

ous and interesting. Every body knows that there are on the surface of the globe, a number of spots where the compass ceases to point, and that a line drawn through these spots is called the magnetic equator. This equator must not be confounded with the terrestrial equator, round which it winds, as it were; sometimes passing to the north of it, and sometimes to the south, to a greater or less extent. In the course of his voyage, Duperrey crossed the magnetic equator six times; and the result of his observations renders it extremely probable, that the whole line is moving parallel from east to west, with such rapidity, that, since the year 1780, when its position was ascertained by scientific men in a very satisfactory manner, it has advanced no less than ten degrees towards the west.—*French pap.*

A BROAD HINT.

In the refectory of a black commu-

nity at Rio de Janeiro, the same abuse existed as in those of European friaries. The superior and the elder brethren of the house applying to their own use the choicest viands and most delicate morsels, and leaving the hungry novices at the other end of the table, to break and keep their fast upon the mere scraps and bones of the repast. On one of these occasions a junior brother received as his portion, a hollow bone without any vestige of meat upon it; this he immediately applied to his lips, and as if converting it into a wind instrument, raised a hideous yell through it. The superior, highly scandalized at such conduct, insisted upon knowing the reason of it. "Holy father," answered the novice, "I have read in the Revelation, that at the sound of the trumpet, the flesh will be reunited to the bone: and I have been trying to verify this prophecy, to save myself from starvation."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WE are obliged to Philologus for the valuable article with which our present number commences, one which we are assured will be acceptable to our readers, and request him to favour us often with similar communications, even though he give them under the modest appellation of **EXTRACTS**, or **SELECTIONS**. Though we have published his remarks on the insertion of the "Anatomie Vivante," we do not agree with him in opinion on that article. It was at the time generally esteemed very interesting.

Such communications as that of  $\Delta$ , will be always acceptable to us: and we hope it will excite others to communicate to the public, through the medium of our Magazine, the results of their meditations and enquiries on any subject useful to society.

Uranus, we trust, will let us hear often from him. His paper is calculated both to please and profit. It is not a little gratifying to observe, that the young gentlemen at the two principal seats of learning in the Province, employ their leisure hours so well, as it appears by the letters from Windsor and Pictou they do.

"Eliza, a Dream," will be received by the author on application at the office. From the talents he displays, we think he could produce something more substantial, and more suited to our pages.

Mandeville is received.—We fear his last communication would too much affect our fair readers. Their nerves are not strong; and we do not wish to try them by so powerful an excitement. He is a gentleman of sense and feeling, and will take our notice in good part. We look for his next with ardent desire: which, we doubt not, from the account of it already received, will please highly.

E. O. deserves thanks for not only writing so well in memory of an amiable young gentleman of this place, but also for the goodness of heart his verses display.

Nash, is altogether inadmissible. Reflections to the injury of respectable individuals, shall never sully our pages. Our object is not to be instrumental in widening the breaches which ill-humour, or ignorance and prejudice may wish to make in society, but if possible, to unite all in the closest bonds of unity, and friendship.

Daphne is received.

We request our Correspondents to be particular in addressing their Communications to Mr. J. S. Cunnabell, Printer of the **ACADIAN MAGAZINE**, to prevent mistakes, as other publications in town, bear the name of "ACADIAN."