

5. In calm frosty weather, it is generally high.
6. After great storms of wind, when it has been low, it rises fast.
7. In northerly places, the barometer changes more frequently than in southerly.
8. Within the tropics, or near them the alteration is very slight.

Such are the general phenomena, as regards the rising and falling of the Barometer. This instrument is a most necessary one, and is as useful as it is necessary.

Thus, the human intellect, that vainly tries to foretell great things, can, by the simple means of mercury, foretell the state of the weather; whether sunshine is to light the earth with its joyous rays, causing the whole creation to feel animated by its enlivening presence; or whether dark days, and the foggy gloom of a chilling atmosphere, are to appear, imparting sadness to all, and causing discontented man to long for a change, and supplicate the return of the merry sunshine.

Hoping our desire for soft airs and flowery scenes may be gratified, I wish you, my dear readers, (if I have any,) a very delightful and sunny good day.

Montreal, 1854.



[Written for the Maple Leaf.

SONNET.

When I bethink me of the many years,
That we in wedded love together spent,
Then turn me to the present, the extent
Of my bereavement strikingly appears.
A lonely wanderer in a vale of tears;
A weary, wasted, desolated thing,
Without one stay to which my heart can cling;
Without one voice to chide the woe that bears
Me to my destiny,—yet reflection says,
Be patient, for thy griefs shall shortly end;
And thou and thy devoted earnest friend
Shall be as ye have been in former days—
One, in affection, love, fidelity;
One, through the rolling periods of eternity.

T. H.

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