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I. WOODWARD.

St. John, Nov. 11, 1846. *Secretary*

NOTICE

IS hereby given, that I have appointed Messrs. W. & G. RITCHIE to act as my Attornies, and to settle the affairs of the Estate of the late JAMES ROBERTSON, deceased; and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to them, and all persons having any claims against the said Estate, will please hand them in to my said Attornies for adjustment.

CHARLOTTE ANN ROBERTSON.
Sole Executrix of the Estate of the late JAMES ROBERTSON.

Dated ninth day of February, A. D. 1849.

LONDON HOUSE, MARKET SQUARE.

FALL IMPORTATIONS.

The regular FALL SUPPLY of this Establishment are now being received per ships "*Lisbon*," "*Snowdon*," and "*Unicorn*," among which will be found—

AN extensive assortment of DRESS MATERIALS, in Shot and Brocaded Alpacas, Mohair and Lyoncse Cloths, Shot Check Lustres, Californias, Kossuth and Venetian Stripes, Shaded and Striped Poplin de Soies, Cashmeres, Chameleons, Coburg and Orleans Cloth, Black and Col'd Plain Shot and Glacie GRO DE NAPS, French and Turc SATINS and PERSIANS.

CLOAKINGS in French Merinos, Plain and Fancy Tweeds, Hungarian and Genoa Cloaks, &c., Woollen and Gala Plaids.

SILK VELVETS, colored and Black;
BONNET and CAP RIBBONS;
SHAWLS in Plain, Printed and Embroider'd Cashmere, Check'd and Plaid, Woollen, Squares and Long;
Handkerchiefs and Neck Ties; Black and Col'd Silk Neckerchiefs and Scarfs, Opera and De Joinville Ties and Stocks, HOSIERY and GLOVES, LACES, Edgings, Nets, Black and Fancy Demi VEILS, Stays, Umbrellas, &c.;

A large Stock of FURS in Muffs, Boas, Victorines, Cuffs and Cardinals, of Squirrel, Fitch, Mock Ermine, Stone Marten and French Sable;

FLANNELS in Plain Super Welch, Lancashire, Galloway, Swanskin and Domnetts;
KERSEYS and SERGES;
BLANKETS, Quilts and Counterpanes; Moreens, Dimpers, Dowlas, Towellings, Cotton Swanskins, Linings, Osnaburgs and Ducks;
7-8, 9-8, and 5-4 PRINTS in great variety; Fancy Regettas and Furnitures;
BROAD CLOTHS, Pilot and Beaver CLOTHS Doeskins, KERSEYS, Tweeds and Satinetts, Napoleon Cords, Lastings and VESTINGS;
Cotton WARPS, Wadding, Batting, FISHING THREAD, Ribbon VELVETS, Braids, Gimps, and a general stock of Trimmings and Small Wares.

☞ *WHOLESALE and RETAIL.* ☜

October 2. T. W. DANIEL.

Oct. 6, 1849.

FALL GOODS.

Received per *Lisbon* from London, and *Snowden* from Liverpool, an extensive assortment of GOODS, comprising—

MUFFS, BOAS, CAPES, CARDINALS Victorines, Cuffs, Caps, &c.
Black and Colored SILK VELVETS,
Gro de Naps, SATINS and SATINETTS,
Lambswool, Worsted, Cotton and Silk HOSIERY
BLONDS, Netts, Laces and Edgings,
GLOVES of every description,
SILK, RIBBON VELVETS, all colors,
Gimps, Fringes, Bindings and Braids,
Handkerchiefs and Neck Ties;
A variety of Woollen Square and Long SHAWLS,
GALA PLAIDS and Fancy Clokings,
Fashionable DRESS MATERIAL, of various kinds,
A large lot of BONNET RIBBONS,
Umbrellas, Stocks, Braces and Saint Collars,
Witney, Bath, and Roe BLANKETS,
Ladies' BOOTS and SHOES,
Pilot and Beaver Cloth, Doeskins,
BROAD CLOTHS, Cassimeres and Kerseys,
Velvet and Satin VESTINGS;
Grey, White and Striped SHIRTINGS,
Printed Cottons and Furnitures,
White, Red and Yellow FLANNELS,
Green Baizes, Kerseys and SERGES,
QUILTS, Counterpanes, and FRINGES,
Blue and White COTTON WARPS,
Linens, Lawns, Diapers and Towellings,
OSNABURG, Canvas and Duck,
Black, Brown and Check'd HOLLANDS,
CARPETING and Floor Cloths.

With a variety of other Goods, the whole of which are offered at the very lowest market prices.

W. G. LAWTON.

Winter Importations--1849.

J. & H. FOTHERBY

Have received per "*Lisbon*," from London, and "*Snowdon*" from Liverpool, part of their *FALL STOCK*, consisting of:

PILOT, Beaver, and BROAD CLOTHS;
Buckskins, Doeskins, Tweeds, and CASSIMERES;
Superfine Double Mill'd Doe KERSEYS;
Flannels, Kerseys, Blankets, and Serges;
7-8, 9-8, and 5-4 Fancy Printed COTTONS;
Black and Colored Silk and Cotton VELVETS;
Coburgs, Orleans, Mohairs, Gracis, &c.;
Gro de Naps, SATINS, and SATINETTS;
HOSIERY, GLOVES, LACES and NETTS;
FUFS in Muffs, Boas, Capes, Cardinals, Victorines, Cuffs, &c., &c.;
Silk Ribbon VELVETS in all colours;
Gimps, Fringes, Fancy Worsted Braids, and other TRIMMINGS

October 2.

Lines and Twines.

Just received, ex "*Olive*," Olive, Master, from Liverpool.—

200 DOZEN 9, 12, 15, and 18 thread ST. PETERS & CON LINES.
20 dozen SALE TWINE; 30 do. SNOBDEN;
100 dozen Herring TWINE,
10 dozen Mallet TWINE,
50 dozen Gilling Twine, new and beautiful articles; 55 do. Salmon, Sand and Seine Twine; 1 bale Shoe Thread and Shoe Twine—which we offer 5 Shillings white leaving for

Dec. 4. W. TISDALE & SON

HARDWARE, &c.

C. & W. H. ADAMS

Have received per late arrivals, an assortment in the above line, which, with Goods on hand, will be sold as low as any in the market—Amongst which are

A GOOD assortment of LOCKS, LATCHES and HINGES, containing a few *American Mortice Locks* and PEARL WHITE PORCELAIN KNOBS, with SILVER PLATED Furniture.
Mineral and Glass KNOBS;
Carpenters' Patent Hill Door Rim Locks, with night keys;
Axle Sash-pullies, Sash Cord and Fasteners;
GRIDDLES, Bake Ovens, Pans, Tea Kettles, Sauce Pans, &c.
Wood STOVES, Sleigh Shoe Steel, Sleigh Bells, (white and yellow.)
Horse and Ox NAILS, Borax, Rasps and Files, TRACES, Ox Chains;
Cattle Ties, Halter and Dog CHAINS, Sad and Tailors' IRONS;
Cart and Waggon BOXES, Curry Combs, Wool and Horse Cards;
CARPENTERS' EDGE TOOLS, a good assortment, and of the best manufacture;
Glass, Signal and Stable LANTERNS;
Scales and WEIGHTS; *American Cast Steel Shovels and Forks*; Grain Shovels, Socket do. *Sanderson's* Axe Steel;
'Hoole & Co's' SAWS and MILL FILES;
Vickers' FILES; CUTLERY;
Plough Moulds and Plating, Heel Plates, Tip Nails, Sparrowbills, Cut and Wrought Nails, Brads and Tacks, Block Bushes and Rivets, Blacksmiths' BELLOWS, Anvils and VICES, Steel Yards, Plate and Dish Covers, Tea TRAYS, Hearth Brushes, School Slates, Improved Japaned Coat and Hat Hooks, Cesspools, Improved Door SPRINGS, Carpet Hammers, Hand Bells, Coach WRENCHES, Joiners' BENCH HOOKS, Flush Chest Handles, Tinn'd Copper Tea Kettle Bottoms, Toy Sad Irons and Stands; Japanned Jacket LAMPS; Blind Fastenings, &c.

Daily expected, per Olive—
SHEET LEAD, SHOT, HINGES, BRASS GOODS, COAL SCOOPS, &c.

November 20.

STOVES! STOVES! STOVES!

Corner of Market Square and Dock Street,
OCTOBER, 1849.

The subscriber has received per Brigantine *Portland*, from Boston, and schr. *London*, from New-York:—

A LARGE assortment of COOKING STOVES, of various kinds and sizes; superior Rotary Cooking Stoves; Open-front Parlor Stoves; Cylinder Stoves, and a few Drawing Room Grate Stoves.

Also—a large selection of American HARDWARE, consisting of Mortice, Rim, Chest, and Cupboard LOCKS, LATCHES, &c.; Rosewood, Argalls, and Glass Knobs; Rules of all kinds; Auger Screw Bitts, Screws, Axle Pullies, Glass Paper, Counter Scales, Fire Kindling, Looking Glasses, Glass Curtain Pins, Glass Lamps for burning Fluid, &c. &c.

Ex Lisbon, from London—
3 rolls SHEET LEAD, 2½ to 3 lb.
2 casks SHOT, assorted,
1 cask LEAD PIPE, 1¼ to 1½ inches.

Ex Unicorn, from Liverpool—
2 casks Tacks, Rivets, Cut & Wrought Broad Cut Tacks, &c.
1 package Shoe Thread,
1 bundle Iron Wire RIDDLES,
1 cask Metal WEIGHTS,
2 crates COAL SCUTTLES,
1 cask Screws, Bolts, Cornice Slides, &c.
1 cask Block Tin Dish Covers; Tea Kettles, with and without Stands, Coffee and Tea Pots, Japanned Candlesticks, Foot-tubs, &c.
1 cask Hair Seating, Hair Sieves, Twine, assorted kinds; Brushes, Japn'd Tea-trays, &c.
1 cask Gridirons, Italian Irons, Box Irons, Coffee-mills, Sauce-pans, stock & plate Locks,
1 cask Mortice, Rim, Closet, Dead Till, Chest, and Cupboard Locks; Drop, French, and night Latches; Carpenter's Patent Hall-door Locks; Patent Latch Keys,
8 casks BRASS GOODS, of various kinds—Hinges, Plated Candlesticks, Snuffers and Trays, Plated Castors, Cake Baskets, copper bell Wire, Wire Cloth, Britannia metal and German Silver Spoons, Bronzed Fenders, Percussion Caps, Steel Knitting Pins, Copper Coal Scuttles, Slop Pails, Coffin Mountings, and Skates,
1 cask CUTLERY, consisting of Table and Dessert Knives and Forks; Carving, Pen, Jack, and Pocket Knives; Butcher & Sheath Knives; Petty Knives; Files, Rasps, &c.
8 bundles SHOVELS.

☞ The above lot of Goods, together with the assortment formerly on hand, comprises one of the largest Stocks of Hardware in this City, and will be sold low for *Cash* or approved payment.

T. R. GORDON.

Window Glass, Nails, Tin, &c.

By the "Olive," from Liverpool:

7000 FEET 8x10 to 12x16 English Sheet GLASS.
25 Kegs 7, 8, 9 and 10 Horse NAILS,
10 do. 1¾ to 2¼ inch BOAT NAILS,
20 do. 6 and 7 inch *SPIKES*,
20 boxes IC. Charcoal TIN,
20 do. DC. ditto do.
20 do. IX. ditto do.
18 bundles No. 22 *SHEET IRON*,
10 do. No. 24 do. do.

For Sale by JOHN KINNEAR.

November 27.

Ladies' Shoe Store,

GERMAIN-STREET.

New Boots and Shoes!

Just received per Charlotte from Liverpool:

AN Extensive and beautiful variety of Ladies' Gents', Girls' and Children's Cloth Boots:
Ladies' and Misses' Black and Bronze French Kid SLIPPERS;
Ladies' and Misses' White and Black Satin do.
Do. Prunella, patent and embroidered do.
Do. Black Satin DRESS BOOTS;
Do. Fancy Carpet Slippers, several varieties.
Do. Black and Drab Snow Boots;
A large assortment of Children's Shoes of the best sort;
A full assortment of Women's and Girls' Cheap SHOES.

Also,—An Elegant assortment of INDIA RUBBER SHOES, of every style, quality and price.

S. K. FOSTER.

November 27.

Bread and Starch.

Ex schr. *Olive Branch*, from Boston:

25 BRLS. PILOT BREAD for quality
25 do. Fine NAVY BREAD,
25 boxes Parmas STARCH.—For SALE by

December 25. JOHN KINNEAR.

The Garland.

[FOR THE OBSERVER.]

THE DEATH OF ARGYLE,

WHO WAS BEHEADED IN EDINBURGH IN 1685.

"I have been in Argyle's prison; I have seen him within an hour of eternity, sleeping as sweetly as ever man did." —*Vide Macaulay's England, Vol. 1, Chap. 5.*

Deep shadows are falling on Arthur's seat,
And the sun is hid 'neath a cloudy sheet;
A chilling breeze sweeps through the air,
And all looks sad and cheerless there,
And yonder, see that marching throng,
Who, with measured steps, are bearing along
The best of the clan of MacCALLUM MORE,
To the last display of their fiendish power.

And yet unnerv'd 'mid that coward crowd—
We cannot discern on his brow a cloud,
But serene and pure, as the breath of even—
He can look at death, as his guide to heaven
And the Graham leads, who, with fiendish smile,
Glances disdain at the meek Argyle;
But his noble soul heeds not the look,
For the pure in heart,—it never shook.

And when lone and cold, in his dungeon home,
And the hour of death had almost come,
He lay down his head, and with placid smile,
He could say, "I now must sleep awhile!"
And the rack was tried, but its torturing power
Unnerv'd him not in this trying hour;
For the prayer of Faith had conquered fear,
And he spake not of pain; he shed not a tear.

And yet, although he was doom'd to die,
Yet his patriot heart heaved not a sigh,
Save for his Church, and his Father-land—
For a purer Faith, and a nobler band;
And his spirit, touched with prophetic power,
Looked forth through the gloom of that darksome hour,
And pointed the hopes of the good and true,
To "the good time coming," that met his view.

And thus, with a Seer's deep-searching eye,
He looked into dark futurity,
And saw through the gloom of Error's night,
Their altar-fires burn strong and bright;
Then he laid his head on the fatal block,
And a priest stood by!—as if there to mock;
But the spirit pure denied his power—
His trust was God—in his dying hour.

St. John, Feb. 5, 1850. J. B.

Miscellaneous.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, LONDON.

THE LITERARY ATTRACTIONS OF THE BIBLE.

The Rev. Dr. James Hamilton (of the Scotch Church, Regent-square) delivered the third lecture to the Young Men's Christian Association, in Exeter-hall, on Tuesday evening. Samuel Gurney, Esq., presided.

The following is the substance of the lecture:—God made this present earth as the home of man; but had he designed it as a mere lodging, a world less beautiful would have served the purpose. There would have been no need for the carpet of verdure, or the ceiling of blue; a big round island, half of it arable and half of it pasture, with a clump of trees in one corner, as a magazine of fuel, would have answered every turn, would have held and fed millions of people; and a number of such islands might have held and fed the population of the world. But man is somewhat more than an animal that wants lodging and food. He has a spiritual nature, keen perceptions, and deep sympathies. He has an eye for the sublime and beautiful, and his kind Creator has provided ample materials for such noble pursuits. He has made a world of fragrance and music, a world of brightness and symmetry, a world where the grand and the graceful, the awful and the lovely, meet together. And he had an eye in this to somewhat more than mere convenience. He built not a dungeon, but a palace—not a union workhouse, but something which should not only be very comfortable, but very splendid and very free—something which should inspire the very soul of its inhabitants, and elicit the "very good" of complacent Deity. The same God that made the world as the abode of man, made the Bible as the guide and oracle of man. A few plain paragraphs, announcing God's own character, and His disposition towards His race, mentioning the provision which He has made for the future happiness of sinners, and indicating the duties He would have us perform, would have sufficed to tell us what God is, and what God would have us to do; one chapter of theology, and another of morals, a short account of the incarnation and the great atonement, and a few pages of rules and directions for the Christian life, might have contained the practical essence of Scripture, and have supplied us with a Bible of simplest meaning and smallest dimensions; and in that case it would have been consulted only by those rare and wistful spirits to whom the hereafter is a subject of anxiety, who are truly anxious to know what God is, and how themselves may please him. But in giving the Bible, God had regard to the mind of man. He knew that man has more curiosity than piety, more taste than sanctity, and that persons are more anxious to hear some new thing, or read some beauteous theme, than to read or hear about God and his great salvation; that few would ever ask, "What must I do to be saved?"—till they had once been attracted and brought to the Bible itself. And therefore, he made the Bible not only an instructive book, but an attractive one—not only true but enticing—a book which, in trying to catch the heart of man, should gratify his taste. The pearl is of great price, but even the casket is of exquisite beauty; the sword is of ethereal temper and nothing cuts so sharp as its double edge, but there are rich jewels on its handle, and fine embroidery on its scabbard; the apples are gold, but even the basket that holds them are silver. In speaking of the literary attractions of the Bible, there is a twofold disadvantage. Some have looked at the Bible not as a readable book at all. They remember, perhaps, how they had to get through large tasks from it at school, and in later life have heard it sounded forth monotonously from the drowsy desk, and freezing in the atmosphere of some icy sanctuary; but they would never dream of sitting down to read it as a recreation or intellectual treat. On the contrary, there are others to whom the Bible is so sacred, who have found it so full of simple import, to whom its every sentence is so fraught with Divine significance, that they feel it wrong or revolting to read it with a curious eye at all. They would rather peruse it on their kindled knees, praying God to show them the wonders of His Word, than with the scholar's pencil in their hand, ready to note down each happy phrase or exquisite passage; they would rather pursue it in the company of Luther and Leigh on their knees, than with Erasmus and Scaliger. It is important to bear in mind, that the literary and practical beauties of the Bible are only incidental, they only come in as it were in the passing. Its authors write not for glory or display, not to amuse or astonish their readers, but to instruct them and make them better. They write for God's glory, not their own—for the world's advantage, not to aggrandise themselves, or obtain the applause which has been their case with far much inferior men as writers. And yet it abounds in passages of the purest beauty and sublimest grandeur, and in such manner that cause they are casual and incidental. They which does not flow in the main stream of the Bible, as it sweeps along its majestic course from Genesis to Revelation, connected with and in subservience to the object and inspiration of the whole, would perhaps have escaped the eye of the reader of the narrative, and just as the man of poverty, whom natural curiosity, and a spirit of inquiry, or the hope of reward, induces to search for gold, we have very rich and very rare, some diamond, we have a lock every sentence of which contains something of value, and every sentence is worth sifting. Dr. H. then said, where it was they were in the Bible. He said, God was the author of the Bible, and yet it was a book of human composition. He said, God was the author of the Bible, and yet it was a book of human composition. He said, God was the author of the Bible, and yet it was a book of human composition