

sed in, unflinching courage. He dauntlessly approached his more powerful antagonist, and offered the requisite satisfaction. But alas! Dan's assumed boldness forsook him. His countenance was changed to ashy paleness, and his knees smote together for fear. The large icy drops oozed from his forehead, and his eyes instantaneously closed, as if afraid to view the object before him—his lower jaw suddenly dropped as he gasped for breath—"obstupet, comae steterunt, et vox faucibus hæsit"—or if the gravity of the picture does not preclude the celebrated translation—"He was bothered, his hair stood up, like the bristles of a pig, and he swallowed his tongue." Never indeed, was cowardice more perfectly embodied. The scene might recal very forcibly to mind the fear exhibited by some huge animal, at the petulant barking of a cross-grained cur. After a pause of some moments, our gigantic hero ventured to open his eyes, and gave an indescribable look of horror at his diminutive antagonist. As if, for the instant, his limbs had acquired supernatural energy, he bolted from the spot, and his figure disappeared like that of an apparition. Sylvestree was now left undisputed master of the field. He clapped his hands in exultation, waved his hat three times round his head; and, like the victorious cock, crowed over the disgrace of his fugitive adversary. He departed from the place, fully determined to wear, before his love, the laurels he had won. But alas! how are the dupes of an overwrought passion tormented!—His proposals of marriage to Miss Dimple, were rejected; and he was obliged to leave the country, from the effects of disappointed love.—What became of him afterwards, is a matter of dispute. Some say that he has been since seen in the metropolis, utterly demented—while others declare that he drowned himself and that nothing but his apparition has since been seen. But let the fate of Miss Dimple be a warning to all my female readers, who feel disposed to reject good offers—she is likely to die an old maid.

As for Dan, he disappeared for several days, being ashamed to show his face in the village. When he again made his appearance, he was lean and emaciated, the picture of death. But the radical disease seemed to have been in some measure removed and his returning appetite soon brought the colour to his cheeks and flush to his brows. Ever since, however, he seems to have worn a settled melancholy; and though the tender passion occasionally displays itself, whenever he beholds the least appearance of a rival, he is sure to fly—even talk of duels and he turns pale, and hides his face in his hands, as if frightened and ashamed of the term. He is now settled down in the study of a dry and laborious profession, and as his future character develops itself you shall have his history. The omission of it might be defrauding the world of much useful instruction and entertainment.

TOBIAS BUTLER.

To the Editor of the Bee.

A desideratum in Education is, the appointment of a travelling Inspector of all common Schools receiving the Government aid: though not to act in the least distinctly from, but rather to co-operate with, the local examiners. Even Grammar Schools perhaps are not likely to be wanted, or at least supported, to the number which Government officers so liberally to assist, (3 for each County or District,) until common Education be either settled on a permanent basis, as in Scotland—by assessment, not subscription, as in its parochial schools; or at least excited and quickened by the above, as in its Society and Assembly schools. Government has given £4000 for the use of common Schools; but £400, for the above purpose, would perhaps go farther! I say the sum is

great, though small enough to individuals; but for want of the above nobody knows where it is worst or best bestowed; whereas the expectation of a yearly visit from a Government Inspector, whose report was to be published, would at once create emulation in Teachers, and increase the demand for regular and permanent ones, of whom they would soon feel the benefit, and of course, pay them accordingly, as the Act directs. All the common Schools of the Province being then connected, as one Establishment, several might be examined together, on the same unprepared lesson, in the largest and most central building, as in Scotland—all those of one parish are, and even three or more parochial schools of one Presbytery. The writer refers the public more generally to the last act for the encouragement of Schools; which should be, as the officer in question must be a teacher, approved and successful himself. If candidates are invited, to Halifax, and expenses paid, the writer for one shall go. The clergy should take up the whole matter—if they don't we teachers must petition Government ourselves.

A TEACHER.

West River, May, 1835.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 3, 1835.

SINCE our last, English Papers have been received at Halifax, by way of Newfoundland, up to 17th April—they furnish nothing new; no new Ministry had been formed, though a private Letter, dated Plymouth, April 22d, states, that Lord JOHN RUSSEL had vacated his seat, having accepted office as Secretary of State for the Home Department; for the present, therefore we must suspend our opinion as to the policy that may be adopted by the new Administration.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR MAY.—The Month of May has been unprecedentedly cold, owing to the prevalence of Northerly winds, and the consequent accumulation of Ice on the Coast, which has disappeared only a few days since; scarcely a night has passed without severe frost, and even now the snow is not entirely gone from some of the upland settlements. Owing to this extreme backwardness of the Season, and the great scarcity of Hay, which has rendered the Cattle generally very poor, the Farmer's work for May is not yet nearly accomplished; many have not yet finished sowing their Grain, and very little progress is made in planting Potatoes. Within these few days only, the Trees and Shrubs have begun to put forth their buds and blossoms, and the fields have assumed the gay livery of summer.

By accounts received from the Bay of Chaleur, it appears, that much distress has been felt in that place from the scarcity of Hay, or other food for Cattle,—many Cattle have died in consequence; but there is a prospect of a good Timber trade, if the season proves favorable to bringing it to Market—it is stated that the port of Bathurst, alone, may load a fleet of 150 sail.

LAUNCH.—On Saturday last, was launched from the Shipyard of Henry Hutton, Esq. the fine Ship 'JOHN MILLER.' While Great Britain is exceeding all the world in almost every branch of Useful Knowledge and human art, it is truly gratifying, that Nova Scotians are entering with such spirit and success into competition with the Parent State, in the noble and useful art of Naval Architecture. The 'JOHN MILLER' is unquestionably a good specimen, and highly creditable to Mr. Treneman, the master Builder. The Vessel glided into her

new element in fine style, amidst the roar of Cannon, the soul stirring strains of the merry Pibroch, and the deafening cheers of a vast concourse of spectators.

A valuable addition has just been made to the Ladies' Library of Antigonish, and to the Subscription Library of this Town; each of these Libraries now contain many hundred Volumes of the choicest popular reading, highly creditable to the Literary taste of the managers of these useful Repositories of useful and entertaining knowledge.

SUPREME COURT.—Very little business came before the Court during the past Term; it closed its sittings on Thursday last.

One Edward McGra was put on his trial on a charge of Larceny, having stolen a Watch from Hugh Falconer, Plasterer in this town; he was found guilty, and sentenced to be kept at hard labour, in the Work House in Halifax, for one year.

ACCIDENT.—Yesterday a Seaman of the name of THOMAS CHAMBERS, belonging to Captain Edgar's new ship, in letting go the stopper of the chain cable for the further security of the ship, it blowing very hard at the time, was unfortunately caught in the bight of the chain, and so severely injured that he died this morning at 7 o'clock. The deceased was only 19 years of age.

* * Mr. T. R. Muter (from Glasgow) will deliver a Lecture on Rhetoric, in the Mason Hall, this evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of assisting the funds of the 'Ladies' Benevolent Society,' comprising introductory remarks, with specimens of Pulpit, Bar, and Stage, Eloquence; previous to opening Classes for giving instructions in the above art. Tickets, 1s 3d each, to be had of Mrs. Purves, and at the store of Mr. James Johnston, also, at the Hall Door.

We sincerely hope our Townsmen, especially the youth, will avail themselves of this opportunity of enjoying so rare, and so intellectual a feast.

CANADA.—Lord Amherst is gazetted as High Commissioner for the redress of grievances in Lower Canada, and will also be Governor General. Lord Aylmer goes home. The Halifax Journal says—"It is rumoured that Lord Amherst is to have the assistance of the Lieutenant Governors of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Upper Canada, in executing the important Commission with which he has been charged by his Majesty, and it is expected they will proceed to Quebec as soon as his Lordship's arrival at his destination is announced. This circumstance shows additional anxiety on the part of Government to conciliate all parties in Lower Canada. Colonel Brough of the Royal Artillery, commandant in this garrison, will, we understand, administer the Government of Nova Scotia during the absence of his Excellency Sir COLIN CAMPBELL, according to instructions received from the Colonial Office.—Novascotian.

TRAVELLERS' MEMORANDA.

At Mrs. Davison's—Mr. McCormac; Mr. Hannah. At the Royal Oak—Mr. Hartshorne. At Mr. Lorrain's—D. McDonald, Esq. PASSENGERS.—In the Steamer, from Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Messrs Wilson, McGill, Compton, Connery, Mitchol, Smith, Haino, Symes, and West. From Pictou to Charlottetown—Rev. Mr. McIntosh, Thomas Kenney, Esq. Angus McDonald, Esq. and Mr. Walker.

DIED.

At Scotch Hill, on Saturday last, after a short but severe illness, Mr. John Gordon, aged 62 years. At Charlotte Town, on the 18th ult. after a short but severe illness, which she bore with pious resignation to the divine will, Lydia Cambridge, wife of Daniel Hodgson, Esq. Clerk of the Crown and Coroner for that Island, and youngest daughter of the late Peter Macgowan, Esq. His Majesty's Attorney General for that Colony, aged 25.