

ORIGINAL POETRY.

DEATH.

Oh Death, thou art an universal king,
All to thy iron sceptre bow the knee;
'Tis true, some fear thee as a shadowy thing,
But I have seen thy face, and felt thy sting,
And thou art more than shadowy form to me.

I've seen thee pictured forth with crown and dart
Outstarting from the sepulchre's deep shade,
Piercing through bridal gear the young wife's heart—
Leaving the living to sustain the smart—
The widower lonely sorrowing o'er the dead.

I trace thy trophies in the charnel heap,
I read thy conquests in the storied urn,
Plumes that are floating—banners that sweep
Above the tombs of those who silent sleep—
From these, the triumphs of thy state we learn.

Sometimes we view thee on the horizon's verge
Of our own social circle—tall and grim,
Then at our very feet thou dost emerge,
And on our hearths, and in our homes, the dirge
Of death is heard—the deep funeral hymn.

Thy spectral form now stalks where princes reign,
And gem-crowned heads, to thee in homage bend.
Then stooping o'er the mother's knee—where pain
Her infant offspring binds—no tears restrain
Thy stroke—thou speakest—and its sufferings end.

No velvet covering, richly dight, to thee
Prevents the ruthless aim—where nobles lie.
The pallet, though of straw, where poverty
Lingers in wretchedness and misery,
Alike thou visitest—for all must die.

Alone art thou in equal combat met
Where the good man, whose heart from earth is riven,
His firm repose on Christ "the rock" hath set:
He finds with hopes matured, and joys complete.
The vale of death, the vestibule of heaven.

Oh Death! thou art an universal king,
All other earthly sceptres bow to thee;
Yet the time comes when mortal suffering
Shall in our bosoms leave no more its sting.
Heaven shall disclose joy's everlasting spring,
Even death shall die, and time shall cease to be.

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CLOSE OF THE FIRST VOLUME.

WITH this number our subscribers will receive title-page, preface, and general index, so as to complete the volume for binding; and now, while we congratulate ourselves on the close of our first volume, we point our readers to the preface, as containing remarks which have reference both to the past and to the future. In addition to this we shall only just add, that we have made arrangement for introducing a greater portion of general and local intelligence in every number: this, we trust, will meet the wishes of our country friends. We believe that there are some places where the Wesleyan has not been received in proper time: this is not our fault—wherever this has been the case, we request the parties to apply first to their own local post office, and if the delay has not arisen there to write us immediately, and the matter shall be enquired into.

There is one subject more we may allude to, and that is with respect to new subscribers:—we shall only strike off a limited number of copies beyond our present list of subscribers; therefore, we earnestly request the names of new subscribers to be forwarded immediately, as it will be impossible to supply copies from the commencement, if the names are delayed.

TAKE NOTICE—

Fifty sets of the Wesleyan, from No. 10, are on sale at the office; done up in boards, with title-page, preface, and index—price, 5s. 7½d.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters have been received from E. J. Cunningham, Esq., with remittance; R. Smith, Esq., with do.; A. H. Cocken, Esq., with do.; also, from Rev. W. Smith, Amicus, P. Bennett, Esq., W. Blois, Esq.

The numbers have been sent. In a fortnight the work will be out. The communications of Amicus and Rev. W. Smith are laid aside for the present. I will oblige by paying into the hands of the agent, H. Goldsmith, Esq.

HALIFAX WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held according to announcement on the evening of Tuesday, January 29th. Hon. T. A. S. Dewolf in the chair. The speakers were,—the Rev. Messrs. Crooks, Cromcombe, Wilson, Churchill, and H. Bell, Esq. The Report announced a large increase upon the year preceding; inasmuch as it included the sum of £228 11s., raised at the Bazaar in April last. The collections connected with the anniversary amounted to near £25.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

The lengthened debate on the despatches closed on Tuesday week, in favour of a delegation to England. Messrs. Young and Huntingdon have been subsequently appointed; their instructions have been drawn up in committee. On Thursday week the House voted £1000 to Sir J. Colborne, for the relief of the wives and children of those fallen in Canada; on Friday a message from the Legislative Council announced that they had agreed to this resolution. The subject of the Trustees of School Lands, Incorporation of Halifax, and the passing of minor bills, has since occupied the attention of the House.

THE harbour has been frozen across for two or three days. Persons cross opposite the ferry, and the ice extends this morning to Maugher's Beach.—Nor.

THERMOMETER on Wednesday night last—20 degrees below zero on the hill, and 18 in the town.

FRESHET—Loss of Bridges.—The violent storms and heavy rains on Saturday and Sunday se'night, so swelled the rivers and streams in various parts of the Country, as to cause extensive damage to bridges and private property. On the whole line of road between Halifax and Margaret's Bay, there is scarcely a Bridge standing—Mackintosh's or Springfield Bridge severely damaged, and the Nine Mile River Bridge, string pieces, abutments and all—swept away. Porter's Lake, the Nine Mile Bridge

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