[SELECTED FOR THE OBSERVER.]

TO THE DYING YEAR--1828. FAREWELL, dying Year! thy end is just nigh:
Sad memory recalls all the past with a sigh:
Thy short hours of rapture, thy long days of gloom,
Will be buried for ever, in time's silent tomb!
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Accents and in the grave the additional sides. And some, who have welcomed with gladness thy birth, Whose accents were sweetest and wildest in mirth, Are now cold in the grave, the sad winds of eve O'er their tombs waft the sighs of those left to grieve. The mother, the wife, the orphan, the friend, O'er their hopes and their pride in agony bend; Yet, why should they weep for those in the grave, For the young and the lovely, the good and the brave Who have died, ere their hearts felt the dreary decay. Of happiness lost—hopes faded away!

Whose bosoms were never embused with the stains Of guilt and regret, those like Promethean pains. Which will gnaw when the bloom of existence is past, Their influence the strongest, the firmest, the last!

Yet, 'tis sad, when the promise of life beams around, To see those most dear laid in the cold ground; 'Tis too much for the heart, and leaves it as bare As a lingering leaf at the close of the year!

Alas! that one fast-fleeting year should destroy Our best-founded hopes, and leave us to sigh!

Quench the wild, untam'd spirit of former days, When life caught its lustre from pleasure's bright rays; Leave nought to the heart but remembrance, that seems As one of those swift dying young marning dreams, From which we awake, on the morrow, to sigh And lament that such bliss so quickly should die! The smile which beamed on us, its sweetness is fled: The form, bright in beauty, is faded away, The genies that spurkl'd is lost in decay; The lover will sigh that his hopes are all dend, The maiden will weep that her lover betray'd, [flow And the tear of despair from the heart's stream will For some lov'd one too soon by the spoiler laid low! The past rushes over the sorrowing heart, Adieu! to thy brightness, thy pleasure, and gloom, May the year yet aubofn, with happiness bloom: The smile shall beam brightly, be dried the sad tear, Tho' we see not around us all those that are dear; The wine shall be aben brightly, be dried the sad tear, Tho' we see not around us all those that are dear; The wine shall be aben brightly, be dried the

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St. JOHN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1828.

THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR. WHEN a few more hours have passed over us. the year 1828 will be numbered with the years that were. Before bidding it a final adien, it may be expected, that we should dwell for a few moments on some of the leading events that have marked its progress. For though years productive of unlooked-for and astonishing revolutions have, ere now, even in the memories of us all, left their indelible traces on the annals of British history, yet we question if many could be found to the formulation of the semi-annual examinations, which would be these semi-annual examinations, which would be the same designation for the year be found containing changes at once so unexpected and important as those of the one which pected and important as those of the one which a source of gratification to themselves, as well about to commence, is well entitled to hold a the cloud which brooded, as if by right, impenetrable and motionless, over the bewildered Countries of the Peninsula, the political atmos-

new combinations succeeded, party warfare re-commenced with full virulence. Death sudden-

We are still minus the November Mail from England, and without European intelligence of much interest from any quarter; and therefore we have it not in our power to prepare a very high repast for our readers, even at this festive season. Since the fall of Varna, we have not heard much of Russian operations. The Garage of the Emperor had left Varna for this Country, has been settled by Mr. Husters resigning his claims in favour of Mr. Pat. ever, that the Emperor had left Varna for St. Petersburg, and that it was supposed the army would go into winter quarters.

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of the MADRAS SCHOOLS in this City, previous to the Christmas holidays, took place in pre-sence of a number of the Trustees. The Boys under Mr. Tauno's charge, went through their tasks and evolutions in a very satisfactory manner. The Girls, under the tuition of Miss WAL-LACE, did much credit to themselves and their teacher, particularly by the specimens of penmanship and needlework, which they exhibited. And on visiting the portion of the African Youth, who have Mr. Young for their instructor, the is about to leave us. Not many months before as a powerful stimulus to the teachers and the

phere stretched itself in untroubled calmness across the civilized world. At home, all was peaceful, serene, and prosperous. We saw nothing before us but the continued and uniform progress of temperate improvement, under the direction of a Ministry guided by an individual of high confidence and esteem, who devoted the energies of his masculine mind and the vigour of an unbroken constitution to the advancement of an unbroken constitution to the advancement of the national good, which had shaken our combined across Hammond Kiver, which had shaken our combined across Hammond Kiver, which had shaken our combined across Hammond Kiver, which has been so long in the wind, and the utility (we would almost say absolute necessity) of which cases, rapidly vanishing away. In the aspect of foreign horizons there was nothing lurid or apwe may surely get the credit of great disinterest-edness, for personally we can derive no benefit £1 15—amounting in all, to a very seasonable foreign horizons there was nothing larid or appalling. That very singular and questionable combination, the Holy Alliance, had ceased to exist; and it seemed that, in all probability, to exist; and it seemed that, in all probability, to exist; and it seemed that, in all probability, with it there also terminated those crusading expeditions in favour of order and legitimacy, which sounded so very harshly in the ears of BRITONS.

Since then, every thing has changed. When Liverpool became politically defunct, the uniting bond of the Cabinet was dissolved, new combinations succeeded, party warfare renew combinations succeeded, party warfare renew combinations.

coring the ways and means even for that undertaking which is a circumstance strongly militating against the projection of any similar public improvement for the present. In regard to the Canal referred to, we are in daily expectation of receiving through the medium of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governon's communications of the House of Assembly, some very serious times.

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exposure of the canisor of the opened its mouth; and jealousy and uncertainty are strewed across Europe, where every thing is ludicative of doubt, agitation, and fear. As yet, no actual occurrence has led us to suspect the interference of any other Power with the parties in the desperate conflict, but a present calm is no security against a storm on the morrow, and, indeed, our skilful mariners are oft in busy preparation when they witness that still, supernatural breathlessness, which not seldom precedes a heaving of the ocean. To penetrate futurity, indeed, is not the prerogative of man, yet a transient glance at the clashing and irreturn transient from the transient of ward and far for the way even in the way even distinct transient from understanding. The form understanding, yet we perfectly agree with interestanding, y yet a transient glance at the clashing and irre- template a voyage across the Atlantic, with concileable elements which are roused into acti-

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At Montreal on the 2d inst. Jocken Waller, Required to the first step to conciliation and adjustment, and for which it was moved that their thanks should be presented to the lower Canada, which we endeate the characterize in our last, and which has been hailed by the House as the first step to conciliation and adjustment, and for which it was an amiable character. He was brother of the present Sir. Charles was an amiable character. Quebec Mercury. to his Excellency.

> THE Legislature of Nova-Scotia, is summoned o meet for the disputch of business, on Thurs day the 5th February.

New Work .- This age is so wonderfully proilic of Annuals, Wreaths, Coronals, Offerings Amulets, Forget-me-Not's, &c. that the vocabu ary of our vernacular tongue has been almost completely exhausted in furnishing terms of designation for such productions, and the title of Sourespectable place among the same class, though now multiplied to so great an extent. With the perusal of that elegant little volume, we have We will yield to none in our desire to witness not only the completion of the BAY OF VERTE fore us, and we have given in our first page, spe-

esting correspondence is published in the National Intelligencer, between the British and American Govern

concileable elements which are roused into activity, may warrantably lead us to infer that a drama with no unimportant cul or feeble interest, is gradually evolving, of which the year about to commence may witness the full development; and though in such circumstances we cannot look into the coming year without a keen and all-eagrossing anxiety, it nevertheless because us, the patience to possess our souls, knowing, especially, as we do, the lofty objects yet to be attained by Man, and the cheering destination of the Charting de

MARRIED. At New-York, on the 8th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Briestnal, Geo. W, Embree, to Mrs. Louisa V. Nichola

WE have inserted to-day the very important Message of Sin James Kemer, to the House of Assembly of Lower Canada which message of Sin James Kemer, to the House of about 55 year. DIED,

PORT OF SAINT JOHN. No arrivals since our last.

CLEARED.

Brig Ocean. Baker, Antigua. fish and lumber.
Union V. Vaughan. Antigua. do.
Hayti, Clarke. Eastport, plaster.
Schooner Oceanus, Dennis, Nevis, flour.

Ship Industry, Mt Lean, of this port, from Saint An

Ship Industry, McLean, of this port, from Saint Andrews, at Demerara, 21 days. Brig Tantivy, Bell, hence, at Barbados, 22 days.

Ship Waterloo, Chestnut, of and for this port, sailed from Liverpool, on the 4th November.

The crew of the Schr. Sea Gull, hence for Africa, abnodoned on the 21st Sept. lat. 35, long 46, were taken off the wreck, by the ship ——, M'Inroy, arrived at Liverpool, 23d October.

The Carleton from St. John, N. B. August 17; for Demerara, sprung aleak, on the 29th, during a gaie, and became water-logged. She afterwards upset, but righted, with only her how-sprit standing. The matter fell overboard, and was drowned; two of the orew died with hunger, and the rest with the supercargo, after being 15 days on the wreck, with nothing to subsist on but flour and salt water, were taken off, by the Elizabeth, arrived at Loodon from Grenada.

Cleared, at Philadelphia, on the 20th inst. brig Wm.

Henry, for St. John.

S-4 to 8-4; Gros de Naple Silks;

Norwich Crapes; Flanniels;

With a large variety of other Goods, &c. &c.

[I Two GIV An is retiring from Business, and intends to leave the Provinces and as the GOODS to be offered are entirely new, and not such as are usually offered at Public Sales, great Bargains may be expected.

Terms will be made known at the time of Sale, which will be continued until the whole is disposed of.

JOHN V. THURGAR.

30th December, 1848.

Ou FRIDAY next, the 2d January, will be Sold by the Subsctiber, the remaining STOCK IN TRADE

MATTHEW & PARTELOW.

At the Store occupied by them on Mr. Jehn-ston's wharf.—The sale to commence as 11.

MARINE INSURANCE STOCK.

MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS FOR SALE:—

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On MONDAY the 5th day of January next, will be sold by the Subscriber, without reserve:— St. John, December 30.

BRANDY, RUM, &C. P I PES best Cognac BRANDY;
5 Pencheons W. I. RUM;
1 Hhd. MOLASSES; 2 Barrels SUGAR : 5 Ditto best COFFEE;

6 Quarter Casks SHRUB. -ALSO, IN STORE10 Puns. fine flavoured Grenada RUM.
December 30.

J. & H. KINNEAR.

W. P. SCOTT, HAS FOR SALE ON MODERATE TERMS:

1000 B USHELS Liverpool

6 Crates well assorted CROCKERY;

130 Cwt. SCALE FISH;

40 Do. COD; 20 Barrels MACKAREL;

W. & G. HUTCHINSON.

A. M.MILLIVAN Hus received per the late arrivals from Britain: AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF

SLATES, single and double; cases Drawing Instruments; Parallel Rulers; plain and sliding Scales; Dividers; Dressing Cases; one best Wheel Barometer; Thermometers; Pen Knives; Scissors; silver plated and brass Pencil

AUCTION SALES.

. TO-MORROW. (WEDNESDAY, 31st December, 1828), AT

J. & H. KINNEAR'S
Auction Room, at 11 o'clock.

B ARRELS COFFEE;
5 Kegs Richmond, No. 1, Tobacco; 10 Kegs do. 2, ditto;
5 Do. Cut Nails;
30 Boxes Mould Candles; 20 do. Soap;

10 Boxes Mould Candles; 20 do. So
10 Kegs Mustard; 5 bags Pepper;
4 Bags Velvet Corks;
4 Boxes long and short Pipes;
5 Boxes Fig Blue;
2 Barrels Lamp Black;
10 Bundles Cream of Tartar;
3 Boxes Raising

3 Boxes Raisins,

20 Pieces Salempores; 20 pairs Blankets; 20 Ditto English Cottons; 5 Ditto Ladies' and Pelisse Cloths; 5 Ditto Diaper; 10 do. Muslins;
30 Dozen Stockings; 20 dozen Socks;
2 Pieces Stair Carpeting;
Bed Tick, &c. &c. Dec.

SALE, WITHOUT RESERVE. On FRIDAY next the 2d January, at 11 a'clock, will be Sold by the Subscriber, at the Store of Mr. JOHN GIVAN, Market-Square— ALL HIS REMAINING

STOCK IN TRADE,

UPERFINE and second quality BROAD and PELISSE CLOTHS;
Ladies' Cloaking; Lambs' Wool, Cotton and Worsted Hose; Hats, & Ladies' Bonnets; White and Grey Calicoes; Printed Cottons; Bombazetts and Bombazenes; Checks and Stripes; Slops, assorted; Ladies' Veils and Scarfs; Ribbons; Jaconet, Leno, and Book Muslins; Irish Linens ; Damask & Diaper Table Linen,

3-4 to 8-4; Gros de Naple Silks; Norwich Crapes; Flannels;

MATTHEW & PARTELOW.
At the Store occupied by them on Mr. Johnston's wharf.—The sale to commence at 11 o'clock. A Terms at Sale.

THE DWELLING-HOUSE, in Church-street, belonging to Mr. PATRICK MURPHY. The House contains ten Rooms, six of which have fire places a Grocery Store in the basement story, and frost proof Cellar. Also, a small Dwelling-House and Wood-House in the Yard:—Possession given immediately, Terms made known at sale.

GEORGE D. ROBINSON.

THE SUBSCRIBER Has just received per Sch'r AMETHYST, Capt.

BARTLETT, from New-York:

100 BBLS. Superfine FLOUR,

50 Barrels Hickory and Ches-Nuts,

50 Ditto APPLES, 10 Ditto OYSTERS.

Per Thomas Wyer from St. Andrews: 50 Barrels Superfine Southern FLOUR, 50 Ditto Kiln Dried MEAL. Per Sch'r Trial from Yarmouth :

100 Quintals Shore COD FISH, 2 Hhds. Brown SUGAR, 1 Ditto W. I. RUM, 3 Ditto MOLASSES.

3 Hhds, LEAF TOBACCO. Bales American Sheeting and Shirting

Kegs Cut NAILS, Clear PORK, Annapolis Cheese, Ship Bread, With a Complete Stock of GROCERIES. Which are offered for sale Cheap for Cash, at
No. 17 South Market Wharf.

JACOB NOYES.

NEW GOODS. The Subscriber has received by the late ARRIVALS, his FALL SUPPLY OF BRITISH GOODS.

Which, together with his former Stock, will be sold at reduced prices for Cash payments. October 7. JOHN SMYTH.

Just received, on Consignment:—
FEW Bales Winter SLOPS; and
One Case Mens' HATS.
CROOKSHANK & WALKER. 23d December, 1828. SUPERIOR CONVEYANCE FOR

PASSENGERS. FROM IRELAND. The superior fast sailing corner fastened ship ANN,