

lowed by two or three people in their usual dress : the coffin was of common deal, not painted, and partly covered with a shabby pall.

The next funeral which I saw was of a superior description, and was attended by four priests, ten boys, one beadle, and three men carrying a wooden box and wax tapers. The coffin, however, was of common deal unpainted ; but supported on a bier, and carried by four men. An indifferent pall was thrown over it, and four men on each side carried wax tapers. They were, I suppose, in the capacity of pall-bearers ; but neither they nor the mourners behind were dressed in any other than their usual clothes. The priests and boys were dressed as before ; but instead of a large wooden cross they now carried a silver one, fixed upon a long black staff.

It was a curious circumstance, that while the snow was falling in the streets I was plagued indoors with the flies. These troublesome companions are seldom driven away by the cold in Canada, being kept alive by the heat of the stoves. From this it may be easily conceived how little the inhabitants suffer from the severity of their climate.

A sloop having at length arrived at St. John's, the master came to Montreal to procure freight ; upon which I took the opportunity of engaging a passage in his vessel to Skenesborough.

END OF THE FIRST VOLUME.

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