

SELECTED FOR THE MONITOR.

HAPPINESS.

Tell me ye woods, ye smiling plains,
Ye blessed birds around,
In which of Nature's wide domains
Can bliss for man be found ?

The birds then warbled over head,
The breezes round me blew,
And Nature's awful chorus said—
No bliss for man she knew.

I questioned love, whose early ray
So rosy bright appears,
And heard the timid genius say,
His light was dimmed by tears.

I questioned friendship : friendship sigh'd,
And thus her answer gave :
The few whom fortune never turned
Are withered in the grave !

I asked if vice could bliss bestow ?
Vice boasted loud and well,
But fading from her wither'd brow
The borrowed roses fell.

I sought of feeling, if her skill
Could soothe the wounded breast,
And found her mourning, faint and still
For others' woes distressed.

I questioned virtue : virtue sigh'd,
No boon could she dispense ;
Not virtue was her name she cried,
But humble penitence.

I questioned death ; the grisly shade
Relaxed his brow severe ;
And " I am happiness," he said,
" If Virtue guide thee here."



ON THE POPULAR SUPERSTITION OF FIRST

LOVE BEING LASTING.

First love is a pretty romance,
Tho' not quite so lasting as reckon'd ;
For when one awakes from its trance,
There's a great stock of bliss in a second.

And e'en should the second subside,
A lover can never despair—
For the world is uncommonly wide,
And the women—uncommonly fair.

Then poets their raptures may tell,
Who never were put to the test,
A first love is all very well—
But believe me, the last love's the best.

Bernal.

MARRIED,

On the 2d ult., by the Rev. R. Heyland, Mr. David Fretz, to Miss Sarah Miller, both of Fredericksburgh.

On the 4th ult., by the Rev. D. McMullen, Mr. Mitchell Neville of Ernesttown, to Miss Clara A. Shorey, daughter of Mr. Rufus Shorey, of Fredericksburgh.

On the 13th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Burnham, Mr. Joseph Cordy, to Miss Harriett Robson, both of St. Thomas.

On the 18th ult. at the house of Capt. Van Bearle, Toronto, by the Hon. and Ven. Archdeacon of York, David Kinnear, Esq. fourth son of the late George Kinnear of Edinburgh, to Miss Mary Caroline Van Bearle, eldest daughter of the late Charles H. C. Van Bearle, Esq. of Demerary.

DIED,

Mr. Joshua Willson at his residence

in the Township of Whitchurch on the 3d ult., of the palsy, in the eighty-third year of his age.

At Charlottenburgh, on Sunday night, 14th ult., Thomas Colquhoun, youngest son of the late Robert Colquhoun, aged 14 years.

In this city, February 17th, in the 32d year, Anne, wife of Mr. Robert Cathcart, of a lingering consumption, manifesting the power of religion in her resignation to the will of her Divine Master, and patient endurance of all her sufferings, which were many, looking by faith alone in the atonement of Jesus Christ as her only plea or hope for acceptance with God.

In this city, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Elizabeth Mary, daughter of Mr. J. T. Wilson, one of the masters of the U. C. Central School.