

POETRY.

TO MEMORY.

Come, Memory, and paint those scenes
I knew when I was young,
When meadows bloom'd and vernal greens
By nature's hand were sung;

I mean those hours that I have known,
Ere light from me withdrew;
When blossoms seem'd just newly blown,
And wet with sparkling dew;

When warblers from each neighb'ring bush
Saluted with their strains,
The sprightly linnæ, lark, and thrush,
And call'd me to the plains.

Yet, ah, forbear, kind Mem'ry cease,
The picture thus to scan!
Let all my feelings rest in peace.
'Tis prudence forms the plan.

For why should I on other days,
With such reflections turn,
Since I'm deprived of vision's rays,
Which sadly makes me mourn?

And when I backward turn my mind,
I feel of sorrows pain,
And weep for joys I've left behind,
On childhood's happy plain.

Yet now through intellectual eyes,
Upon a happier shore,
And circled with eternal skies,
Youth sweetly smiles once more.

Futility displays the scene,
Religion lends her aid,
And decks with flowers for ever green,
And blooms that never fade.

When will that happy period come,
That I shall quit this sphere,
And find an everlasting home,
With peace and friendship there?

Throughout this chequer'd life, 'tis mine
To feel afflictions' rod;
But soon to overstep the line,
That keeps me from my God.

VALUE OF A MOMENT.

BY MONTGOMERY.

At every motion of our breath
Life trembles on the brink of death,—
A taper's flame that upward turns,
While downward to the dust it burns.
Moment by moment years are past,
And ours ere long will be our last.
'Twixt that (long fled) which gave us light,
And that which soon shall end in night,
There is a point no eye can see,
Yet on it hangs eternity.
This is that moment,—who shall tell
Whether it leads to heaven or hell:
This is that moment,—as we choose,
The immortal soul we save or lose,
Time past and time to come are not;
Time PRESENT is our only lot.
Oh God! henceforth our hearts incline,
To seek no other love than thine.

LOCAL.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—Yesterday arrived the Brig Chance, 14 days from St. Thomas'. About 10 o'clock forenoon, whilst passing Grand Manan, the Master, Mr. THOMAS ELLIS, accidentally fell overboard. The vessel which at the time was going 8 knots an hour, was immediately put about, the boat was lowered, the body was recovered from the water, and every means which the persons on board could devise to resuscitate it were applied, but unhappily the vital spark had fled. Mr. Ellis, had for many years been a Ship Master out of this Port, and was deservedly esteemed for his ability and integrity in the line of this profession, and for the general excellence of his character. This dispensation has involved an affectionate family, and a large circle of Friends, in deep affliction, and has called forth the sympathy of all with whom he was

acquainted.—Mr. E. was a native of Liverpool, (England) he was 32 years of age, and has left a wife and three small children.—*City Gazette.*

On the afternoon of Sunday last, at the upper part of the Parish of Sussex, a young man from the Parish of Norton, while in the act of running his horse at full speed, found the horse falter under him, he immediately alighted, and led the horse a few steps, when the animal lay down, and in about five minutes he expired. *Quere, Is running a horse at full speed, a proper employment for the Sabbath day?—lb.*

PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE.—On Saturday morning, Mr. RANKIN, of the firm of R. RANKIN & Co. of this place, had been on board the Steam Boat St. George, previous to her departure from Indian town, for Fredericton. When coming on shore, just as the boat was starting, he was met on the plank which formed the gangway from the boat to the wharf, by a person wanting to go on board. The motion of the boat moved the plank, which together with the two persons upon it, fell into the water, a distance of some feet. The boat was promptly stopped, and assistance was immediately rendered by her people, and by the people on the wharf, and happily both persons were saved, without having sustained any material injury.—*lb.*

INFANT SCHOOLS.—On the 25th ult. a class of infant Scholars, between two and eight years of age, and who had been only four weeks under instruction,—together with their teachers and parents, waited upon the President of the United States. After some pertinent introductory remarks, by a Rev. Gentleman, and a corresponding reply by the President, the children were occupied about an hour in exhibiting the improvement they had made, during the brief period of their tutelage. The result was highly gratifying to all present.

Infant Schools were first introduced in England—and have excited much interest there, and inasmuch as they furnish a place and manner of safe keeping for the children, especially of the operative classes, during the hours in which the mother is obliged to labour to assist in providing for the family, and also bring the children under early and pleasing discipline, and unite solid improvement with healthful exercise and infantile amusement.—These schools are thought to be an important improvement in the early training and management of children.—*lb.*

From the Quebec Gazette of 2d July.

We are sorry to learn that the outrage on the St. Roch Presbytery, where the thieves besides securing a large booty severely wounded the Rev. Messire Paquet, with a view, it was supposed, to murder, has been followed by the transmission of a letter to that gentleman, of which the following is an extract:—

"I have not been able to kill you, be on your guard, for I am looking for every means to revenge myself, and it will be done before a fortnight, and I will certainly find the means."

"Your sworn enemy,
"27th June 1829."

The audacity which marked the recent thefts, certainly calls for the most rigid punishment. Life and the person have been threatened and violated, and the thieves unite and appear to concert their measures with great coolness. Few persons who have not had the opportunity of knowing it by personal observation, can conceive the alarm which has been created in the country parishes, where cattle and so much other property must be left exposed in a defenceless state, and where, unlike what it is in towns, assistance cannot be readily obtained, and cries of alarm are of no avail, owing to the distance at which neighbours generally live. Indeed each country house ought to be prepared for a defence against the attacks of six or eight bold thieves. It has been found that the greater part of the thieves lately taken had been frequently condemned, even to death, and that several had been only a few days liberated. Against the depredations of such confirmed criminals, execution or transportation for life appears to be the only security.

CANADIAN LIBERALITY.—The Quebec Natural History Society, has offered a silver medal for the best "Essay, descriptive of the Quadrupeds of British North America" which is to be open to all competitors. A silver medal for the best Essay "descriptive of the indigenous plants of Canada," open to the members of the Society residing in the Colonies, only. A silver medal for the best "Essay on any branch of philosophy and science, other than Natural History," open to general competition. The Essays to be sent to A. F. Holmes, Esq. before the 20th day of February next.—*Novascotian.*

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Supreme Court of P. E. Island, commenced its sittings on the 30th ult. His Lordship the Chief Justice congratulated the Grand Jury on the total absence of all criminal cases; he observed that it said much for the moral state of the inhabitants of the Island, consisting of a population of 30,000 individuals, that during a space of four months since the last term, not a single crime was committed to call for the interference of this Court; and he expressed an earnest hope that this happy state of the community might long continue.—*No Novscotian.*

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening, by the Rev. B. G. GRAY, Mr. JOHN MURRAY to Miss SOPHIA McCARTY.

In the Parish of Kingston, (King's County,) on Thursday last, by the Rev. Elias Scott, Mr. THOMAS RAYMOND, Merchant, of this City, to Miss DERRY ANN youngest daughter of the late Thomas Fairweather, Esq., of the former place.

At Norton, (King's County,) on Thursday last, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. DAVID CALDWELL, of Halifax, to Miss MARY SMITH PRICE, of the Parish of Norton.

DIED.

On Saturday evening last, in the 28th year of her age, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Campbell Gibb, of this City.—Turned by Divine Grace, in early life, from "the path of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just," an humble and consistent walk has ever since proved the truth of her change, while an open confession of her Lord deeply tried its sincerity. Kept by the power of GOD in peaceful reliance on the finished salvation of CHRIST JESUS, she passed from a state of pain and weakness, and from a world of many conflicts, to an eternal rest in the world above.—Her funeral will take place this afternoon, at 5 o'clock, from the house of Mr. C. Gibb.

Suddenly at Indian Town, on Friday morning last, Mr. JOHN PETERS SKEFF, second son of Captain James Segee, of Fredericton, in the 25th year of his age.

At Annatto Bay, Jamaica, on the 6th June, Captain JACOB HOLLETT, of the brig Aurora, of London, formerly of this port—a man deservedly lamented.

At Cork, on the 21st May, after a few days illness, JAMES LYONS, Esq., of the firm of Messrs. Lyons & Co. and late a respectable Merchant of Halifax.

At Windsor, on the 7th instant, in the 62d year of his age, after a most painful illness, W. H. O. HALLIBURTON, Esq. Chief Justice of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Session of the Peace, for the Middle District of Nova Scotia.

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