

## POETRY.

From the Journal of Humanity.

## THE COURT OF DEATH.

Death, on a solemn night of state  
In all his pomp of terror sate,  
Th' attendants of his gloomy reign,  
Diseases dire, a ghastly train,  
Crowd the vast court. With hollow tone  
A voice thus thunder'd from the throne;—

"This night our minister we name,  
Let every servant speak his claim;  
Merit shall bear this ebon wand."  
All at the word, stretched forth their hand.

Fever, with burning heat possessed,  
Advanced, and for the wand addressed:—  
"I t' the weekly bills appeal,  
Let those express my fervent zeal;  
On every slight occasion, near,  
With violence I persevere."

Next Gov' appears with limping pace,  
Pleads how he shifts from place to place,  
From head to foot how swift he flies  
And every joint and sinew plies;  
Still working when he seems suppressed,  
A most tenacious stubborn guest.

A haggard spectre from the crew,  
Crawls forth, and thus asserts his due:—  
"Tis I, who taint the sweetest joy,  
And in 'ae shape of love destroy;  
My shank, sunk eyes, and noseless face,  
Prove my pretensions to the place."

Stone urged his ever-growing force;  
And next Consumption's meagre corse,  
With feeble voice, that scarce was heard,  
Broke with short coughs, his suit preferred:  
"Let none dispute my powerful sway;  
I gain, like Fabius by delay;  
Fatigue and weaken every foe  
By long attack, secure though slow."

Plague represents his rapid power,  
That taints a nation in an hour.  
And all in turn, a numerous host,  
Their fatal force and influence boast.  
Each spoke his claim, and hoped the wand.  
Now expectation bushed the band;  
When thus the monarch from the throne;  
"Merit was ever modest known.

What! as physician speak his right!  
None here! but their own toils requite.  
Let then INTemperance take the wand,  
Who fills with gold their zealous hand,  
You Fever, Gout, and all the rest,  
Whom many men as foes detest.  
Forego your claim; no more pretend;  
Intemperance is esteemed a friend—  
He shares their mirth, their social joys,  
And as a courted guest destroys;  
The charge on him must fastly fall,  
WHO FINDS EMPLOYMENT FOR YOU ALL."

## THE JOURNAL.

The proceedings of our Legislative body afford us peculiar satisfaction. The House of Assembly, unlike others to which we could refer, discovers a just sense of the purpose for which it is elected and convened. Instead of wasting their time in personal altercations and obstreperous contention, on matters of no public interest; or dealing out acrimonious invectives against the other branches of the Legislature, the members devote themselves with alacrity and diligence to the measures brought before them. The result is that within a comparatively short space they despatch much important business; securing the gratitude of their constituents, who find their several interests treated with prompt attention and proper regard; the respect of wise and good men, who cannot fail to approve a faithful and unostentatious fulfilment of duty; and—what may and shall be thought as a necessary consequence and as true an honor—the scorn and reproaches of a few factious and unruly declaimers, who, being destitute of the comforts which might be derived from a prudent management of their private affairs, are disappointed in their malignant cravings after the excitement of public discord and strife. We were the other day exceedingly amused with a paragraph from the pen of a

person of this description. We observed it in a paper which we have seldom occasion to name and which probably finds but a very limited number of readers, published in a district of a neighbouring Province. The object was to prove that New-Brunswick is not actually so contented as appearances indicate; and what proof do our readers imagine the sagacious writer was prepared to adduce? The proof was alleged to be found—not in the petitions of an aggrieved and neglected people, the complaints of an indignant press, the appeals or denunciations of an honest but overwhelmed minority;—not one of these proofs could be discovered but the convincing demonstration was to be found in—a letter from some unknown correspondent of the Editor of a certain other journal in a yet remoter district of the British possessions in North America! Happy indeed may New-Brunswick be accounted, when the disaffection which afflicts it becomes known to the patriots of the peninsula by no other means than the correspondence of their worthy compatriots of the lakes.

Royal Gazette.

James Smithson, of London, lately deceased, has left a will, in which, after making some small legacies, he leaves the whole of his property, about 120,000 pounds, to his nephew and to his children; but if he shall have no children, then the property is to go to the founding of an institution in the United States, at the city of Washington, to be called the Smithsonian Institution, for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.

VIRGINIA CONVENTION.—On the 30th ult. the following resolution was adopted in Convention, after a long and animated discussion, by a vote of 71 to 22:—

Resolved, That the Legislature have power to provide by law that no person shall be capable of holding or being elected to any post of profit, trust, or emolument, civil or military under the Government of this Commonwealth, who shall hereafter fight a duel, the probable issue of which may or might be the death of the challenger or challenged, or who shall be second to either party, or shall in any manner aid or assist in such duel, or shall be knowingly the bearer of such challenge or acceptance. But, no person shall be so disqualified by reason of his having heretofore fought such a duel, or sent or accepted such challenge, or been second in such duel, or been the bearer of such challenge or acceptance."

If a man should unfortunately have vices, he ought, at least, to be content with his own, and not adopt those of other people: the adoption of vice has ruined ten times more young men than their natural inclinations.

There are some people who entertain a sort of cowardly malice against particular relations, which they dare only express fully in their last wills: the man who can act under the influence of resentment to his latest breath, and carry his revenge beyond death and the grave, must prove an accomplished member of the society he is likely to join when he enters the world of spirits.

## MARRIED,

At Kingston, on the 10th inst. by the Rev. R. Wiggins, Mr. CHARLES DE FOREST, to Miss SUSAN, eldest daughter of Thomas Fairweather, Esq. of that place.

At Westfield, on the 25th January, by the Rev. G. L. Wiggins, Mr. GEORGE VAUGHAN, of Lancaster, to CATHERINE SMITH, daughter of Capt. Jas. Beattie, of Westfield.

On the 30th Jan. by the same, Mr. JOSEPH FRANCH to SARAH, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Purdy—all of Westfield.

At Halifax, on the 8th inst. by the Venerable Archdeacon Wilks, Lieutenant WILLIAM BARWELL, of H. M. ship Hussar, to MARTHA-ANN, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Gray.

At Cornwallis, (N. S.) on the 23rd January, by the Rev. John Martin, the Rev. GEORGE STRATHERS, Minister of the Presbyterian Church, Horton, to MARY eldest daughter of the Rev. William Forsyth of Cornwallis.

## DIED,

On Tuesday morning, Mr. JOHN SINNOT, aged 19 years. On the 29th ult. at St. George, Mrs. EUNICE GREENLAW, relict of the late Mr. Ebenezer Greenlaw, aged about 75 years.

Suddenly at Sheffield, County of Sunbury, on Sunday last, Mr. DAVID BURPE, Junr. Mr. Burpe had for several years been an active and useful Deacon of the Congregational Church in Sheffield, and was Treasurer of the County. The correctness of his conduct through life, had secured to him the approbation and confidence of all with whom he had intercourse, and his extensive benevolence had at-

tached the gratitude and affections of the destitute.—He has left a widow and seven children to lament their loss, and his death is deeply regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends.

At London, on the 13th Nov. EGESIVS ROCKE, Esquire, Editor and part Proprietor of the London Courier, with which Journal he had been connected, with a short interval, for the last twenty years.

At Halifax, on the 5th of February, the Honorable JAMES STEWART, after a lingering illness, which he bore with patient submission to the Divine will. This valuable man had been upwards of thirty years a servant of the Public, in the several Offices of Solicitor-General, Member of His Majesty's Council, and Judge of the Supreme Court, which he filled with equal credit to himself, and advantage to the Province.

To his family his loss is irreparable. His friends will long dwell upon the memory of his various virtues with fond affection, and deeply regret the departure of one who felt for those to whom he was attached, a degree of disinterested friendship and sincere regard which is rarely met with in those who have been long involved in the struggles and contentions of this busy world. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the manner in which he discharged his public duties, his diligence, integrity—his impartiality and his humanity, are well known to the inhabitants of this Province, and they can best appreciate his worth and their loss.

Suddenly, on the 30th ult. at her residence in Warwick Parish, Mrs. SMITH, relict of the Honourable WILLIAM SMITH, many years President of His Majesty's Council for the Bermudas.

This excellent woman, after having enjoyed a larger portion of domestic happiness than falls to the ordinary lot of humanity, and lived to see her Great Grand Children spring up around her, in health and beauty, departed in the fulness of time without a struggle.

A sermon on the melancholy death of this Lady, was delivered by the Honorable and Venerable Archdeacon Spencer, which was highly appropriate, and concluded with a well deserved eulogium to the character of the deceased, from which we select the following:—"From this truth which is strong as the attestation of God himself can make it, must the mourners of the present hour derive a genuine comfort. The long life of our regretted Sister, which has been at the last so suddenly terminated, bore throughout its quiet tenor, the clearest indications of its acceptance with God, through faith in the merits and revealed word of our Divine Redeemer. In her the fruits of the Spirit were indeed manifest. Her's were "the love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against which there is no law."—Her's was that charitable disposition which soothed the sorrows of the poor, whom she pitied and relieved, and pervaded her speech, her actions, her whole intercourse with society. The rank to which her husband had attained, never excited her to pride, nor withdrew her thoughts from the "one thing needful;" an earnest propitiation of the paths that lead to Salvation; a true and sympathizing companion to her Husband; a fond and vigilant mother; an indulgent mistress; a faithful and unshrinking friend; she yet preserved her earthly affections in that even and happy temperament that they never overpowered or weakened the love which she owed to her God and Saviour.—There was something in her meek and unaffected piety; in her constant but unobtrusive devotions, in the content, the joy, the heavenly-mindedness that graced her ordinary conversation, which was of a character truly primitive, and did more perhaps for establishing religion in her family than a thousand homilies.—Her duties are fulfilled—her trial is ended—her example is before you—full of years and of faith, after "a patient continuance in well-doing," she is "dead, and her life is hid with Christ in God."

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