

dim atmosphere—St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, the Tower, among them—a wilderness of architecture, thirty miles in circumference! It was a sight to be seen, but it defies description: he is not a wise man who attempts it—and I forbear.

REFLECTIONS ON DEATH.

We soon forget them whom the earth has covered. It is an unwelcome and a humiliating reflection, that society feels a degree of interest in the death of its members. Yes! I do believe that the dissolution of a human being usually occasions less affliction than it does gratification. Is there one among you, my friends, who is inclined to question the correctness of this opinion? to him I would thus speak:—"When thou art dead, thy remains must be buried: the hollow ground must be broken up, and the fee of the sexton must be paid. Thy body must be accommodated, yea, decorated for the tomb: an order will be given for thy shroud. Some one will serve himself by serving thee, and will make thee a coffin. Thy attendance to the place of sepulchre must be arrayed in the garb of grief; and the impending band and flowing scarf will be viewed with complacency. The undertaker will see that due respect is paid to thee and to himself; thy remains will be conveyed with care, surrounded with sable vestments, and with nodding plumes. The hearse will punctually attend with his clothed staff. The funeral obsequies must be performed; thine office and vocation must be filled; and all thy worldly goods appropriated. Call to mind, then, the benefits thy death will confer, from the fee of the gravedigger to the fortune of thine heirs: now calculate the number of those thou wilt oblige by thy departure; and thou wilt die rich in friends, if their number should exceed it." Alas; such is the end of poor humanity. Most of us have received some pleasure from the reflection that when we are gone our graves will be visited; nor is it grateful to anticipate that a time will arrive when the memorial erected over us will be passed by utterly disregarded and forgotten; and yet how speedily may that time arrive! In one of my rambles among the tombs, I was much affected by the sorrow of an aged woman, who stood mournfully looking on a grave that had been newly turfed. She measured it with her eye, walked around it, patted the green sod in different parts gently with her fingers, and then, leaning with both hands on her stick, she burst into tears. It went to my very soul. I felt for the old lady; and, leaning on my cane, sighed for very sympathy. Again she walked round the grave, and again she was subdued by her sorrowful emotions. Her heart was full. I could not trespass on her grief, but left her in the same attitude in which I first saw her, looking wishfully on the grave at her feet.—*Old Toby's Address to his Friends.*

DISCOVERIES SINCE 1760.—The old steam engine improved 1769. Ancient religion in India 1774. Spinning by steam 1782. Air Balloons; Herschels Telescope and four new planets; Recovering drowned persons; Suspenders; Umbrellas, and cut nails 1792. Hydraulic press and Telegraphs 1794. Percussion powder; Galvanism; the names in chemistry 1803. The Argand lamp; boring for water, coal, &c. 1804. Roman Cement; Gas-light 1813. Sugar cultivated in Louisiana 1809. The Nautical Almanac; Navigation by steam 1810. Printing by steam power; Stereotype plates; Circular Saw; Sugar from the root of beet; Anthracite coal; Lithographic impressions 1816. Musical boxes 1817. Safety lamps; Chain cables 1820. Chronometers perfected; Power looms for cloths, stockings, &c.; Tread-mills for prisons; the Stomach Pump; Rail Ways; Lead and Coal mines in the U. States; Craniology 1828. Steam guns and carriages 1832. Gum elastic shoes and boots 1833.

HALIFAX, NOVEMBER 4, 1836.

His Excellency the **LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR** has been pleased, by Proclamation, bearing date this day, to dissolve the present House of Assembly, and to direct the issue of Writs for a General Election, which Writs are to be made returnable on the 12th January next.

The People of this Province are thus again called upon to exercise a privilege of which they are justly proud—to select from among them those whom they consider best qualified to defend the rights which the Constitution has guaranteed to them—to cherish and promote the interests of the Province—and to uphold those principles of order and good government which are necessary to the happiness of Communities.

The Elections will be held—For the County of Pictou, at Pictou, Nov. 14.—New Glasgow, 19th—Merigomish, 24th.

Colchester—At Truro, 29th November
Londonerry, Onslow and Township of Truro—To be held and closed before Election takes place for County.

County of Halifax—At Halifax, Dec. 5. Margaret's Bay, 9th. Musquejohoit, 12th.—*Gas.*

The following are the Candidates already offered:

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| County Colchester. | { | SG W. Archibald, Esq | |
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| " | | Cape Breton... J. B. Uniache | " |
| " | | Cumberland { Gaius Lewis | " |
| | | Andrew M'Kim | " |
| Isle Madame, C. B. | | L. O'C. Doyle | " |
| Township of Pictou. | | Anthony Smith | " |

Supreme Court,
Michlemas Term. 1836.

John McGregor, Attorney at Law, was this day duly admitted and enrolled a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Gustavus Haliburton, A. B. Student at Law, having taken the usual oaths in open Court, was admitted and enrolled Attorney and Barrister of the said Court.

Charles F. Harrington, William C. Whelden, David Matheson, and Peter Lynch, Junior, Students at Law, having taken the usual oaths in open Court, were this day duly admitted and enrolled Attorneys of the said Court.

FEARFUL ACCIDENT—ROYAL TAR BURNED.—32 PERSONS LOST—THE MENAGERIE DESTROYED.—*Extract of a Letter from St. John, N. B. October 29,*—"I am sorry to acquaint you of the loss of the Royal Tar, Steamer, on the 25th October. Captain Reid arrived this morning. On the passage between this Port and Portland, the steam proved not sufficient to propel the Boat. Capt. Reid thought it advisable to come to anchor off the Isle of Haut, in order to have the Boiler washed out; that having been done, they proceeded on their way; when, in a few minutes, a fire was discovered near the Engine. The number of passengers was 90, thirty-two of whom were either drowned or burnt to death.

The Menagerie was on board—all the animals were burnt but the elephant."

A Circular from the Deputy Postmaster General at Quebec, gives particulars connected with the robbery of the Mails from thence for New Brunswick and this Province. A Quebec paper states it to have been the first Mail Robbery which has taken place in Lower Canada, and we have no reason to doubt the correctness of the assertion. There appears to have been a large amount of Paper Money in the Mails which have been taken, which we fear will never be recovered. A Gentleman belonging to the Post-Office Department had proceeded to St. Ignace—he found the Portmanteau, but it had been rifled of its contents.—He returned to Quebec, and immediately afterwards proceeded on the road leading to Kenebeck, and we hope he will succeed in accomplishing the object of his journey.

DIED.

Wednesday morning, Sarah, wife of Mr. Thomas Muhtig, of this town, aged 66 years. Her funeral will take place from her late residence in Brunswick Street, near the old Church, this day, at 3 o'clock.

STATIONARY, &c.

The Subscriber offers for sale on reasonable terms:

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Also.—100 reams Printing Demy Paper; Wrapping do of various sizes, and a large assortment of Blank Cards.

November 4. J. MUNRO.