually from 8 to 10,000,000 fish. On opening them, they find the remains of 20 or 50 muscles in each. Sometimes the shells are found either wholly or partially dissolved. The first care of the fishermen, after taking their station, is, to ascertain the depth of the water. The line must be regarded so as to lie on the bottom, where the fish are always engaged in this species of submarine war.

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