

parliamentary documents. Here is a sum of twenty millions gathered, in shillings and pence, from the humblest ranks, in about a dozen years,—or upwards of a million and a half a year, saved out of the superfluity of the labouring people and lower order of shopkeepers! The secret in this instance, was practical economy; individual abstinence from those gross excesses which make the fortunes of the dram distillers and the ale brewer,—virtue and decency, which are at once the cheapest and surest way to wealth. The nonsense that private vices may be public benefits, has been long exploded. But the success of the savings' banks offers an irresistible proof that the true source of the national wealth is the national practice of integrity, manly self denial, and quiet virtue.

UNITED STATES.—Steam.—100 Steam Engines have been manufactured during 1831 at Pittsburg on the Ohio.

Mr. Audubon, the celebrated ornithologist, has undertaken a journey for scientific purposes, from Washington through the southern States to Florida, along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, up the Arkansas, over the Rocky mountains, and down the Columbia river.

American Methodists.—By the minutes of this church, it appears that it has 513,114 members: of whom 437,024 are white persons, 71,589 coloured, and 1510 Indians. This shows an increase since last year of 37,114 members. Number of travelling Preachers 2,010.

Coal, The demand for Nova Scotia coal is increasing rapidly, 20,000 tons are stated as the import for 1831, and 30,000 tons are said to be the quantity wanted.

An Explosion occurred at Savannah Oct. 26, in a powder magazine, by which 7 persons lost their lives.

Premium.—The Publishing committee of the Sunday School Union, offer 150 dollars, and other suitable compensation, to the writer of the best book on popular superstitions, to be presented by January 1, 1832.

Schools. In the State of New York there are, in the common and other schools, 550,000 scholars; being as 1 to 3½ of the whole population.

LOWER CANADA.—Emigration.—It is stated that 55,000 emigrants, arrived in the St. Lawrence since the opening of the navigation this year. It is generally allowed that the country has been benefitted by the increase, altho' the charity of some portions has been hardly taxed, and many individuals among the emigrants have suffered much, from sickness and want.

Wreck—The Lady Digby was wrecked on the Magdalen Islands, and of 40 steerage passengers 37, it is said, were drowned.

Quebec; Trade.—Exports of 1831 to Oct. 25—wheat 1,326,670 bushels; flour 72,777 barrels; ashes 32,287 barrels. Arrivals, 962 vessels, of 249,145 tons, bringing 49,062 Emigrants.