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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company is prepared to receive applications for Insurance against FIRE upon Buildings and other Property, at the Office of the subscriber. I. WOODWARD.

St. John, Nov. 11, 1846. *Secretary.*

UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Of Boston.

No connection with Fire, Marine, or Health Insurance.

PERSONS Insured in this Company on the *Mutual* plan,—"the only plan" says Chamber's Edinburgh Journal,"which the *Public at large* are concerned to support,"—will have returned to them *all the Profits*, instead of a *portion only*, as in the *Stock* or mixed Companies. The *advantages* offered by this Company are, *Annual Dividends* of 59 per cent., paid during the life of the party, in the order of rotation from the excess of a capital of profits of $200,000.

Parties may insure for 1 year or 7 years, for life, or until they attain the ages of 40, 50 or 60, and *for any sum* from $100 up to $5000, and at *any age* from 14 to 67.

Parties insuring for 1 or 7 years enjoy many advantages of a *mercantile* nature, at a *very small* expense.

Parties insuring for Life, can provide for those *dependent upon them*, notwithstanding *contingencies of trade*, as to which this Company's *Charter offers peculiar facilities*—See Section 9.—and those who insure until they arrive at the age of 40, 50, or 60, make a *sure provision for old age* and their families, in case of death—(the attention of the Public is *earnestly solicited to this*, and this Company's rates therefore.)

Parties may insure for Life *without profits* at a reduction of 30 per cent., from *life rates*.

Parties insuring for Life or until the ages of 40, 50 or 60 when the premiums amount to $40, can have a *credit* for half at interest, *without any increase of premium*—such *credit* for the *whole term* and not merely for the first 5 years. After payment of three premiums on surrender of Life Policy, the holder will receive its *equitable value in cash*.

This Office insures from the *nearest* birth-day, instead of the *next*, as in other offices. The Charter makes it "*unlawful to loan any sum of money to any Director or Officer of said Company upon any security whatever.*" In no case is the person insured liable beyond the amount of premium.

The Board of Finance (who are among the most reliable financiers of the country,) viz: Franklin Haven, President Merchant's Bank, Boston; Thomas Thacher, Merchant, Boston; and Ruel Williams, President Kennebec Rail Road, *superintend all investments* of the Company; 12 Directors, Hon. David Henshaw, and others.

—LOCAL REFEREES—

Boston.—Hon. Abbot Lawrence, Hon. David Henshaw, Hon. Robert G. Shaw, Hon. William Sturgis, and Hon. Charles Sumner.

Saint John.—Benjamin Smith, Levi H. Waterhouse, Thomas G. Hatheway, Nathan S. DeMill, and Samuel L. Tilley, Esquires.

☞ See Pamphlets and statements of Company's affairs at the subscriber's office, who will receive applications and give further information.

W. H. HATHEWAY, *Barrister at Law* St. John, AGENT FOR NEW-BRUNSWICK.

9th December, 1851.

LIVERPOOL & LONDON Fire & Life Insurance Company,

(Established in 1836.)

Capital £2,000,000—in Shares of Twenty Pounds.

THE Stockholders of this Company are responsible to the full extent of their property for the liabilities of the Company.

The undersigned hereby notifies the Public of New Brunswick, that the above named Company have empowered him, by a full and ample Power of Attorney, to open an Office in the City of Saint John, for the Insurance of PROPERTY against loss or damage by FIRE, in any part of the Province, and to sign and issue Policies in the name of the Company; and that in virtue of the power vested in him by the said Power of Attorney, he has appointed Mr. ADAM JACK to act as Agent for the said Company, in the receiving of proposals for Insurance, and the inspection of premises proposed for Insurance, and all other the usual duties of an Agent; and to collect and receive the amount of premium on any policy issued by the undersigned in the name of the said Company, or for the renewal of the same.

The Deed of settlement, and the supplemental Deed of settlement, lies with Mr. JACK, at the Office of the *New-Brunswick Marine Assurance Company*, also the pamphlets issued by the Office at Liverpool, affording ample details of the mode of transacting business by the Company.

The rates of premium will be as low as any other respectable Company, and the undersigned trusts a fair portion of public patronage will be accorded to the Company.

Losses not exceeding £500, will be settled without referring to the head Office at Liverpool.

EDWARD ALLISON.

Dated at St. John, N. B. 4th August, 1851.

Oakum, Paints, Oils & Putty.

Landing ex *Faside*, from London—

3 TONS London Best Parish Picked *OAKUM*;
3 casks boiled } Brandram's best Paint Oil;
3 casks raw }
2 casks No 1 } Brandram's best White Lead,
2 casks No 2 } in 56 and 28 lb. kegs;
1 cask Putty, in 14 lb, & 7lb. bladders;
20 half-chests best Congo *TEA*.

GEORGE THOMAS,
May 4. *South Market Wharf.*

New Molasses.

166 HHDS., 17 Tierces, } Early Crop Molasses.

Now landing from Matanzas ex brig Zero, will be sold low while landing.

FLEWWELLING & READING.
March 16.

Brandy and Venegar.

Per *Oberon*, from Charente—

22 HHDS. Henessey's Dark and Pale BRANDY;
25 cases very old Bottled ditto;
6 casks French White Wine *VINEGAR*.

June 1. FLEWWELLING & READING.

FALL SUPPLIES.

Landing ex 'Village Belle,' from Glasgow, and 'Themis,' from Liverpool—

5 BARRELS Split PEAS,
15 do. Pot and Pearl BARLEY,
20 do. Fresh Ayrshire OATMEAL,
5 boxes patent Sago, and Greenfield Powder STARCH.
4 cases patent Chinese STARCH,
1 case Spanish Chocolate; 1 bale Shop TWINE,
1 bale Hemp Bed Cords; 1 cask Scrubbing BRUSHES,
1 barrel Flour of SULPHUR—For Sale by
Sept 28. JARDINE & CO.

STOVES! STOVES!

Corner of Dock Street and Market Square.

THE subscriber has just received a good assortment of COOKING STOVES, FRANKLINS, and CLOSE STOVES, including Canada Stoves, which he offers for sale at very low prices. W. H. ADAMS.

October 26.

SHEFFIELD HOUSE,

Market square, April 17th, 1852.

NEW GOODS,
Per steamer "Canada."

ROBINSON & THOMPSON have just received a large and rich assortment of GOLD JEWELLERY, consisting of new styles of BROOCHES, set with Agua-Marine Carbuncle, Topaz, Amethyst and other settings; Ladies and Gents. Finger RINGS, set with gems and other fancy and rare stones; new patterns VEST CHAINS, in gold and silver; GOLD CHAINS and GUARDS in variety; Gold, Silver, Scotch Pebble, and Hair BRACELETS; Lockets; Watch Brooches; Watch Keys and Seals; Gold Snaps and Crosses; Gold Spectacles; Gold and Silver Pencil Cases and Tooth Picks; Gold Enamel and Coruelian Studs, latest patterns.

☞ Silver Brooches and Shawl Pins, in great variety; Silver Butter Knives and Pickle Forks; Silver Thimbles; Ladies' Companions; Fish Carvers and Cake Knives; in cases; Silver Fruit Knives; Silver sugar Spoons and Caddy Shells; Silver Knive, Fork and Spoon, in cases; Silver Rattles with Coral; Silver Boquet Holders; Silver Card Cases; Silver Fittings for Work Boxes, &c.; Silver Taper Stands; best English Side Combs.

GOLD and SILVER WATCHES, &c.

The above Goods having been purchased in the first Markets by one of the firm, they can with confidence recommend them as being of the first quality. They are offered at such prices as will ensure a continuance of the liberal patronage hitherto enjoyed by this Establishment for the last ten years.—Having renewed the lease of their Store, and made extensive enlargements and improvements, purchasers will do well to inspect their Goods, which, when complete, will be found to consist of every variety and price, suitable to the wants and wishes of all classes.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

Daily expected per Ships *Devon* and *Alciope*—55 packages, consisting of Cutlery; Plated Electro and Albata Wares; Fancy Goods, &c., &c., &c. Particulars in future advertisements.

Expected per steamer early next week—1 case English Silver Spoons, &c. April 17.—6i.

Books, Stationery, Threads, &c.

Per ship 'Royalist,' Kerr, Master, from Liverpool, Landing for the Subscriber—

6 CASES of well-assorted STATIONERY, containing Superfine and Fine Quality Foolscap; Post and Foot PAPER, Letter and Note Paper; Envelopes; Single and Double Crown Paper; Few Cell bound Elastic Ledgers, 4 and 7 quires; Long Folio and Day Books, Cell bound 4 and 10 quires; Gilt and Plain Metallic Books; Sacred Music Book-; Songs of Scotland, &c, &c. The above well adapted for Counting-house use.

Also—3 Cases of 3 and 6 cord White Sewing THREADS, numbered from 10 to 90, 100 to 300 Yard Reels, of very best quality and description.

Will be sold low by the Subscriber.

JOHN V. THURGAR,
March 30. North Market Wharf

Sheffield House,

Market Square, April 17, 1852.

To Watchmakers, Jewellers, &c.

ROBINSON & THOMPSON have just opened an assortment of WATCH MATERIALS, TOOLS, &c., which they offer to the Trade at very low prices, consisting of English and Geneva Gold, Steel and Metal WATCH HANDS—Butterfly, moon, swell, spade and other patterns; Steel Seconds; Gold and Metal Centres; best Lever Fusee Chains; French do. do.; English and Geneva Hair Springs; Verge do.; Chain Hooks. Lever Stalls; Lever and Verge Screws; Cap Springs and Buttons; Jewel Holes, &c.; Ruby Pins; Brass Curbs; Brass Ratches; Geneva Ratchet Work; Indexes; Silver and G. S. Bows and Pendants; Watch Dials, Watch Glasses, Joints; Catches and Ornaments for repairing Brooches; Brooch Pins in Gold, G. S., Steel and Brass; Earring Loops, Crampe, and Claws; Screw Ferrules; French Drills; Drill Stocks, Sheeting do.; Pivot Broaches, Watch do.; endless screw Keys; Chamfering Tools; Calipers; Watch Pivers, cutting do.; Sliding Tongs; Hand Vices; Clams; Pinion Gauges; Dividers Hammers; Main Spring Winders; Joint Pushers, Tweezers, Burnishers, English and French Screw Drivers; drill bow, and spring Gut &c. &c. &c.

☞ An inspection is respectfully solicited.

Apr 17—tf.

GOODS

From London, Liverpool, &c., now landing—

900 BOXES 7x9 8x10, 9x12 and 10x12 Sheet Window GLASS,
200 Kegs Brandram's WHITE LEAD,
200 Kegs *Habbuck's* White ZINC PAINT,
100 Bags assorted Cut NAILS;
2000 Pieces London PAPER HANGINGS,
5 Hhds Crushed SUGAR,
20 Barrels Dried CURRANTS,
15 Bags Black PEPPER,
6 Bales CLOVES,
20 Chests TEA,
1 Chest INDIGO; 1 bbl. NUTMEGS,
1 Case of Bottle INK
50 Boxes Common SOAP,
20 Boxes Castile, Windsor, and Toilet SOAPS.

For sale by JOHN KINNEAR,
April 27, 1852. *Prince Wm. Street*

Guano, Pickles, &c.

Landing, ex '*Sarah Louisa*,' from Liverpool—

80 BAGS best Peruvian GUANO;
35 dozen SICKLES;
15 dozen Grass HOOKS; 10 doz. Steel Pointed SHOVELS; 10 doz. CATTLE TIES; 8 doz. GARDEN RAKES.

Ex schr. *Martha Greenow*, from Boston—

15 boxes Cummington *SCYTHE STONES;*
5 Spring Teeth Horse Rakes;
5 Revolving Horse Rakes,—with a large assortment of SCYTHS, Cradle Scythes, Rakes, Forks, Shovels, &c. &c.—For sale by

June 22. JARDINE & CO.

SHIP'S PROVISIONS!
Beef, Pork and Bread.

LANDING ex Mary, from Boston:—40 barrels Mess BEEF; 20 barrels extra Prime PORK;
25 barrels Pilot } BREAD;
70 barrels Navy }
In bond, for Ships' Stores.

Sept. 7. GEORGE THOMAS.

Window Glass and Champagne.

Landing this day by schr. 'Charles' from Halifax:

100 BOXES WINDOW GLASS, assorted sizes, 10x8 to 15x11;
20 Baskets Sparkling CHAMPAGNE.

Daily expected from Glasgow:—

200 Boxes TOBACCO PIPES;
3 cases COTTON REELS.

JOHN V. THURGAR,
Sept 7, 1852. North Market Wharf.

London Groceries.

Landing ex Acteon from London:

20 CHESTS fine Congo TEA, of very superior quality for family use.
2 cases Brown Windsor, and Honey SOAP,
15 kegs S. F. and D. S. F. Mustard,
15 cases Smyrna Cooking RAISINS;
1 chest Pearl SAGO; 20 boxes Maccaroni & Vermicelli,
1 bag White PEPPER;
Cases Isinglass, Candied Citron, Lemon & Orange Peel;
Casks Pickles and Sauces, Orange Marmalade, Pearl Groats;
1 tierce Preserved Meats—comprising Roast and Boiled Beef, Mutton, and Veal, Hashed Mutton, Calf's Head, &c. &c.
1 chest Madras INDIGO.—For sale by

Sept 28. JARDINE & CO.

GLENFIELD PATENT DOUBLE REFINED POWDER STARCH.

THE subscribers have been appointed Wholesale Agents in New-Brunswick, for the above celebrated STARCH, to which the *Prize Medal* was awarded at the late Great Exhibition in London, and noticed for its "*general superiority*," by the Royal Commissioners and Jury, from amongst thirty or forty Samples Exhibited.

The manufacturers have also received testimonials from Her Majesty's Laundress, the Countess of Eglinton, and many others of the Nobility of the United Kingdom; and, from its superior and peculiar qualities, it has met with an almost universal acknowledgment.

In the manufacture of "Glenfield Patent Double Refined Powder Starch," it goes through a process so simple and efficient, that it acquires no properties hurtful to either texture or appearance of the goods, but on the contrary, produces a fine, clear, flexible finish; it requires no boiling, is perfectly free from all impurities, and is warranted not to adhere to the Iron.

A consignment has just been received of the above celebrated STARCH, to which the attention of the public is solicited.

☞ *Retailers supplied on favorable terms.*

Sept. 7. JARDINE & CO.

Hibernian Hotel Notice.

THE subscriber wishes to inform his numerous friends and the public; that there always may be had at this Establishment, *OYSTERS* the best quality. Also, *Chicken PIES, Mutton Pies*, and *Roast Fowls* always on hand, with which private families can be supplied at any time. Also, CORDIALS suitable for Temperance advocates or teetotalers, besides, comfortable Rooms for public or private parties always ready at a call, to which the attention of the travelling community is respectfully solicited.

JAMES NETHERY,
St. John, Sept. 28, 1852. *Church Street.*

India Rubber Boots and Shoes,

Of superior quality, on hand, as follows:—

2000 PAIRS Men's Over SHOES;
1600 pairs Women's Over Shoes;
600 pairs Women's BUSKINS;
100 do. Women's GAITERS;
200 do. Jenny Lind BOOTS;
750 do. Misses' Over SHOES;
400 do. Children's Over Shoes;
50 do. Men's India Rubber BOOTS.

For sale by JOHN KINNEAR,
Sept. 11. *Prince William Street.*

ADAMS' HARDWARE STORE,

Corner Dock Street and Market Square.

18th September. 1852.

ROWLAND'S MILL SAWS, 6, 6½ and 7 feet long; Hoole, Stansforth & Co's. Gang and Circular SAWS. And, always on hand—India Rubber Belting, Packing and Hose. W. H. ADAMS.

Sheet Lead and Shot.

Ex "Pilgrim," from Liverpool:—

6 ROLLS SHEET LEAD, from 3 to 5 lbs.;
2 tons Patent SHOT; for sale by

Sept. 14. W. TISDALE & SON.

Corner Dock-Street and Market Square 25th SEPTEMBER, 1852.

W. H. ADAMS

Has received per "Themis," and "Village Belle,

15 TONS Hollow Ware, consisting of Pots, Boilers, Frying Pans, Bake Ovens, and extra Covers;
6 casks Teakettles and Frying Pans;
3 each casks and cases (Thompson's) Augers, assorted;
45 bags Rose and Clasp Headed Nails;
4 kegs Copper and Composition Sheathing and Boat ditto;
1 cask Wrought Pump Tacks;
3 casks and cases Hair Cloth and Curled Hair;
2 casks Cutlery;
3 cases Sanderson's best Bar Cast Steel;
4 casks sheet Zinc;
4 do. Borax and Glue;
An assortment of Vices and Anvils;
3 casks shoe Thread;
2 cases Lines and Twines.

☞ Balance of Fall stock daily expected.

Burning Fluid.

Just received by the *Cuba*, from Boston,

2 BARRELS Superior BURNING FLUID. For sale by

THOMAS M. REED,
Sept. 28. North Wharf.

LANDING,

Ex Henry Holland, from Glasgow, direct from the Manufactory:—

36 DOZEN Patent sparkling GELATINE.—For sale by

Oct. 5. JARDINE & CO.

Agricultural Implements

ON HAND—A large assortment of Fan Mills, Straw Cutters and Vegetable Boilers. For sale by

Oct. 5. JARDINE & CO.

Patent Windlasses on Consignment.

To arrive per ship "Commodore," from Liverpool:

5 PATENT WINDLASSES, 14 inch, 16 inch, 17 inch, 19 inch, and 22 inch, with Patent Boxes, Cross Hands, and Pedestal Handles

Sept. 28. GEORGE THOMAS.

Coffee, Raisins, Hams, &c. &c.

Landing ex "Cuba," from Boston:—

50 BAGS Java and Laguira COFFEE;
1 cask Prime HAMS;
10 boxes SALERATUS; 6 barrels Pea Beans;
6 sacks Filberts and Walnuts,
5 boxes LEMONS; 1 tierce HONEY,
20 jars and bladders Scotch Snuff,
5 barrels Ground LOGWOOD,
1 ton Logwood; 1 half-ton Fustic,
3 barrels QUINCES; 10 brls. APPLES.

Per "*Gazelle*," from Halifax—

200 half and quarter boxes new RAISINS.

JAMES MACFARLANE,
October 26. *Market Square.*

Scotch Oats.

300 BUSHELS superior White Oats, for feeding.

Sept. 14. JARDINE & CO.

Spiced Salmon!

SPICED SALMON, in tin packages, Hermetically sealed, warranted to keep in any climate.—For sale by Retail, or in larger quantities for exportation. GEO. THOMAS,
Aug 31, South Wharf.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE!

The steamship Baltic arrived at New York on Saturday night, with dates to the 17th Nov.

The steamship Europa arrived at Liverpool on the 16th.

The new Cunard screw steamer Andes arrived at Liverpool from Greenock on the 16th, and will sail for New York on the 8th of Dec. The Alps, the second steamer of the new line, is expected at Liverpool by the middle of Dec.

The European news by this arrival does not possess much interest.

Cotton continued depressed. Breadstuffs are buoyant.

In the House of Commons, on Friday evening, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said, in answer to Mr. Herbert, that he could not fix the time when the papers relative to the North American fisheries would be laid before the House, but he believed that he could assure the House that the result of the negociations would be of great commercial advantage.

In the House of Lords on Monday, a bill was passed making Thursday the 18th, a legal holiday, out of respect to the memory of the late Duke of Wellington. Subsequently the House of Commons agreed to the same proposition.

Lord Stanley, in reply to a question on Monday, stated that communications had passed on the subject of the modification of the customs dues on the part of France, and that the French government evinced a favourable disposition in the matter.

Lord Londonderry has written to Abd-el-Kader, inviting him to visit England.

The damage done by the inundations in England has caused great delay in transmitting the mails. There have been numerous casualties to shipping along the Irish coast.

On motion of Lord Palmerston, a return was ordered of the number of slaves imported into Cuba and the Brazils. Mr. Hume complained of the infringement on the part of Spain and Portugal of the treaty for the suppression of the slave trade.

A select committee was appointed to inquire into the government of India.

On Tuesday the Lord Chancellor stated the measures which the government intended to bring forward for improving the administration of the law.

In the Commons, in reply to Mr. Hume, Lord Stanley stated that the Austrian government had apologised for the arrest in June last of Mr. Newton, a British subject.

On Monday the Earl of Derby called a meeting of the members of Parliament favorable to the support of the present Ministry. About 230 members were present. The meeting was understood to be in relation to Mr. Villier's intended free trade motion, of which the following is a copy as it stands on the order book for the 23d inst.:—"Mr. Charles Villers to move a resolution on free trade." This is of course intended as a test question of the strength of the present Government, and the result is looked for with considerable eagerness by the friends and opponents of the ministry.

The obsequies of the Duke of Wellington excite the largest share of public attention. The day, Thursday, the 18th inst. was to be observed throughout the country as a holiday. All the public offices, &c., will be closed, and business operations of every kind suspended. It is expected to be a most gorgeous affair.

Very high floods had occurred in the Thames, the Wye, Severn and other rivers, resulting in much damage being sustained to property in the neighbourhood.

U. S. brig of war Dolphin put into Lisbon Nov. 7th for repairs, having thrown overboard all her armament, except one gun.

So great had been the crowd to see the Duke of Wellington's remains, that several persons had been suffocated.

Accounts from the Cape of Good Hope to Oct. 9, state that the war had about drawn to a close.

In India it was expected that peace would be concluded with the king of Ava at Prome on the 3d and 4th October, although hostilities continued.

Accounts from Australia state that in one week in July, $2,500,000 had been taken from the mines. The aggregate for the month was $8,000,000.

VALUE OF A LARGE LIBRARY.—The apt reply of a distinguished scholar to a benefactor of the institution of learning with which he was connected, when an increase of the library was the subject of discussion, deserves perpetual remembrance. "We need more books," said the Professor. "More books!" exclaimed the merchant; "why, have you read through all that you already possess?" "O no, I never expect to read them all." "Why then do you want more?" "Pray, sir, did you ever read your dictionary through?" "Certainly not." "Well, a library is my dictionary."

HOLLOW HORN.—This troublesome and not unfrequently fatal disease, may be prevented simply by putting a table-spoonful of spirits of turpentine in the cavity or hollow behind the horns, during the severe weather of winter and early spring. Liberal feeding and good protection, however, will, as a general thing, obviate the necessity of the forgoing application. It is rarely the case, indeed, that cows which are well kept and comfortably lodged become subjects of this disease.—*Woburn Journal.*

THE SIAMESE TWINS.—Chang and Eng are the owners of a large number of slaves, in North Carolina, and are said to be very severe task-masters. They are married, and what is singular, Chang is said to be a Pierce and King democrat, and Eng something of a Hale abolitionist. Both are married, the former having six children, and the latter five. Eng's wife weighs 240 pounds; the aggregate weight of the twins is but 210 pounds.

The Misery of Idleness.—A man who is able to employ himself innocently is never miserable. It is the idle who are wretched. If I wanted to inflict the greatest punishment on a fellow creature, I would shut him alone in a dark room without employment.

A BURST OF TALENT!—A Yankee, being asked to describe his wife, said: "Why, sir, she'd make a regular fast, go-a-head steamer, my wife would—she has such wonderful talent for blowing up."—*Punch.*

Susan M. Learnare recovered $3500 from Dr. Alfred Watkyns for breach of promise of marriage in Albany, on the 18th inst. The lady is only 21 years of age, but the gentleman is 56. The latter, however, is worth $10,000.

An interesting little girl of ten years of age, in Nashua, N. H., was so badly frightened recently by a man disguised in a mask, at a window she was passing, that an affection of the brain ensued, of which she died.

A farmer in Canton, Mass., has a cranberry meadow of twelve acres in extent, lying near Punkapong Pond, from which he has raked, the present season, upwards of 1000 bushels fine cranberries, for which he has realized $3000 in cash.

A merchant in Hartford has cleared $40,000 by flour shipped to California this season.

Poetry.

LITTLE SUE.

Dear little Sue, with eyes so blue,
And her tresses of golden hair,
Her cheeks that rival the peach's hue,
Her lips so red and so fair,
How her silver tongue so joyously rung,
When watching, she hailed with delight,
My Evening's return, while on my neck she hung,
Lisping her prayer and good night.

Poor little Sue, no more shall I view
From the casement her beautiful face,
For welcome at eve, she has bade us adieu,
And vacant, and silent's her place;
Under the ground, where yon green mound,
Covers a grave, small and new,
In sleep, so sweet, so quiet and sound,
Rests my gentle, my angel Sue.

THE HOME OF BURNS.

"Grace Greenwood," the sprightly correspondent of the N. Y. National Era, writes of her visit to the Home of Burns:—

The cottage in which Burns was born, and which his father built, was originally called a "clay bigging," consisting only of two small apartments on the ground floor—a kitchen and sitting-room. The kitchen has a recess for a bed, and here the Poet first opened his bewildered baby eyes on a most ungenial world. This room, it is supposed, was the scene of "The Cotter's Saturday Night." I was somewhat disappointed to find this cottage standing on the road, and that it had been built on to, and whitewashed out of all character and venerableness. It is now occupied as an ale-house, which becometh it little as the scene of the beautiful religious poem above-named. A few rods from the door stands the "auld haunted kirk," through one of whose windows luckless Tam O'Shanter took his daring observation of Old Nick and the witches, "as they appeared when enjoying themselves." This is a picturesque, roofless, rafterless edifice, in a good state of preservation. In the pleasant old churchyard rests the father of the poet, beneath the tombstone erected and inscribed by one whose days should have been "long in the land," according to the promise, for Burns truly honored his father and his mother.

From the kirk we went to the monument, which stands on the summit of the eastern bank of the Doon, and near to the "auld brig," on the "keystone" of which poor Tam O'Shanter was delivered from his weird pursuers, and his gray mare, "Meggie," met with a loss irreparable. This monument, of which the prints give you a very good idea, is of graceful proportions and a graceful style of architecture. The grounds about it, though small in extent, are admirably kept, shaded with fine shrubbery, and made more beautiful by hosts of rare and lovely flowers.

There seemed to me something peculiarly and [illegible] sacred to the genius of Burns, with the leafy haunts of the birds he loved, in whose songs alone would his tuneful memory live, and with the sweetness and brightness of flowers, from whose glowing hearts he would have drawn deep meanings of love and pure breathings of passion, or as those frail, fragrant leaves he would have rent holy Sabbath truths, lessons of modesty and meekness, and teachings of the wondrous workings of Him who planted the daisy on the lonely hill-side, and the poet in a weary world—the one to delight the eyes, the other to charm and cheer the souls, of his creatures.

Within the monument, we saw that most touching relic of Burns, the Bible which he gave to "Highland Mary" at their solemn betrothal. It is in two volumes. On the fly-leaf of the first, in the hand-writing of the poet, is the text, "And ye shall not swear by my name falsely; I am the Lord." In the second, "Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but thou shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths." In both of the volumes is the name of Burns, with his Mason's mark, and in one is a lock of Mary's own beautiful golden hair—a soft, glossy curl, which, in the last tender parting, may have been smoothed down by the caressing hand, may have waved in the breath, or lain against the breast of the poet-lover.

The view from the summit of the monument is exceedingly interesting, embracing as it does many of the scenes of the life and song of Burns. The scenery of Ayr is not grand, surely, nor strikingly picturesque; but this view is lovely, quiet, and pleasant, beyond description—truly a smiling landscape.

Perhaps something was owing to the rich sunshine and soft air of the day, and more to the wondrous charm of association; but I never remember to have felt a more exquisite sense of beauty, a delight more deep and delicious, though shadowed with sad and regretful memories, than while sitting or strolling on the banks of the Doon, half cheated by excited fancy with the hope that I might see the rustic poet, leaning over the picturesque "auld brig," following with his great, dark, dreamy eyes, the windings of the stream below, or, with glowing face upraised, revelling in the clear deep blue, and fair floating clouds above; or, perchance, walking slowly on the shore, coming down from the pleasant "Braes o' Ballochmyle," musing, with folded arms and drooping head, on "the bonnie lass" who had there unconsciously strayed across the path of a poet, and chanced upon immortality. The Doon seemed to roll by with the melodious flow of his song—now with the impetuous sweep of passion; now with the fine sparkle of pleasant wit; now under the solemn shadows of sorrow; now out into the clear sunlight of exultant joy; now with the soft gurgle and silver trickling of love's light measures; now with the low, deep murmur of devotion. As I lingered there, countless snatches of the poet's songs, and stanza after stanza of long-forgotten poems, sprang to my lips; rare thoughts, the sweet, fresh flowers of his genius, seemed suddenly to blossom out from all the hidden nooks and still, shaded places of memory, and the fair children of his fancy, who had sung themselves to sleep in my heart long ago, stirred, awoke and smiled into my face again.

Happily for me, my companions fully understood and sympathized with my mood—so, little was said, that much might be felt. One sung:

"Ye banks and braes o' bonny Doon;"

and whether it was that his voice, in its deep, pathetic tones, was peculiarly suited to the mournful words and air, or that the scene itself mingled its melodious memory with the singing, I know not; but never before had I been so affected by the song.

On our way back to Ayr, we called to see the sister and nieces of Burns—Mrs. Beggs and her daughters—who we had been assured were most kindly accessible to visitors. This visit was altogether the most interesting and gratifying event of the day. Mrs. Beggs lives in a simple but charming little rose-embowered cottage, about a mile from her birth-place, where all who seek her with a respectful interest, receive a courteous and cordial welcome. Mrs. Beggs is now about eighty years of age, but looks scarcely above sixty, and shows more than the remains of remarkable beauty. Her smile could hardly have been sweeter, or her eyes finer, at twenty. Her sight, hearing, and memory, seem unimpaired; her manners are graceful, modest, and lady-like, and she converses with rare intelligence and animation, speaking with a slight, sweet Scottish accent. Her likeness to Nesmith's portrait of her brother is very marked—her eyes are peculiarly like the idea we have of his, both by pictures and description—large, dark, lustrous, and changing.

Those eyes shone with new brightness as I told her of our love for the memory of her beloved brother, our sympathy in his sorrows, and our honor for his free and manly spirit—when I told her the New World, as the Old, bowed to the mastery of his genius, and were swayed to smiles or tears by the wondrous witchery of his song. But when I spoke my admiration of the monument, and said—"What a joy it would have been to him, could he have foreseen such noble recognition of his greatness!" she smiled mournfully, and shook her head, saying—"Ah, madam, in his proudest moments, my poor brother never dreamed of such a thing;" then added that his death chamber was darkened and his death agony deepened by want and care, and torturing fears for the dear ones he was to leave. I was reminded by her words of the expression of an old Scotch dame, in our country, on hearing of the completion of this monument: "Poir Rob; he asked for bread, and now they gie him a stane."

Mrs. Beggs says that Nesmith's portrait of her brother is the be t, but that no picture could have done full justice to the kindling and varying expressions of his face. In her daughters, who are pleasant and interesting women, you can trace a strong family resemblance to the poet.

The three sons of Burns are yet living—two officers in the army, and one has a situation under government at Dumfries. All three are widowers. When I saw her, Mrs. Beggs was expecting daily the two youngest, the soldiers, who, as often as possible visit Ayr, and cherish, as tenderly, as proudly, the memory of their father.

It was with deep emotion that I parted from this gentle and large-hearted woman, in whose kindred and likeness to the glorious peasant I almost felt that I had seen him, heard his voice, with all its searching sweetness, and had my soul sounded by the deep divinings of his eyes. It seems, indeed, a blessing that, after the sorrow which had darkened her youth, the beholding the pride of her house sink into the grave in his prime, broken-hearted by the neglect of friends, the contempt and cruelty of foes, by care and poverty, and bitterest of all, by a weary weight of self-reproach—that she lived to see his children happy and prosperous—his birth-place and grave counted among the world's pilgrim shrines—to be herself honored and beloved for his sake, and to sun her chilled age in the noontide of his glory.

MIND AGAINST MIND.—There is a strong disposition in men of opposite minds to despise each other. A grave man cannot conceive what is the use of wit in society; a person who takes a strong, common sense view of the subject, is for pushing out by the head and shoulders an ingenious theorist who catches at the slightest and faintest analogies; and another man, who scents the ridiculous from afar, will hold no commerce with him who taste exquisitely the fine feeling of the heart, and is alive to nothing else; whereas, talent is talent, and mind is mind, in all its branches! Wit gives to life one of its best flavors, common sense leads to immediate action, and gives society its daily motion; large and comprehensive views [illegible] rotation [illegible] keeps men in their proper sphere: subtlety seizes hold of the fine threads of truth; analogy darts away to the most sublime discoveries; feeling paints all the exquisite passions of man's soul, and rewards him by a thousand inward visitations for the sorrows that come from without. God made it all! It is all good!—We must despise no sort of talent; they all have their separate duties and uses; all the happiness of man for their object; they all improve, exalt, and gladden life.—*Sidney Smith.*

THACKERAY AS A PUBLIC SPEAKER.—A Correspondent of the New York *Evening Post*, who heard him in London, thus describes Mr. T.:—

"He was a tall brawny man, with a full face, clumsy abrupt manner, carelessly dressed, his head turning gravish, and with a quiet, sagacious, and rather good-humored face. I should have said, without knowing him, that he was a comfortable English gentleman and scholar, and not a cynical philosopher. His voice was agreeable and distinct, but not loud, while there was nothing of the orator in his manner. He merely read what he had to say, as any well educated man might read it, a little rapidly, and now and then with a dry sarcastic interjection, as if it had just occurred. His emphasis was often misplaced, and his modulations of voice unpleasant, while he used no action. But it was the matter of the lecture which lent it its principal charm."

A RELIC OF THE PAST.—The aged and venerable bark Maria, of this port, which has been for some time undergoing repairs, was hauled up on the Fairhaven Railway, on Wednesday. This vessel has reached the age which is appointed unto man—three score and ten—and was, we believe, built at Kingston in this State. For the last fifty or sixty years, she has been successfully engaged in the sperm whale fishery, having been owned by the late Samuel Rodman, Esq., of this city, and being now in possession of the Rodman family. It is undoubtedly true that the Maria was either the first or second vessel that displayed the American flag in the Bristol channel. Notwithstanding her great age, it is thought that by the exercise of a little care she may safely arrive at her hundredth year. Her model is very singular and different from that of any vessel at the present time.—*New Bedford Standard.*

A SETTLER.—I entered a log school-house once, where a "Debatin' Society" was holding forth upon the question: "If a man saw his wife and mother in the water drowning, which should he help out first?" The question was considered with animation upon both sides for a while, when a "backwardness" began to manifest itself. The president desired debaters, "if they had any thing to say, to continue." After a pause, a peaked-looking man in the back part of the house got up and said, with considerable confidence and embarrassment: "Mr. President: I think if a man saw his mother and wife in the water drowning, he ought to help his mother out first: because, you see, if his wife *did* get drowned, he could get another one, but he could'nt get another mother, not easy!"

This settled the question, and the verdict was given "accordingly."—[Western paper.

WHAT MAKES A MAN?—The longer I live, the more certain I am that the great difference between men, the great and the insignificant, is energy—invincible determination—an honest purpose once fixed, and then victory. That quality will do any thing that can be done in the world; and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunity will make a two-legged creature a man without it.—[Goethe.

It is a good thing often to think and speak of our father's sepulchres; not their estates or honors only, but their tombs; where they are gone; and how employed, and what becomes of their bodies and how quickly we shall go to them. The grave is the inheritance of all their children.