

year old. And Nanny Scott, the old washer-woman, is certain sure that another death would happen this year in the family, because, when her sister-in-law was taken out to be buried, somebody shut the door before the corpse was underground, and so shut death into the house. Another neighbour expects a similar event, because a single raven flew over the house, and the cricket chirped on the hearth, and she saw a winding-sheet in the candle!

"My dear women," continued Mr. —, "how can you be so silly as to imbitter your lives by such foolish superstition? It is very likely that death will enter the house within the year, for no doors nor bolts can keep it out, and it is very likely that you may be its victim. You have more reason to think so than any of your silly omens can give you."

"Dear ma'am, what reason?" asked one of the women in terror.

"Because the bible tells that it is appointed to all men once to die, and warns us to be always ready, because we know not the day nor the hour when we shall be called."

"But, ma'am, don't you believe in anything that is a token of death, or of good or ill luck?"

"In nothing whatever. There is no such thing as luck either good, or bad, for luck means chance, but every thing, great and small, is under the wise and gracious direction of God; nothing can happen without his permission, and He permits nothing but what, in his wonderful plans, He designs to work about for good. We are kept in ignorance of the particular events that are to befall us, in order to keep up in us a constant obedience to the directions of his word, by which alone we can be prepared for the dispensations of his providence."

**THE NEW GROATS.**—The fourpenny silver pieces have been issued to the bankers, and are getting into circulation. The coin is neatly executed, and will be useful in preventing the incumbrance of halfpence. Perhaps the cabmen are the only class of the community who are likely to complain of this new coin, as they will in future be less likely to receive a third more than their fare, it being now the common practice to give a shilling, when they are only entitled to eight pence. The obverse of the coin bears the head of his Majesty, and the reverse the figure of Britannia which ought to be in the centre, but not being the case the effect is not so good. The issue of this fourpenny coinage is attributed to the suggestion of Mr. Hume. There can be no doubt that it will be very useful, and in commemoration of the Middlesex Member, the new groats are to be called "Joes."

**SWEARING.** A New-York paper recommends forming societies for the suppression of swearing. Every thing, these days, goes

by associations. We are getting to be conventional, and must surely lose all our individuality. We regret this: but sure we are, that profane swearing should be abandoned, and perhaps a society is the best way to do it, as things now are.

## NEW WORKS.

## SIX LECTURES ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

A work with the above Title has just been published, and is for sale at the several Book-stores price 2s.6d. These Lectures were delivered in the Parish Church of St. Paul, Halifax, during the season of Lent by the Rev. W. Cogswell M. A. The author states in his preface, "that should the sale of this Work be such as to produce a surplus above the expense of Publication, that surplus shall be devoted towards the establishment or support of a House of Industry in this Town."

Dr. Gosner, is about publishing a Work on the "Geology and Mineralogy of the Province."

Rev. H. Hayden, a Work on "Astronomy.—Mr. Dickson of Pictou, a Work on the "Criminal Law of the Province."—And Mr. Eager, has announced his intention to publish a Work to be entitled "Landscape Illustrations of Nova-Scotia:"—to consist of views of all the important places in the province, from Original Drawings. The work to be published in numbers, each to contain 3 views, engraved on Steel—Price 10 shillings. The first number to contain 3 views of Halifax, to be ready for delivery in the course of the present summer.

The Annual Meeting of the Nova-Scotia auxiliary Bible Society was held at the Acadian School on Monday evening last, on which occasion His Excellency the Lieut. Governor presided; after a very interesting Report had been read by the Secretary, several Gentlemen addressed the meeting:—The following extracts from the Report will convey some idea of the doings of this truly philanthropic Institution in the place where Charity ought to begin.

"The amount of contributions received from the subscriptions and donations in Halifax since our last report, is £73 3 7. We have remitted to the Parent Society £290 8 10, and there now remains in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of £160 12 1"

"The issues of the Scriptures from the Depository at Halifax within the above period, have been as follows: to sundry poor persons gratis 161 Bibles and 231 Testaments."

"To Branch Societies, Bible Associations, and Agents of the Society in different parts of the Province, 423 Bibles and 566 Testaments."

"To sundry persons at cost and reduced prices, 134 Bibles and 263 Testaments,

"It has been one of the most satisfactory, and we doubt not will also eventually appear to have been one of the most profitable parts of the duty of your Committee, to supply the different Sunday Schools in various parts of the Province with copies of the Word of God, and there have been distributed for the use of those excellent Seminaries of early piety 138 Bibles and 241 Testaments. The total amount of issues above enumerated, being 356 Bibles, and 1301 Testaments."

His Majesty's Ship *Melville*, Vice-Admiral Sir PETER HALKET, Capt. DOUGLAS, arrived at Bermuda on the 1st inst. We understand the *Melville* may be expected to arrive here in the course of next week.

The Packet ship *Hayre* has arrived at New-York, having on board 350,000 dollars, part of the Indemnification money.

## MARRIED.

At St. Margarets Bay, on Tuesday the 17th. inst. by the Rev. William Jackson, Mr. Charles Richardson, to Miss Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. James Mason, of that place.

## DIED.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, after a short illness, which he bore with patient resignation, Mr. John Dugwell, aged 73 years, a native of Kent, England. Mr. D. came to this Province at an early age, and has been attached to His Majesty's Dockyard, in this place, for upwards of fifty years, during which lengthened period of service, his honest integrity of principle, and benevolence of disposition, had secured him the favor and esteem of all with whom he was acquainted. Funeral on Sunday next, at 4 o'clock: the friends of the family are requested to attend.

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MAY, 1836.

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A TREATISE  
ON THE

## SUNDAY DISTEMPER,

Illustrating the nature, causes, symptoms and treatment of that sad disease.

BY WILLIAM JACKSON.

May 20.

## BLANKS.

Bills of Lading, Seamen's Articles, Outward and Inward reports, Contents, &c. for sale at this Office.