

upon a more delightful scene, than an infant kneeling by the side of its mother, gazing in her face, and hushing Amen! as the words fell from its father's lips;—surely, surely, as he flew to register it in heaven, a prayer-hearing God would respond—assist it be.

Again must we view the opposite picture. The unhappy husband, deprived of the means of life in his native town, wandered with his family to Edinburgh. But on him no reformation dawned. And the wretched Margaret, hurried onward by despair, before the sun of youth had left the brow of her sister, was overtaken by age, its wrinkles and infirmities. And all the affections, all the feelings of her once gentle nature, being seared by long years of insult, misery, brutality, and neglect, she in herself flew to the bolts, and became tenfold more the victim of depravity than her fallen, abandoned husband. She lived to behold her children break the laws of their country; and to be utterly forsaken by her husband; and in the depth of her misery she was seen quarrelling with a dog upon the street, for a bone, that had been cast out with the ash. "O! the extent of her sufferings, or when to find her, her sister knew not; but in the midst of a severe winter, the same beautiful Margaret Johnston was found a lifeless and a frozen corpse in a miserable cellar.

"Last scene of all,
Which ends this strange eventful history"

Upon Helen and her husband, age descended imperceptibly, as the calm twilight of a lovely evening, when the stars shone out, and the sunbeams die away, as a holy stillness glides through the air, like the soft breathings of an angel unfolding from his celestial wings the silken curtains of a summer night; and the conscious earth kissed by the balmy spirit dreams and smiles, and smiling dreams itself into the arms of night and of repose. Four score winters passed over them. Their heads became white with the "snow of years." But they became old together. They had forgot the likeness of the face of their youth, but still the heart of youth, with its imperishable affections and esteem, throbb'd in either bosom, smiling calmly upon time and its ravages; and still in the eyes of the happy old man, his silver-haired partner seemed as young, as fair, and as beautiful, as when, in the moments of her loveliness she blushed to him her vows. Their children have risen around them, and called them blessed; and they have beheld those children esteemed and honoured in society.

* A Fact.

LATEST EUROPEAN NEWS.

London, 6th April.
The Queen held her first drawing-room at Buckingham Palace on the 5th instant. There was a very numerous and brilliant assemblage of the nobility and gentry of England, as also of all the distinguished foreigners then in London.

The Commons, in a Committee of the whole House, have reported a bill, to permit the grinding of foreign corn in bond, under certain regulations on which the bill is founded was carried by a vote of 127 to 92.

Her Majesty has conferred the honor of Knighthood on Allan N. McNab, "Colonel of the Militia of Upper Canada."

The Coronation is expected to be more magnificent than any former exhibitions of the kind.

The rich Miss Angela Coats Burdett has at last fixed upon a husband. The happy man who is to assist her in disposing of her immense wealth is Lord Fitzalan, grandson of the Duke of Norfolk.

Another irruption of the river Thames into the Tunnell took place on the 20th ult, which filled the Tunnell in about a quarter of an hour. Although about 60 or 70 persons were in it at the time, fortunately all escaped without injury.

The Dorchester labourers who were transported to Botany Bay in 1834 for illegal combinations, having been pardoned, have returned to England.

It is confidently rumoured that the Premier, Lord Melbourne, is about committing matrimony with the Queen's Mother, the Duchess of Kent.

Mr. Mostyn, a Roman Catholic gentleman of Oxfordshire, in whose favour the abeyance of the Barony of Vaux of Harrowden was terminated took his seat in the House of Lords on Monday.

Lord Ashburton's family has been placed in mourning, and the grand dinners at Bath

House discontinued, by the premature demise, at Madeira, of the Hon. Arthur Baring, a young gentleman of great promise, youngest son of the Noble Lord. Mr. Baring, has recently completed his education in Germany; and was, it is thought, had he survived, to take the lead in the splendid commercial house of Baring.

Public Meetings.—On Saturday, a meeting took place at the Thatched House Tavern, the purpose of which was to promote the opening of public places and public monuments to the people.

Petersmouth, March 19th.—The steamer Columbia, Mr. Thompson, R. N., master, arrived from Passages, on Friday, with about 130 of the 10th Connell's legion, three or four officers, and some women; she left Passages 10th March, towed the Regent, transport, out of that harbor, having on board about 500 discharged men, destined for Ireland; the remainder, between 5 and 600 more to be put in the Alonzo, transport, and taken to Scotland; the men brought in the Columbia, were paid partly in cash by Mr. Thompson, but some arrears and the gratuity were by certificate. They were in the most deplorable condition, filthy and dirty. About 120 of those left at Passages, have volunteered to join the Spanish service.

The Pincher, schooner, Lieut. Thomas Hope, for the safety of which we last week expressed apprehensions, unhappily upset in a squall on Tuesday evening last night, every soul on board having perished.

The New York packet ship Pennsylvania, arrived at Liverpool on the 5th of April, bringing New York papers of the 4th of March, and Montreal of the 31st.—The affairs of France, Hierarchy and Hay Islands had been increased, but not that of Haver.—There is not a great deal said about them.

There are twenty-one members of the House of Lords who have outlived eighty years.

A flight of 500 bats of spirits of brandy was lately taken in the centre of the Isle of Wight by one of those unscrupulous machines called balloons, similar in every respect to the great Nassau balloon, which caused so much vengeance a few months since. The balloon and its dependent ballast of children's spools, passed over the St. Lawrence coast guard without the slightest observation. It is now intended to lay up all the vessels, they being of no further utility, and send the coast guard to Canada, as in future it will not be necessary to keep more than one man at the Bay of St. Catharines as a sky pilot.

Hampshire Telegraph.
A piece of land, at Thomas, near Walsfield has been sold to the directors of the Leeds and Manchester Railway, at the rate of £5000, per acre; and £1,200 has been asked for another piece in the same township.

A weekly newspaper is about to be started in London, with the strange and incomprehensible title of "The Young Widow."

UNITED STATES.

A bounty of twenty cents a pound on all dry best sugar manufactured within the State of Michigan, is given by a recent law of that State.

Three hundred hogsheads of sugar were recently lost in the Mississippi, by the sinking of a steamboat. The fish will have a sweet time of it.

Clayton recently attempted to take a flight in Louisiana, but his balloon took fire and exploded like a bomb. A number of persons were seriously injured.

The young gentlemen of Bangor have founded a "Tree Society," the object of which is to promote the transplanting ornamental trees on the public streets. An excellent move. What say, Portland for such a club?

New Sovereigns, bearing the Queen's pretty face, have been approved of by her Majesty. We should like to have the approval of a few.

Vestris the kick-leg, is coming to this country, to show her—agility.

A pleasure "excursion" to Europe is to sail from Baltimore on the 1st of May ext, to occupy about nine months in its completion. Passage \$500. The vessel will touch at the principal and most remarkable points in Europe, and, likewise many desirable points on the Mediterranean, in Asia and Africa.

A Species of forest has been found at St. Valery, more than ten hundred feet feet below the surface of the earth. In it are vines, the bones of oxen, and the antlers of deer. It is in such a state of preservation that walnuts are on the branches of the trees.

UPPER CANADA.

Kingston, 24th April.—John Crawford and an old man named Bennett, both of Wells Island, were unfortunately drowned on the night of Saturday the 14th, when crossing in a skiff from Kingston.

The Court for the trial of persons accused of High Treason in the London District, assembled at London on Monday the 2nd inst. His Honor Mr. Justice Sturtevant presiding. True bills have been found against several persons, among them Charles Doncombe.

The Spring Assizes for the Newcastle District opened on Monday the 6th inst. before His Honor Mr. Justice McLean, the Hon. Messrs. Burnham and Boswell as associate Judges. The business is light, the only important case being the trial of—Brown for the alleged murder at Port Hope, which case was left undecided last Assizes, as the jury could not agree on a verdict.

STATE PRISONERS. We have given from the *Colonist* some account of these prisoners, and we learn in addition that the seven condemned to death at Hamilton to be executed on the 20th, have been reprieved for fourteen days. It will be seen that Sutherland is to be transported for life, and John G. Parker, we understand, for fourteen years.

LOWER CANADA.

Montreal, 28th April.—The steamer Varrennes has commenced plying between this city and Laprairie.

The Ladies resident in the East Ward have prepared a beautiful flag for Lieut. Colonel Mosson's battalion of Volunteers, which is to be presented on the 5th May.

ATROCIOUS DEPRIVATION.—Thursday morning, about seven o'clock, two male children were found in a bandbox at the lower end of the New Market in this city, within about twenty yards of the river. A Conner's inquest was held on the bodies; the jury were of opinion that they had died in consequence of being exposed to the cold, the body of one of them having been found to have a degree of scurvy.

On the same day a woman threw herself into the river opposite the St. Lawrence Steamboat Company's Office—whether in a state of mental aberration or drunkenness, we have not learned. Some bystanders saved her from being drowned.—*Herald.*

THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, TUESDAY, 10 MAY, 1842.

LATEST DATES.
London, . . . Mar. 29. . . New-York, . . . April 20
Liverpool, . . . Mar. 21. . . Halifax, . . . April 14
Baltimore, . . . Mar. 17. . . Toronto, . . . April 20

Tuesday o'clock.—The Montreal post has not arrived. The Halifax mail also remains due.

The packet-ship *George Washington*, 26th March from Liverpool, arrived at New-York on the 21st ult. She furnishes but little intelligence not previously received by the steam-ships *Sirius* and *Great Western*.

The packet ship England, from New York, arrived at Liverpool on the 24th ult. The Garrick which sailed in company arrived the next day.

The London and Montreal correspondents of the Quebec Gazette give the following items: "The Guards intended for Canada were reviewed by the Commander in Chief to-day in Hyde Park. It was intended by the Queen to be present, but the weather was unfavorable. We learn that the troops as well as the officers have leave to take their wives and children with them."

"Politics are very dull here. I need not say that the favorable accounts from Canada have given great satisfaction. The trade with Canada will be much more brisk than was anticipated, and a fair extent of emigration may be looked for. The Bank of England intend to remit £1,000,000 to £1,500,000 in specie to the United States, and private merchants will probably send £2,000,000 more. This will facilitate commerce greatly in the United States."

"In Canada produce there is little doing. Prices are firm for Ashes and Timber. The West India Produce Markets are very heavy. Tea is rising; the import this year not being expected to exceed 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 lbs. Canada Land shares are at 6 premium,

and British North American Bank at 18 discount.

"Our grain Markets are all rising, but not much doing in Foreign Wheat.

"Lord Durham was not to sail for Canada till after the 15th April. The troops (infantry and dragoons) were embarking at Cork and Portsmouth to sail immediately. A ship of war with troops from the West Indies was spoken on the Banks.

"The death of Lord Dalhousie is mentioned, and that his regiment, the 26th, had been given to Sir John Colborne.

In our paper of Saturday last it was stated, that the steam packet ship *Great Western* had accomplished the passage from Bristol to New-York in fifteen days. She had head winds nearly the whole of the time she was at sea, and her commander confidently expects, with average weather, to make the passage in twelve days; and the voyage homeward, with of course, generally be shorter. Forty-four berths were secured in the *Great Western* for the return trip, on the day after her arrival at New-York. She is advertised to sail on Monday next.

Toronto papers of the 26th ult. contain nothing of importance.

The Lieut.-Governor of Upper Canada has made a formal demand on Governor Marcy for the surrender of the young man Dawson, who was seized and confined in the jail at Lockport, under pretence of his having been concerned in the destruction of the steamer *Caroline*.

The steamer *St. George*, with two heavily-laden barges in tow, arrived in port on Saturday afternoon, from Montreal. The following is a list of her cabin passengers:—

Captain Swinburn, of the 83d Regt., Adjutant Stooks, Ensign B. Isaac, son of Sir F. B. Headly, the Hon.ble. W. Sheppard and Louis Elmet; Messrs B. C. A. Gony, Hyland H. W. Welch, J. Whitely, Murray, Gordon, Windsor, Bennett, Watts, Fairgray, Young, King, Fenwick, Brown, Johnson, Strickland, Tremblay, Leblanc, Fillion, Hamilton, Davidson, and lady, Mrs. Faim, Mrs. Scoble, and Miss Hamilton.

H. S. Scott, Esq., agent for the St. Lawrence Steamboat Company at Quebec, was also a passenger.

The steamer *St. George* leaves this morning, at eleven o'clock, for a pleasure trip to Gross-Isle. She will take down a detachment of the 15th Regt. under the command of Lieut. Ingal, intended for military duty at the Quarantine Station.

The Special Council, it is said, has passed an Ordinance, continuing all Acts relative to the District of St. Francis till the year 1842.

Last night, about nine o'clock, a fine child about a month or six weeks old, was found on the steps of the Orphan Asylum, wrapped in pieces of old orange-coloured poplin and blue figured cotton, with flannel about its feet. The child was first discovered by an Artillery soldier, who was passing up the hill to his quarters, and was attracted to the spot by its cries. The person in charge of the Asylum refused to receive the little unfortunate, and the soldier carried it to Mr. Mickie's tavern, where the utmost care was taken of it, and where it at present remains. Some time before the child was found, one of the sentries on St. John's Gate observed two women pass up to the Asylum, and immediately run back, and turn into St. John Street. Diligent search has been made by the police under the direction of T. A. Young, Esq., to discover the unnatural parent, but as yet without success.

A fine new brig of 180 tons register, built by Mr. Nesbitt, was launched from his ship-yard, St. Rochs, this morning. The brig *Wetherall*, mentioned in our last, was built by Messrs. Nicholson & Co., and is to be launched from the ship-yard commonly known as Bell's, next spring tide.

Mr. Holdsworth, of St. Rochs, yesterday shot a brace of snipe, the first that have been seen in the neighbourhood of Quebec this season.

BIRTH.
On Tuesday last, the Lady of the Hon.ble. George Pemberton, of a son,

DEATH.
On Friday last, after a protracted illness, Richard Goldsworthy, Esq., of this city,