

POETRY.

From the *Token*, for 1830.

THE LEAF.

BY S. G. GOODRICH.

It came with spring's soft sun and showers,
Mid bursting buds and blushing flowers;
It flourish'd on the same light stem,
It drank the same clear dews with them.
The crimson tints of summer morn
That gilded one, did each adorn.
The breeze that whisper'd light and brief
To bud or blossom, kiss'd the leaf,
When o'er the leaf the tempest flew,
The bud and blossom trembled too.

But its companion pass'd away,
And left the leaf to lone decay,
The gentle gales of spring went by,
The fruits and flowers of summer die,
The autumn winds swept o'er the hill,
The winter's breath came cold and chill.
The leaf now yielded to the blast,
And on the rushing stream was cast.
Far, far it glided to the sea,
And whirl'd and eddied wearily,
Till suddenly it sank to rest,
And slumber'd in the ocean's breast.

Thus life begins—its morning hours,
Bright as the birthday of the flowers—
Thus passes like the leaves away,
As wither'd and as lost as they.
Beneath the parent roof we meet
In joyous groups, and gaily greet
The golden beams of love and light,
That kindle to the youthful sight.
But soon we part and one by one,
Like leaves and flowers, the group is gone.
One gentle spirit seeks the tomb,
His brow yet fresh with childhood's bloom.
Another treads the paths of fame,
And harkens peace to win a name;
Another still tempts fortune's wave,
And seeking wealth, secures a grave.
The last grasps yet the brittle thread—
Though friends are gone and joy is dead,
Still dreads the dark and fretful tide,
And clutches at its power and pride,
Till suddenly the waters sever,
And like the leaf he sinks for ever.

THE JOURNAL.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Yesterday at 12 o'clock the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for this City and County, and the Court of Nisi Prius, commenced their sittings in the New Court House. The Hon. Judge Botsford presides.

In charging the Grand Jury, the Hon. Judge observed, that the frequent sittings of the Superior and Inferior Courts rendered the duty of Grand Jurors familiar to them, and the charges delivered on those occasions had a tendency to cherish in the minds of the people a lively sense of the inestimable blessings we enjoy under our happy and incomparable Constitution.

The Sheriff's Calendar, containing the names of eight or nine persons, chiefly charged with larcenies, and one other very serious offence, he said was heavy, in comparison with the Calendars for some time past. Grand larceny, though a felony of death, is entitled to benefit of Clergy, the punishment therefore in the first instance, is fine and imprisonment, or more commonly, in consequence of incapacity in offenders to pay a fine, it is from six months to two years imprisonment. Under the present mode of prison management the confinement of offenders for the longest term became very burdensome upon the public, the shortest, or an intermediate term, unless under circumstances of peculiar aggravation was therefore most frequently awarded. The mildness of this sentence, the learned Judge thought had a tendency to lessen the horror of punishment, and to weaken the restraint from committing the crime of Larceny. He had pleasure in stating, that the subject of a Penitentiary for the Province, which had been for some time an object of desire, was now under the consideration of the Legislature, that due enquiries were making, and there was reason to expect, that as soon as a proper plan and system were matured, the work would be undertaken.

When a Penitentiary conveniently constructed, and under a proper system of management, shall get into operation; it will have a most favorable effect in the prevention of crime.

The Hon. Judge further observed, that Laws, however just, and well adapted, and however faithfully administered, could not of themselves effectually secure the stability and welfare of a nation;—Religion and Morality he added, are the foundation of true greatness. They are the pillars upon which the British Constitution rests, and by which it is supported.

He adverted with much pleasure, to the number of Day Schools, and of Sunday Schools established in this City for

the instruction of the rising generation, and particularly noticed the efforts of the Rev. Mr. CARROLL, the Roman Catholic Clergyman, in collecting a large number of the children of parents belonging to his communion, for the purpose of giving them instruction.

He considered the difference of religious opinion which prevails among men, as in itself useful, and as having a tendency to greater good, than if the whole nation were of one opinion; inasmuch, as the zeal of the different denominations to promote their separate views might be exercised without a violation of the law of charity; and the diligence and exertions of one body would excite the diligence and the exertions of all.

In conclusion the Hon. Judge, paid a tribute to the mechanical skill of the Gentleman by whom this New Court House was erected, he congratulated the community upon having such an edifice for the accommodation of the Courts of justice, and expressed a strong hope that the building might long stand, as a monument of the public spirit of the people of this City and County, of the interest which they take in the administration of justice, and also—that these walls would never be polluted by a partial and corrupt administration. *Gazette.*

Emigrants arrived at this Port during the year 1829:—	
From Great Britain,	146
Ireland,	2064
Total,	2210

FREDERICTON SAVING'S BANK.—On the 31st December the Semi-annual Meeting of the Trustees of that Institution took place. The accounts then exhibited stated the amount of deposits since 1st July to be £973 10s. 6d. and withdrawn in the same time £685 18s. 3d. The amount of deposits vested in securities was £2276 3s 7d. Cash in hand £279 7s. 3d. Total £2,555 10s. 10d. At the Meeting it was Resolved, that Interest be allowed the Depositors at the rate of 5½d. per cent per annum; for the last half year; as in consequence of several large sums having at different times during that period remained on hand, the Trustees were unable to realise the usual rate of 6 per cent.

A sermon preached in Fredericton Church, before the University on Advent Sunday 1829, by the Rev. Edwin Jacob, D. D. Vice President, entitled **THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS OF KING'S COLLEGE NEW BRUNSWICK**, is now in the Press of the Royal Gazette Office.

The Medical Society of Massachusetts, have addressed that community on the necessity of legalizing the Study of Anatomy. By the expression, "legalizing the Study of Anatomy," is understood, the passing of a law, by which the bodies of those paupers who die in the hospital or poor houses, and which are reclaimed by relatives or friends for interment, shall be placed at the disposal of the authorities in whose custody they may be, to be delivered over to the Medical Profession for dissection. It is supposed that in the City of Boston there die annually about a hundred such persons.—The address commences with some general remarks on the great utility of anatomical studies, and the impracticability of pursuing them with advantage, without having subjects for dissection.

This Number completes the First Volume of the Journal. As several of our Subscribers have signified their intention of having the Volume bound, we beg leave to suggest, that the first and second Volumes bound together, will make a saving in the expence of binding, and will make a book of better size, than if each Volume were bound separately. An Index and Title Page to the First Volume will be furnished with all convenient speed. Distant Subscribers are invited to send through their respective Agents, a list of missing numbers, and if possible they will be supplied.

A few entire sets of the First Volume are still on hand.

We have received through the Post office, five shillings, enclosed under date of the 9th inst. for the benefit of Mr. John Brittain, whose distressed circumstances we noticed last week; also a parcel containing some articles of raiment, from a society of benevolent ladies in this City.

Collect for the Second Sunday after Epiphany.
ALMIGHTY and everlasting God wilt dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people; and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

JUST PUBLISHED,

And for Sale at the City Gazette Office, also at Mr. William Reynolds' and Mr. John McMillan's Book Stores, and at other places in the City—

THE SAINT JOHN ALMANACK,
OR NEW-BRUNSWICK FARMER'S CALENDAR,
For 1830.

"Owing to a series of 'unfavourable circumstances,' which the Publisher could neither foresee nor controul, this Almanack, has not made its appearance as early as was intended; in consequence of which, only a limited number of copies have been struck off. The same causes have prevented him from accomplishing the work completely to his own satisfaction; so that in some of its parts, it can be considered only as a first attempt. Should however, the present effort be approved of, the probability is, that a similar work will be undertaken for the succeeding year; in which case, he will gladly avail himself of information or suggestions from any quarter to render it more perfect, and will endeavour to have it published sufficiently early to meet general expectation."

"A natural order in the arrangement of Counties, and Public Institutions, and in the classification of Professions and Officers, considering the City and County of Saint John, as the first in order, has been aimed at."

"The Astronomical Tables are calculated to apparent time. The table of the Sun's Declination being computed for the meridian of St. John, (Lat. 45, 20, Long. 66, 6, W.) and being it is thought, more correct than the Declination inserted in the Books of Navigation, will answer with little or no correction, for the neighbouring Coasts and to the West Indies, there being no great difference in the meridians; and will be particularly useful to Mariners, and Masters of Coasting Vessels, especially as many of them are in the habit of using the Sun's Declination as given in Epitomes for noon at Greenwich, without any correction whatever."

"The suggestions given on the important subject of husbandry, will it is hoped by some use to practical farmers; and those on economy and morals are of general application."

MARRIED,

At Tilbury, Ireland, J. DUNDEN, Esq. to Mrs. ENGELL, mother of Dr. Edgell. There was at the wedding, two fathers, one mother-in-law, one father-in-law, one son, one daughter, one daughter-in-law, one son-in-law, one grand-father, one grand-daughter, two nieces, two nephews, two uncles three first-cousins, and one second-cousin—yet there were only six persons present, and the bride and bridegroom no kin before marriage!

DIED,

On Tuesday 12th inst. in the Parish of Portland after a lingering illness, Mr. JOHN MASTEN, in the 62 year of his age.

On Thursday after a lingering illness, which she bore with christian patience, Mrs. HARRISON, wife of Mr. William Hewitt, aged 43 years.—The funeral will proceed from her late residence in Union Street, near the Brewery to the Wesleyan Chapel, to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

At Granville, (N. S.) on the 21st ult. in the 27th year of his age, Mr. WILLIAM LANE, Carpenter, third son of Capt. George Lane, of Carleton.

At New-York, on the morning of the 27th December. at the residence of his son, J. L. Mason, Esq. the venerable and Reverend JOHN M. MASON, D. D.

Dr. Mason was originally settled in the ministry in that city, as successor to his father, in the pastoral charge of the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Cedar-street. From this place he was transferred to the Murray-street Church, created for the accommodation of the increasing numbers whom the distinguished talents and popularity of the Preacher had attracted. On the retirement of Dr. Johnson, of Connecticut, from the presidency of Columbia College, Dr. Mason was appointed to fill the vacancy with the title of Provost. Being subsequently chosen President of Dickinson College, in Pennsylvania, he removed to Carlisle, where he continued to fulfil the duties of his station, until compelled by loss of health to resign his office.

Returning to this city, he has since resided with his children; having long sustained a great and accumulating weight of infirmities, his career was closed by the event yesterday: his spirit—as was met—taking its upward flight on the morning of the Sabbath.

Eminent as a theologian and a scholar, an acute and learned disputant, not less than orator of great celebrity, Dr. Mason has long occupied the first rank in the Presbyterian Church, and his name and his fame will never cease to be held in the fondest and most exalted remembrance.—

At Roseberry, Aberdeenshire, during the month of September last, of the family of Mr. John Wilson, Peathill; on the 2d, Aune, aged 9 years; on the 7th, Alexander, aged 17; on the 13th, William aged 14; on the 22d, John, aged 22; and on the 30th, Mrs. Wilson, aged 47. The disease that has proved so fatal in this family, was putrid ulcerous sore throat, which has prevailed for some time in that neighbourhood, though not with an equal degree of malignancy. Mrs. Wilson had overcome the virulence of the distemper, but sunk under the successive bereavement of the affectionate mother.

TERMS.—The "New-Brunswick Religious and Literary Journal" is published Weekly, by ALEX. McLEOD, at "The City Gazette" Office, at 15 shillings per annum, exclusive of Postage: one half payable in advance, the other half in six months.—All arrears must be paid, before any subscription can be discontinued, except at the discretion of the Publisher.