

POETRY:

Join us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father. The Prince of peace. Of the increase of his government: and of peace there shall be no end. Isaiah ix. 6, 7.

Rejoice in Jesus' birth!
To us a Son is given,
To us a child is born on earth,
Who made both earth and heaven!
His shoulder props the sky,
This universe sustains!
The God supreme, the Lord most high,
The King Messiah reigns!
His name, his nature, ours
Beyond the creatures ken:
Yet whom the angels host adore,
He pleads the cause of men!
Our Counsellor we praise,
Our Advocate above,
Who daily in his Church displays
His miracles of love.
The' almighty God is He,
Author of heavenly bliss,
The Father of eternity,
The glorious Prince of peace!
Wider and wider still
He doth his way extend,
With peace divine his people fill,
And joys that never end.
His government shall grow,
From strength to strength proceed,
His righteousness the church o'erflow,
And all the earth overpread;
His presence shall increase
The happiness above.
The full, progressive happiness
Of everlasting love.

THE JOURNAL.

The President's Message to Congress, which was delivered on Tuesday the 8th instant at Washington, was received at St. Andrews on the afternoon of the 15th. On the same evening, the Editor of the St. Andrews Herald, with us usual promptitude, published a Supplement to that paper, for the purpose of giving Extracts from the Message. With this supplement we have been kindly furnished, and we now lay the contents before our readers.

The spirit in which pervades the Message appears to us, to be equitable, pacific and friendly; and if sincerely acted upon, of which we do not entertain any doubt, it implies all that can reasonably be required in the intercourse between nations.

After admitting that their foreign relations present subjects of difference between them and other powers; of deep interest, as well to the nation at large, as to many of their citizens, and expressing his purpose of earnestly endeavouring to effect an adjustment of these differences, he adds—"In discharging the responsible trust confided to the Executive it is my settled purpose, to ask nothing that is not clearly right and to submit to nothing that is wrong." To this general avowal, we are persuaded, there will be no objection from any quarter.

As relates to Great Britain he observes—

"With Great Britain, alike distinguished in peace and war, we may look forward to years of peaceful, honorable, and coveted competition. Every thing in its condition and history of the two nations, is calculated to inspire sentiments of mutual respect, and to carry conviction to the minds of both that it is their policy to preserve the most cordial relations. Such are my own views, and it is not to be doubted that such are also the prevailing sentiments of our constituents. Although neither time nor opportunity has been afforded for a full development of the policy which the present cabinet of Great Britain designs to pursue, towards this country, I indulge the hope that it will be of a just and pacific character; and if this anticipation be realized, we may look with confidence to a speedy and acceptable adjustment of our affairs."

Of the sentiments here expressed, we cordially approve, and we confidently hope that all matters of difference will be brought to a satisfactory and amicable adjustment; and while the Governments of both countries, shall give all proper attention to the interests of their subjects respectively, that peace, and a mutual good understanding may be perpetuated between them.

THE FIRST TEMPERANCE SOCIETY IN NEW-BRUNSWICK.—A few days since we received from the Secretary of the Gloucester Temperance Society, a statement of the proceedings at its Third Anniversary, with a request to publish the same; with which request we do most cheerfully comply.

We were not aware, and we believe the fact was not generally known in this place, that such a society was in existence in that County; and we are persuaded that much good will result from giving notoriety to its proceedings.

The gentlemen who were the means of forming and organizing this society, are justly entitled to great credit for their exertions in the cause of humanity; and they deserve that their names, should be handed down to posterity among the benefactors of mankind. While it is universally admitted, that Intemperance is more destructive to the lives and best interests of mankind, than "the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that waiteth at noon day;" and while its awful ravages are visible and deplored upon every hand, yet where are the persons who have the true "amor patrie," at heart, and who have the confidence to set themselves in array against this gigantic monster; and to oppose their talents, their influence, and above all the weight of their example, to its pernicious course? It is to be hoped that the good example, set by the people of Gloucester, will be imitated by others, and that we shall shortly be able to communicate the pleasing intelligence, that Temperance Societies are springing up in every quarter of the land.

GALE.—During the night of Saturday last, we were visited by a most violent gale from the South, accompanied with torrents of rain. Besides throwing down a Racket Court in Germain-street, a tree in a lot fronting on Prince-William-Street, a shed and some fences in Lower-Cove, it carried off the tops of two of the small pianos on the tower of St. John Church, consisting of four pieces of stone each, and weighing about five cwt. One of these masses unfortunately fell on the roof of the main building, and, being connected with iron, hung together and descended from thence to the Gallery, where it came in contact with the Organ and several of the Pews, which it considerably injured. The other fell on the roof of the tower itself, and did no damage. The iron with which these pieces of stone were connected was bent nearly to right angles, which may serve to give us some idea of the violence of the gale at that altitude. Yesterday the weather being favourable, all the repairs necessary for the security of the building during the winter months were completed, and we understand that the expense which will be incurred in getting the decorations of the tower put in *statu quo* will not exceed £10.—We do not recollect of ever witnessing a course of such open and mild weather at this season of the year as we have of late been favoured with. We fear we may soon hear of complaints of the want of snow for lumbering purposes, as well as the expedition of travelling.—*Observer.*

We are happy to add, that we have not heard of any damage being sustained by any of the vessels in port, from the violence of the gale.

The congregation at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening last, was large and respectable, and the collection made to assist in completing the accommodation of the new Manse at Horton, (N. S.) amounted to £12 : 17 : 3.—*Jh.*

By a Decree of the President of Mexico, dated 15th September, 1822. Slavery is forever abolished.

(throughout that Republic.—When the financial situation of the Republic admits, the proprietors of slaves are to be indemnified.—*Jb.*)

ROYAL GAZETTE.—The Editor, in the *New-Brunswick Royal Gazette* of the 8th instant, announces, that a New Series of that Paper, will be published on the first Tuesday in 1830. He says, "The Editor himself is now, and has already removed to a new office; other Types are provided, the Paper will be of a better description, expanding from the cramped and awkward Quarto to the Majestic dimensions of the *Royal Folio*; and the alteration will almost amount to a revolution."!

METAPHYSICS.—A Scotch blacksmith being asked the meaning of Metaphysics, explained it as follows:—"When a party that listens disna ken what the party who speaks means, and the party who speaks disna ken what he means himself—that is Metaphysics."

A good book is the best of friends. You may be agreeably entertained by it, when you have not a living friend in whom you may confide. It teaches you wisdom, and will not reveal your secrets. The Bible is a river that has shallows in which a lamb may wade, and depths in which an elephant may swim.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent.

O Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas through our sins and wickedness, we are sore led and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord: to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

DIED.

On Friday evening last, after a short but severe illness, Mrs. MARY PARTELLO, wife of Mr. Jehiel Partello, Jun. in the 53th year of her age.
Last evening, Mr. JOHN C. McPHERSON.
Suddenly, at Miramichi, on the 11th ult. JAMES ABBOTT, Esquire, aged 32 years.
At the Parish of Wickham, Queen's County, on the 25th ult. Mr. JAMES BERRY, in the 72d year of his age. At the end of the American Revolutionary war, in which he was a soldier, Mr. Berry came to this Province, and for several years he resided in this city.

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