

POETRY.

GRATITUDE AND CONFIDENCE.

Say, shall I give to Sorrow's hand
The harp that Love has tun'd so long?
Shall she its tender chords command,
And trembling breathe the mournful song?
No! rather from my slighted lyre
Awake the cheerful notes of praise,
And He, to whom my thoughts aspire,
Will not disdain my humble lays.
From infancy his hand has been
Outstretch'd to guard, to save, to bless,
My varied wanderings he hath seen,
And yet he hath not lov'd me less!
In youth's gay morn, when not a cloud
Obscur'd the atmosphere serene,
My haughty heart reluctant bow'd
To own the Author of the scene.
Yet He, with fon' parental love,
Still bent on me his gracious eye;
Draw my young heart to things above,
And fix'd my hopes beyond the sky.
And oh! amidst the changing scenes
Of earthly joy or earthly care,
How sweet to dart a thought to heaven,
And feel we have a Father there!
Sometimes to cast a trembling glance
Forward into futurity,
And, gazing on the vast expanse
Embosom'd in Eternity.
To feel that as its ages roll
In countless myriads away,
The joys that now support the soul
Shall still be found its certain stay.

THE JOURNAL.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday last, Mr. JOHN BRITAIN, a settler residing about 5 miles from Lyon's on the Nerepis Road, in cutting down a tree, had his thigh broke, and his skull fractured. There is a probability of his recovering, if he can get proper assistance, and nourishment; but the man is poor and destitute, and has a wife who is helpless, having lost the use of her limbs four years since, and also four small children. Any assistance that can be rendered, will be well bestowed, and thankfully received.

On Wednesday morning, a man named HAMILTON, was found frozen to death, on the road in the Nerepis Settlement, near Robert Hamilton's. He is reported to have been in a state of intoxication at the time of his death. We understand that M. James Hazen, lately appointed Coroner, at Oromocto, was proceeding to hold an inquest on the body.

This is one more instance of the fatal effects which frequently result from intemperance.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—Yesterday, a Coroner's Inquest was held at Mispeck, in the Parish of Portland, on view of the body of SAMUEL GRAHAM.—Verdict—*The deceased came to his death, by some cause unknown to the Jurors.*

There is reason to fear, that intemperance, at least indirectly, was the means which led to this apparently premature death.

It is stated that Mr. Richard Hoal, of Grand Lake, while skating within a short distance of his own dwelling, a few days since, broke through the ice, and melancholy to relate, was drowned. His body was shortly found, and efforts made to restore animation, which however were ineffectual.—The deceased was a native of England, and aged about 24 years.—*Obs.*

We learn that Mr. Jacob Dean, formerly of this City, being on his way to town from Queen's County, on Christmas day, broke through the ice in the neighbourhood of Long Island, and was drowned.

On Monday last, we had a few inches of snow from the S. E. It appears likely to remain on the ground, and winter may now be considered as having commenced.

On Tuesday next, the Legislature of this Province will meet at Fredericton for the dispatch of business.

On the same day, the Circuit Court will be opened in this City; we understand the Hon. Judge Dorsford will preside.

The Collection in the Baptist Meeting-House, on New-Year's evening, for the benefit of the Poor, amounted to the sum of £7: 16: 6.

PERPETUAL MOTION.—*Saint Andrews is likely at last to be immortalized*—all the skill and ingenuity displayed in the manufacture of Railways and Steam Carriages, at once sink into insignificance, when compared with the grand and important discovery of *Perpetual Motion*. An ingenious mechanic of this Town, has been upwards of four years contriving this grand desideratum of human ingenuity. His machinery, which we are told is extremely simple, is in a state of great forwardness.—A few weeks close application will complete it in all its parts, when the bounty of £30,000 will be awarded him for his trouble and ingenuity!—We have not yet seen the instrument, but are promised an examination of it when completed, when our readers may expect a minute description thereof. Connected with the discovery of perpetual motion, the great Sir Isaac Newton once made a prophecy, whether the truth of it will be verified in this instance or not, would be improper in us to state.—*Saint Andrews Herald.*

St. Andrews, December 29.—**The Revenue.**—Nearly £6000 has been remitted from the Office of the Deputy Treasurer here, to the Province Treasurer at St. John, since the 1st January last: three months ago, we stated that the Revenue collected under the Laws of the Province had fallen off as compared with last year. We now learn, and we state it with pleasure, that the receipts of the whole year fall little, if any, short of the preceding one.—*Herald.*

VARIETY.

ADVANTAGES OF KNOWLEDGE.

Knowledge in general expands the mind, exalts the faculties, refines the taste of pleasure, and opens innumerable sources of intellectual enjoyment.

By means of it, we become less dependent for satisfaction upon the sensitive appetites; the gross pleasures of sense are more easily despised, and we are made to feel the superiority of the spiritual to the material part of our nature. Instead of being continually solicited by the influence and irritation of sensible objects, the mind can retire within herself, and expatiate the cool and quiet walks of contemplation.

The poor man who can read, and who possesses a taste for reading, can find entertainment at home without being tempted to repair to the publick house for that purpose. His mind can find him employment when his body is at rest, he does not lie prostrate and afloat on the current of incidents, liable to be carried whithersoever the impulse of appetite may direct.

There is in the mind of such a man an intellectual spring urging him to the pursuit of mental good, and if the minds of his family also are a little cultivated, conversation becomes the more interesting, and the sphere of domestic enjoyment enlarged.

The calm satisfaction which books afford, puts him into a disposition to relish more exquisitely, the tranquil delight inseparable from the indulgence of conjugal and parental affection: and as he will be more respectable in the eyes of his family than he who can teach them nothing, he will be naturally induced to cultivate whatever may preserve, and shun whatever would impair, that respect.

He who is inured to reflection will carry his views beyond the present hour; he will extend his prospect a little into futurity, and be disposed to make some provision for his approaching wants; whence will result an increased motive to industry, together with a care to husband his earnings, and to avoid unnecessary expense.

The poor man who has gained a taste for good books, will in all likelihood become thoughtful, and when you have given the poor a habit of thinking, you have conferred on them a much greater favor than by the gift of a large sum of money, since you have put them in possession of the principle of all legitimate prosperity.

State of Literature in the South Sea Islands.—The Sacred Scriptures, and the codes of laws, are the only standard works of importance yet printed. The whole of the new, and detached portions of the Old

Testament, have been finished, and the remaining part in progress. In the native language they also possess Old and New Testament histories; several large editions of spelling books, reading lessons, and different catechisms; a short system of arithmetic; the codes of laws of the different Islands; regulations for barter, and their intercourse with shipping. Numerous addresses on the subject of Christian practice: several editions of the native hymn-book, the reports of their different societies: and, lastly, they have commenced a periodical publication, called *the Repository*. I have received the first number, and most earnestly hope they will be able to carry it on. Every work yet printed has been prepared by the missionaries, with the assistance of the most intelligent among the people. But we look forward with pleasing anticipation to the time when the natives themselves will become writers. In the investigation and illustration of many things connected with the peculiar genius and character of their own countrymen, they will have advantages which no individual who is a foreigner can ever possess; and we may hope that the time is not far distant, when they will not only have standard works by native authors, but that their periodical literature will circulate widely, and spread knowledge and piety among all classes of the people.—[Ellis's *Polynesian Researches*.]

Let it be your aim to unite solidity of judgment with softness of temper; firmness of resolution with tenderness of conscience; attachment to truth with indifference to trifles.

Collect for the first Sunday after Epiphany.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

MARRIED.

At Indian Town, on Saturday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Burns, Mr. JOHN COWAN, to Miss ELIZA ANN, daughter of Mr. P. Snider, all of the Parish of Portland.

At St. Stephens, on the 24th ult. by the Rev. Skeffington Thomson, Mr. JAMES MARSHAL, to JANE, youngest daughter of Mr. Donald Brown.

At Greenwich, (N. C.) on Wednesday last, by JAMES BRITAIN, Esq. Mr. DAVID LYONS, of Kingston, to ELIZABETH, fourth daughter of Mr. Caleb Flewelling, of the former place.

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