

POETRY.

IS THERE A GOD?

Answered by an appeal to Morning, Noon, and Night.

Now breathes the ruddy Morn'g
His health restoring gales,
And from the chambers of the east
A flood of light prevails.

Is there a God? You rising sun
An answer most supplies:
Writes it in flame upon the earth,
Proclaims it round the skies.

The pendant clouds that curtain round
This sublunary ball,
And firmament on high, reveal,
A God that governs all.

The warbling lark in realms of air,
Has thrill'd her matin lay;
The balmy breeze of morn is fled,
It is the Noon of day.

Is there a God? Hark! from on high
His thunder shakes the poles:
I hear his voice in every wind,
In every wave that rolls.

I read a record of his love,
His wisdom and his power,
Inscribed on all created things,
Man, beast, and herb, and flower.

The sultry sun has left the skies,
And day's delights are flown;
The owl screams amid the shade,
And Night resumes her throne.

Is there a God? With sacred fear
I upward turn mine eyes:
There is' that glittering lamp of light—
There is' my soul replies.

If such convictions to my mind
His works around impart;
O let the wisdom of his word,
Inscribe them on my heart.

That while I ponder on his deeds,
And read his truth divine,
Nature may point me to a God,
And grace may make him mine.

THE JOURNAL.

Our latest advices from Great-Britain are by the Britannia, and are to the 13th September.—The Russians had obtained possession of Adrianople without a struggle, and were pushing forward to Constantinople. Letters from that place stated, that Commissioners had departed for the Russian headquarters to treat for peace, and it was thought, that the war would soon be brought to a termination. It is evidently an important crisis, not only as relates to the Turkish empire, but also to several of the European nations. Things cannot much longer remain in their present apparently undecided course; and the scale may be expected shortly to turn for either a general peace, or a general war. If England and France interfere decidedly on behalf of the Turks, and the Emperor of Russia admit that interference, peace will be the result; but if he insist upon terms which they cannot approve, we see no alternative but that war upon a more extended scale must follow.

ACCIDENT.—On Thursday the 15th instant, in Bridgetown, N. S. a person was engaged in dressing a pig; and for that purpose had some hot water in a tea kettle, standing near by him. A son boy, about two years of age, the son of Mr. AARON EATON, a neighbour, was playing on a rising ground close by. For fear of accident the child had been repeatedly sent away, but afterwards while the person was particularly engaged, the child fell towards the tea kettle, and brought the contents, about two quarts of hot water, upon him; by which he was so seriously scalded, that he died on the following morning.

PRESENTATIONS IN QUEBEC.—Among various matters presented by the Grand Jury of Quebec at the September Court, are the following:—

"The Jurors present the demoralising influence of the great number of low Public Houses in this City, more especially in Chapelin-street on the roads leading to the Cove. They however learn with satisfaction that the Magistrates have lately reduced the number of those nurseries of vice and crime, and strongly recommend them to continue their efforts in diminishing them."

"The Jurors present the insufficiency of the buildings on the island of Anticosti, for affording shelter to the shipwrecked seamen. In the course of their investigations respecting the awful and somewhat

mysterious fate of the passengers and crew of the ship *Granicus* at Belle Isle, a remedy has been suggested which might prevent a recurrence of such appalling events, namely to engage one of the inhabitants to make a tour of the island towards the end of the month of December in each year."

LINCOLNSHIRE GIANT.—The *Taunton Courier*, contains an account of the death and funeral of NEAL SEWELL, the Lincolnshire Giant, who was born at Harrogate in 1805. Sewell, was seven feet four inches high, and weighed 518 pounds.—He required five yards of broad cloth for his coat, five yards of cloth and lining for his vest, seven yards of patent cord for his trowsers; his shoes were 14½ inches long, and 6½ inches wide.

TEMPERANCE IN NOVA SCOTIA.—We have just been informed, that some short time since, a TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, was formed in the Township of Wilmot, N. S. of which, the venerable SAMUEL V. BAYARD, Esq. is President, and the Rev. Mr. BILL, Baptist Minister, Secretary. We are not in possession of the particulars of the constitution of this Society, but we understand generally, that the members signed a document by which they pledged themselves, to discontinue, and in every practicable form, to discountenance the use of Spirituous Liquors; and that in their future transactions with mercantile men, they will give a decided preference, to those merchants, who abstain from selling the article. We understand, further, that the number of persons who have entered into this association is very considerable; and that the design is very generally approved, in that part of the country. This is the first Temperance Society of which we have heard in Nova Scotia, consequently, the Township of Wilmot will have the honor of being foremost in the cause of Temperance.

MADRAS SCHOOL, in St. Andrews.—The offices of Master and Mistress of the Madras School, in St. Andrews, are now vacant, and applications for those respective situations, will be received until the first Monday in November, addressed to the Rev. JEROME ALLEY, Rector of the Parish. The most undoubted testimonials will be required, and those applying must be members of the Church of England.

It gives us much pleasure to copy the following article from the last St. Catherine paper. The project for uniting the lakes of Canada by a navigable communication seems on the eve of being accomplished.—*Albion*.

WELLAND CANAL.—It is with extreme pleasure we announce to our readers and friends, and the friends of this great work throughout the country, the fact, that the waters of the grand river were actually let into the feeder of the Welland Canal, on Saturday last, and are at this moment gradually winding their way through the canal to mingle with the waters of lake Ontario.

We understand the Engineer is of opinion, that it will require from ten days to a fortnight's time, to fill all the extensive reservoirs on its route, and put every part of the work in proper order for the reception of a full head of water. After which the grand day for celebrating the event of the first vessel surmounting the natural obstacles to navigation between the lakes, by ascending as well as descending the Falls of Niagara in safety, will be appointed.

EDINBURGH, Aug. 17.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S MISSION IN INDIA.—Wednesday, the Rev. Alexander Duff, was ordained to the pastoral office by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, previous to his going out to India, as the head of the missionary school at Calcutta, under the sanction and patronage of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. This impressive solemnity took place in St. George's church, and Dr. Chalmers presided. There was a very full attendance of the Presbytery—and the church, as was to be expected on so interesting an occasion, was completely filled with a most respectable audience. This scheme originated in a memorial and petition now before us, from the Rev. Dr. Bryce, the first Scots minister in India, (dated in December 1823) to the General Assembly—and that venerable body, in May 1824, and in successive assemblies, entrusted the arrangements necessary for effecting the object in view to a Committee, of which Dr. Inglis has been the zealous and judicious convener. The funds are now in such a state as to enable the committee to begin their active labors, and to Mr. Duff's en-

trusted the task of commencing an experiment from which the most important and beneficial consequences may result.

The *London Recorder* announces that a minute examination will shortly take place into the present condition of the United Church of England and Ireland.

The passage in the *Recorder* is as follows:— "Deeply interested as we are in the prosperity of the Church of England, and ardently as we have pleaded for the adoption of measures fitting to renovate it in various important branches, it is with pleasure, and yet with anxiety, that we announce to our readers and to the public, that it has been resolved to issue a royal commission, the members of which are to be invested with ample powers for a minute and extensive examination into the present condition of the United Church. The greater part, if not the whole, of the members of the commission have been already named. They consist of lay as well as of clerical members; and we apprehend, at no distant day, they will enter upon the duties of the delicate and important task which has been devolved upon them."

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

The Friends in general of the NEW-BRUNSWICK AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY, are respectfully informed that the Annual Meeting for the present year, will be held on Wednesday, 28th October, in MASONIC HALL, at 7 o'clock, P. M.—A collection will be taken up at the time in aid of the funds of the Institution.

MARRIED.

In this City, on Wednesday the 14th inst. by the Rev. J. Carroll, Mr. JOHN SHRECKOCK, of Eastport, Merchant, to Miss MARGARET GUNN, of this city.

On Saturday last, by the Rev. Dr. Burns, Mr. JOHN CAMPBELL, of Dipper-harbor, to SARAH, daughter of Mr. John Day, formerly of this city.

On Sunday evening, by the same, Mr. LEVI H. JONES, to JANEZINE, daughter of the late Mr. Martin; all of this city.

Same evening, by the same, Mr. JAMES SCHOLES, to Miss JANE LITCH; both of this city.

On Tuesday evening, by the Rev. B. G. GRAY, the Rev. Enoch WOOD, Wesleyan Missionary, to Miss CAROLINE, youngest daughter of the late David Merritt, Esq.

DIED.

In this City, on Friday evening, Mr. SAMUEL GELIG, Blacksmith.

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