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## ORIGINAL POETRY.

TO  
Colonel W. F. P. NAPIER, C. B.  
The following Lines  
(The rough production of a few hours)  
Commemorative of the glorious achievements of the Peninsular War,  
and of the recent events in Syria and India,  
are most respectfully inscribed  
by  
The Colonel's very obedient, humble Servant,  
and Admirer,  
The Author.

[The lines in question are from the pen of "Captain O'Halloran, 69th Regt.," and were introduced in the course of a "Lecture" delivered by that Officer, in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, St. John, New-Brinswick, on the 15th February, 1841, before an assemblage of upwards of 100 persons.]

## THE "ARMY AND NAVY," the "radiant Gem" of England.

'Midst all the bright stars of the sky,  
As plain as if I mightly might;  
There are "two" which point out to the eye,  
The "gem" glories of Britain.

One points to our heroes in red,  
And one to our heroes in blue;  
What foe shall Britain dread,  
With bulwarks so gallant and true?

See "Beyrout," and "Sydon" in heaps,  
And "Jeru"—an acre of ashes—  
Wherever our armament sweeps,  
"Tis thus," that she "settles her haes."

Whate'er the work to be done,  
Be it "broad-side," or "bayonet," or "rapier";  
On ocean, or shore, it's all one,  
We are never in want of a "Napier."

All hail to the Hero by land!  
All hail to the Hero by water!  
All hail to the heart and the hand,  
Undaunted through peril and slaughter!

No "little" lands grace his worth;  
But fear'd by each foreign beholder,  
More than all the proud titles on earth,  
Are the "Commodore's" sword on his shoulder!

Let "France" at our victories fret,  
And threaten us with her "perdition";  
Perchance we may favor her yet,  
With a "Waterloo second edition!"

If the mind not the cost of the bill,  
England is ready to "pay" it;  
The "type" is available still,  
And so is the "Wellington Editor!"

Let "Giant America" crow  
Of her Navy, as firm as the granite;  
What "star" in her flag can she show,  
Like the "NELSON," or "WELLINGTON PLATE?"

Let her strike "Yankee Doodle," and jig it,  
Let her boast be as loud as her cannon;  
And for every proud "Chesapeake Frigate,"  
We'll treat her at least with a "Shannon."

She may swagger away, and defy,  
But if she attempts to out-jare;  
Let her keep "Stoney Creek" in one eye,  
And the other, on "Chaloups Harvey."

And "Russians" the warning may take,  
How they try of our thrones to rescind us;  
We can tell them our eyes are awake,  
To their "tricks" on the banks of the "Indus."

And though no "Sir Arthur" is there,  
They shall still find a welcome befitting 'em;  
For I think we've a match for the "best,"  
In the "bull-dog" of "Sir Samuel Whittingham!"

What Triumphs have laurel'd our way,  
Over all who have ventured to dare us;  
From the glorious field of "Jassy,"  
To the glorious "Hill," at "Almaraz!"

Here "NELSON" in victory bleeds!  
And there in the "heat" of "St. Vincent,"  
See "Cochrane" impetuous leads,  
The "caur-de-lion" of the moderns!

Soon comes "Vincennes" in view,  
Is proud summit, who can attain it?  
Why that can a "Wellington" do,  
And carry it too with the bayonet!

Here "Anglessa's" fearless of scars,  
Impetuous bursts to the onset;  
And "brightest of Chivalry's stars,"  
"Moore," finds in "Corunna" a sunset!

There "Picton" to victory calls,  
And now in a spirit that's madder,  
On "Badajos" murderous walls,  
He plants the all-conquering ladder!

Nor pass we "Vittoria" by,  
Few laurels have come to us fairer,  
But even our laurels must sigh,  
O'er the records of "Jesse Albuera!"

'Twas stoutly—"I was gallantly done—"  
And our honor unharmed thou savest,  
But thy terrible field was not won,  
Unthought by the blood of the bravest!

From thee to "Bueno" we turn,  
Bright, rapid, and grand as the Meteor;  
Though it seems our proud foes have to learn,  
That they were right-heartily beat here.

\* This name may well awaken feelings of pride, in the bosom of every Englishman. It is illustrious equally for the superior gifts of mind, as well as the far more numerous equities of Don Pedro's fleet, achieved by "boarding," so brilliant a victory over the far more numerous squadron of Don Miguel! and who is now adding fresh laurels to his brow on the coast of Syria.

Who is acquainted with England's great Military Historian, the "Author of the Peninsular War," or with his two noble brothers, Major General Sir Charles James, and Sir George Thomas Napier?

\* Sir John, Lieutenant Governor of New-Brinswick, and Commander of the Forces in New-Brinswick and Nova-Scotia.

\* Commandant-in-Chief at "Almaraz"—Captain O'H. had the honor of serving on this distinguished Officer's Staff, at Badajos.

\* Lost a leg at "Waterloo." There is hardly a member of this noble and chivalrous family, who have not left some such token on the field of battle.

\* This gallant Officer fell gloriously leading his men to the charge at "Waterloo."

\* Fought by "Lord Wellington" against the "remains of Soul."

For we know that "Barossa" they claim;  
And what is an uglier poster,  
Inscribed on their records of fame,  
We find the "Bataille de Tolosa!"

"Great Napier," to thee I must leave,  
To record the exploits of "Vincennes"  
"Salamanca," "Rocla," "Nieuve,"  
"Talavera"—and some other twenty.

May laurels the brightest invest,  
Thy "chivalrous truth," thy "valour" labour;  
'Twas worthy of Albion's best,  
To foil thee with "pen" or with "sabre!"

Now let at "force Hugonot's" gates,  
His "adieu" his only bravado;  
Like a rock "proud Macdonell" awaits,  
The burst of the Gallic tornado.

But even Macdonell with thee,  
There's a sword and a spirit that vieth;  
All hail to the Hero, 'tis "He."  
The "Life-Guardsman's"—the "British Go-Home!"

Hail "Murray," and "Craufurd" and "Leith,"  
And "Thos" brave defender of "Heraclith,"  
Right well have ye earned the "green wreath,"  
The "palma qui meruit ferat!"

Hail "Combermere," "Stewart," and "Cole,"  
Hail "Somerset," "Paget," and "Vivian,"  
"Ye heroes in name and in soul,"  
Not soon shall ye sink into oblivion!

Hail "Colborne," and "Campbell," and "Baird,"  
Hail "Beresford," "Barnard," and "Jackson,"  
Each perit ye nobly have shown,  
And prov'd that your lineage is "Saxon."

Hail "Codrington," (a) "Esmouth" (b) and "Hove,"  
Hail "Stoford" (2) and gallant "Sir Sidney" (1),  
"Hearts of Oak" from the stern to the bow,  
Your "deeds" well betoken your "kiddney."

Success to our Soldiers in blue,  
Success to our Sailors in blue;  
May the halo of glory be shed,  
Transcendent on all that ye do!

But still, "O OUR GOD," unto "THEE,"  
Be gratefully raised the "Hosanna";  
And "THE LORD OUR DEFEENCE," ever be  
The "melts" of ALBION'S banner!

[P.S.—To those not mentioned:]  
Kempt, Paek, Graham, Blakeney, Hardinge, Col-  
ville, Keane, Ponsonby, &c. &c. &c.

Ye "Warriors unmentioned," I slight not your claims,  
Think not I beseech you 'tis so moant;  
I have left out indeed some "bright chivalrous names,"  
But they came not to mind at the moment!

\* Toulouse.  
† The "Historian," Col. W. F. P.  
‡ "Sir James," serving on the Staff of Canada.  
§ "Sir Robert Shaw."  
¶ A Subaltern Officer. (His name has escaped the Author's memory.)

\* Late "Sir Stephen Cotton."  
† Present "Lord Londonderry." Author of the Nar-  
rative of the Peninsular War.

†† Lords "Eglington" and "Robert," the former per-  
formed the arduous and responsible duty of A. D. C. and  
Military Secretary to the Duke of Wellington, through-  
out the campaign in Spain, Portugal, France, and Flan-  
ders. His Lordship has a "Cross and 5 Claps" for his  
services, and was likewise wounded at "Waterloo,"  
and was likewise wounded at "Waterloo."

‡ "Sir Edward," Governor of Chelsea Hospital. Sir  
Edward lost his right arm at the Action of Oporto.  
§ Served in Flanders and Holland in 1794—was present  
in the Naval Action off "Cape St. Vincent," in '97—  
wounded in Egypt, and performed distinguished service  
in the Retreat and Battle of Corunna.

¶ Present "Lord Seaton."  
†† "Sir Colin," late Lieutenant Governor of Nova-  
Scotia.

††† "Sir Richard Downes," present Commander of the  
Forces in Canada.  
(a) and (b) Heroes of "Navarino," and "Algeria."  
(1) The one who led the defence of the "Acra," in 1799.  
(2) The other for its reduction, in 1810.

## Miscellaneous.

FRIENDSHIP.—"Friendship derives all its  
beauty and strength from the qualities of the  
heart, or from virtuous or lovely disposi-  
tions; or should these be wanting, some shad-  
ow of them must be present; it can never  
dwell long in a bad heart or mean disposi-  
tion. It is a passion limited to the nobler part  
of the species, for it can never co-exist with  
vice or dissimulation. Without virtue, or  
the supposition of it, friendship is only a  
mercenary league, or a tie of interest, which  
must of course dissolve when that interest  
decays, or subsists no longer. It is the com-  
panionship of the noblest passions of the mind:  
a just state and love of virtue, good sense, a  
thorough candour and benignity of heart, and  
a generous sympathy of sentiment and affec-  
tions, are the essential ingredients of this  
noblest passion. When it originates from  
habit, and esteem is strengthened by habit,  
and meliorated by time, it yields infinite  
pleasure, ever new and ever growing. It is  
the best support amongst the numerous trials  
and vicissitudes of life, and gives a relief to  
most of our engagements. What can be  
imagined more comfortable than to have a  
friend to console us in afflictions, to advise  
us in doubtful cases, and share our felicity?

What firmer anchor is there for the mind,  
tossed like a vessel on the tumultuous waves  
of contingencies, than this? It exalts our  
nobler passions, and weakens our evil incli-  
nations; it assists us to run the race of virtue  
with a steady and undeviating course. From  
loving, esteeming, and endeavouring to felici-  
tate particular people, a more general pas-  
sion will arise for the whole of mankind.  
Confining to the society of a few, we look  
upon them as representatives of the whole  
mankind, and from friendship learn to cultivate  
philanthropy.—Sir H. Dary.

BOURDALOUE used no action; Bossuet  
and Mission used much; the action of the last  
was particularly admired. It produced an  
extraordinary effect, when he pronounced  
his funeral oration upon Louis XIV. The  
church was hung with black, a magnificent  
musical performance was raised over the  
edifice was filled with trophies and other me-  
morial of the monarch's past glories, day-  
light was excluded, but innumerable tapers  
supplied its place, and the ceremony was at-  
tended by the most illustrious persons in the  
kingdom. Massillon ascended the pulpit,  
contemplated, for some moments, the scene  
before him, then raised his arms to heaven,

looked down on the scene beneath, and, af-  
ter a short pause, "Mesfreres Dieu seul est  
grand!" My friends! "God only is great!"  
With one impulse, all the auditory rose from  
their seats, turned to the altar, and slowly  
and reverently bowed.

PLEASURE OF A GARDEN.—The pleasure  
and enjoyment of the garden are so nume-  
rous and varied, that, be the state of any one  
what it may, this must be considered as the  
foremost and most pleasurable part of the  
whole establishment. When, after the fami-  
ly of a citizen have lived for some time in  
their suburban villa, with its little patch of  
ground, its comfortable walks, its neat beds  
and borders, its shrubs, and all the little ac-  
cessories of even the humblest horticulture,—  
circumstances require them to return to the  
city, the grand privation which they—the  
females and young people especially—deplor-  
is the want of the garden. The house may  
be convenient, the apartments more spacious,  
the furniture more costly, the vineyards more  
choice, and the company may be more nu-  
merous, frequent, and agreeable; but there is  
no garden! As we ascend higher in the  
ranks of society, and there are larger sums  
to expend upon pleasurable subjects, and  
more leisure for the enjoyment of them, the  
garden rises in importance in a higher ratio,  
perhaps, than the means of procuring and  
enjoying it.

THE PHYSICIAN.—The life of a physician  
is a life of contradiction. He is slandered,  
abused and derided; yet he is sought with  
avidity, and freely received into the bosom of  
families. His opinion can blanch the cheek,  
or suffuse the eye with tears of joy; and his  
lips are as closely watched as if from them  
proceeded the issue of life and death. He  
lives by the woes of others; and while he  
would starve if constant health were the at-  
tribute of our race, he is endeavouring to  
banish sickness from among men, while suc-  
cess in his avocation would ruin him forever.  
He is always engaged in a war against his  
own blood and butter.

THE PUNISHMENT OF DEATH.—Among the  
crimes still punishable with death in Great  
Britain, are—highway robbery, with violence  
—burglary, with violence to the person—pi-  
racy, with violence—holding out false lights  
to cause shipwreck—setting fire to ships, to  
buildings to the danger of human life—mur-  
der, treason, and embezzlement, by officers of  
the Bank of England.

The following lines, from the pen of the Rev.  
JOHN PIERCE, of Boston, were addressed to a  
clerical friend, on the death of his only son. Their  
spirit will find a response in many a bereaved  
heart.

I cannot make him dead!  
Under the coffin lid;  
Is ever bounding round my study chair;  
When my eyes, now dim  
In sleep, I turn to him,  
The vision vanishes—he is not there!

I walk my parlour floor,  
And through the open door,  
I hear a footfall on his chamber stair;  
I'm stepping toward the hall  
To give the boy a call;  
And then he thinks me—that he is not there!

I thread the crowded street—  
A satchel'd I meet,  
With the same beaming eye and colored hair;  
And, as he's coming by,  
Follow him with my eye,  
My spirit and my joy;  
Scarcely believing that—he is not there!

I know his face is hid  
Under the coffin lid;  
Closed are his eyes—cold is his forehead hair;  
My hand that marble felt;  
O'er it, in prayer, I kneel;  
Yet my heart whispers that—he is not there!

I cannot make him dead!  
When passing by the bed,  
So long watched over with paternal care,  
And mellowed by my eye,  
Seek it inquiringly  
Before the thought comes that—he is not there!

When, at the cool, gray break  
Of day, from sleep I wake,  
With my first breathing of the morning air  
My soul goes up with joy,  
To him who gave my boy,  
Then comes the sad thought that—he is not there!

When, at the day's calm close,  
Before we seek repose,  
I'm kneeling on my knees, offering up my prayer,  
What'er I may be saying,  
I am, in spirit, praying  
For our boy's spirit, though—he is not there!

Not there!—Where, then, is he?  
The form I used to see  
Was but the raiment that he used to wear.  
The grave, that now doth press  
Upon that cast-off dress,  
Is but his wardrobe locked—he is not there!

He lives!—In all the past  
He lives; nor to the last,  
Of seeing him again will I despair;  
In dreams I see him now;  
And, on his angel bow,  
I see it written, "Thou shalt see me there!"

Yes, we all live to God!  
FATHER! thy chastening rod  
So help us, thine afflicted ones, to bear,  
That, in the spirit land,  
Meeting at thy right hand,  
'Twill be our heaven to find that—he is there!

THE Nile now wears the aspect of an Eu-  
ropean river. It is to be seen constantly  
traversed by four steam-boats conveying  
mails and passengers. That of Mr. Galway  
is the most rapid. It made the passage from  
Boulae to Rosetta in 17 hours less time than  
the Pacha's steamer. On the Nile are also  
three gun-boats with the Roman flag flying  
over them. They have on board the Com-  
mander from Upper Egypt, which Mehmet  
Ali has given to the Pope. The Arab gazee  
with astonishment at these things, which re-  
present St. Peter and St. Paul at full length,  
with flowing beards, and ask whether they  
are not standards of the Jews, as the counten-  
ances of the figures are decidedly Jewish.  
Since Mehmet Ali lost the command of the

deserts of Arabia, our communications are  
intercepted at all points. Even the caravans  
from Suez are plundered. M. Love-Weimar  
has, in consequence, been obliged to relin-  
quish his journey, and return to Cairo.

"Mamma," said a little fellow, whose  
mother had forbid him drawing horses and  
ships on the mahogany sideboard with a  
sharp nail—"Mamma, this ain't a nice house.  
At Sam Rackett's we can cut the sofa, and  
pull out the hair, and ride the shovel and  
tongue over the carpet; but here we can't get  
any fun at all!"

## PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, Feb. 12.

Debate on the Bill for the duration of the Assembly.  
(Continued.)

Mr. End said the speech that had just been de-  
livered, was a great deal more than the Com-  
mittee, and the Hon. gentleman had well replied to the  
rejoinders that had been cast upon the House by the  
member of the Bill. It would often happen in the  
case of debate that a gentleman might make use of  
a phrase which would not occur to him in his  
cooler moments; but there was no excuse when he  
made his opening speech upon a measure; and makes  
assertions that are unwarrantable, and parliamen-  
tarily incorrect. The House refused to receive a peti-  
tion and pass a bill which they had rejected after  
having duly weighed the political motives and private  
objects of the advocates, were permitted to be told  
that the House had forfeited its purity and integrity?

The learned gentleman said he should not go to  
length in the consideration of the measure, which as it  
regarded its effects personally, he would discuss with  
as much freedom as he could on any other question; but  
he would consider it as it regarded the character of  
this Province, and the interests of its inhabitants.  
He would not go to those Colonies for example,  
where rebellion had shown itself, nor take up in the  
murky recesses of radicalism for authorities on the  
present question. It was with grief he alluded to  
Nova Scotia; but there would not go there for ex-  
ample. His hon. friend on his left had shown, that  
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