

POETRY.

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AN ANCHOR NECESSARY FOR SAFETY.

When seas are tranquil and serene,
And skies are cloudless, clear and bright,
When all around is one vast scene
Of peace, of grandeur, and delight,—
The sailor walks the deck with ease,
Indulging all his little pride,
As on before a gentle breeze
He sees his vessel smoothly glide.
Elated with his present joy,
Her various trapping he surveys;
Her carvings now arrest his eye,
And now her coaly gildings blaze:
He views aloft, in towering height,
Her swelling canvass rise and spread,
And contemplates with fond delight
The splendid figure of her head.
But when deep gloom o'erspreads the sky,
And wind and waves discordant jar;
When thunders roar, and lightnings fly,
"And all his elemental war,"
His dream expires, his fear awakes,
His pleasing contemplations die,
Straight to his anchor he betakes,—
On that his hopes of life rely.
Thus men, while passing o'er life's sea,
When all things round assume a smile,
Indulges thoughtless mirth and glee;
Each trifle can his heart beguile:
When fortune fills his crowded sail,
And wealth flows in with every wind,
Well pleas'd he courts the flatt'ring gale,
And all the bliss for man design'd.
He lifts ambition's shining vane,
Displays the gaudy flag of pride,
And scuds along the placid main,
Without a compass for his guide—
But when stern Fate awakes a storm,
And wraps his prospects up in gloom;
When dire disease, that gnawing worm,
Proclaims his certain speedy doom;
When conscience, flashing, ushers in
The thunders of God's broken laws,
Pours the venomousness of sin,
And points to ruin's gaping jaws,—
Only the grasp of Christ can save;—
That anchor is his only care,
To stay his soul upon the wave,
Above the gulf of deep despair. J. REDFERN.

A PASTORAL.—BY A. L. BARBAULD.

Gentle pilgrim, tell me, why
Dost thou fold thine arms and sigh,
And wistful cast thine eyes around?
Whither, pilgrim, art thou bound?
"The road to Zion's gates I seek;
If thou canst inform me, speak."
Keep your right hand path with care,
Though crags obstruct, and brambles tear:
You just discern a narrow track—
Enter there, and turn not back.
"Say, where that pleasant pathway leads,
Winding down yon flowery meads?
Song or dance the way beguiles,
Every face is drest in smiles."
Shun with care that flowery way;
"I will lead thee, pilgrim, far astray.
"Guide or counsel do I need?"
Pilgrim, he who runs may read.
"Is the way that I must keep
Cross'd by waters wide and deep?"
Did it lead through flood or fire,
Thou must not stop—thou must not tire.
"Till I have my journey past,
Tell me, will the daylight last?
Will the sky be bright and clear
Till the evening shades appear?"
Though the sun now rides so high,
Clouds may veil the evening sky;
Fast sinks the sun, fast wears the day,
Thou must not stop—thou must not stay:
God speed thee, pilgrim, on the way!

LOCAL.

THE LATE ARCHDEACON BEST.

The Fredericton Royal Gazette of Tuesday offers a tribute of affectionate respect to the memory of the late Archdeacon Best. It states that on Sunday last, CHRIST'S CHURCH, which he emphatically denominates a "House of Prayer, was dressed in the sad habiliments of deep mourning." The Editor thus describes that part of the services of the Day, which had a special relation to the death of the venerable Archdeacon.

"In the morning the Rev. GEORGE McCRAWLEY, A. M. delivered a discourse relating to this subject that must long be remembered by all who heard it, but more especially by those who were sufficiently acquainted with the object of it fully to appreciate its worth. The style of that discourse was a striking illustration of the simplicity of truth; while the manner of its delivery told, far more eloquently than words could express it, "how much he loved him." He needed not, for himself, to have used that touching sentence, "We walked together as friends."—It was too evidently the tongue of friendship faltering under the performance of the last friendly office.

The Rev. Gentleman's very appropriate text was taken from the 13th Heb. v. 7, 8.—Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever. From those words he preached a sermon whose every syllable was listened to with deep and profound attention. It comprehended a condensed history of the late Pastor's ministerial and domestic life, from the period of residence in the Sister Province down to his departure from this but a few short months ago; his blunt and unassuming deportment in the discharge of the various and important duties of an arduous situation; his unceasing labours in the vineyard of his Great Master; his love for the people of God, and his paternal and constant watchfulness over the best interests of the flock "committed to his charge;" his affection for the rising generation around him, exemplified in the provision he made for their religious instruction & his anxiety in succouring the distressed and indigent on all occasions. He also truly said, in substance, that the Church had lost, in him, a zealous and a faithful servant; and the Clergy of his Archdeaconry, an affectionate brother. We have used the word "truly," from our own personal knowledge; & this is not the time when we should refuse to add, upon the same unquestionable evidence, that, in him, the fatherless found a father, and the stranger a rare and an invaluable friend.

We have said this much, from an irresistible sense of duty, and for the satisfaction of those friends of the deceased who could not have had the opportunity of hearing the gratifying and honorable tribute of esteem which was so eloquently and feelingly paid to his memory, at the time above mentioned.

In the afternoon the same Rev. Gentlemen again officiated, and preached a most instructive Sermon from the 24th Chapter of St. Matthew, v. 44.—Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh. Not forgetting to put the flock, with good judgment, in remembrance of those mournful things, which he had more fully expatiated upon in the morning duty, while at the same time he laboured to establish their admonitory and saving influence in the hearts of all; and thus closing the solemn and impressive services of the day.

A friend in Portland, (Maine,) has kindly sent us the Report of the School Committee of that town, dated March 30th, 1829. This Report states, that there are in Portland, four Schools for Males, containing an average of 434 boys, and Nine Schools for females containing 689 girls;—these schools are all free. Of the female Schools, two are called Memorial, and seven are called Primary Schools. Our correspondent informs us that in addition to the foregoing, there are two High Schools for Ladies, and also many other good Schools in the town. In closing the Report, the Committee in advertising to the subject of Infant Schools, say that,—

"Within a few years a method of instructing infants has come into use in several cities both of Europe and America, which is regarded by all who have witnessed its operations, as one of the greatest improvements of this eventful age, and as promising more than any other for the elevation of society, generally, in knowledge and moral character. Among all who have seen *Infant Schools*, and written of them, how diverse soever their opinions on other subjects, there is no discordant testimony in regard to these, literally, *nurseries of learning*. The very amusements and exercises of the children are so regulated, as to become directly and greatly tributary to their advancement. In forming and maturing the system, regard has been had to all the properties of human nature; and in its practical operation, it is unquestionably, the most perfect exemplification of *physical intellectual, and moral education combined*, which any age has developed. It consults the happiness of children in all its parts so that nothing unpleasant or painful suffered to associate itself in their minds, with the schools, or with learning. The school is their favorite resort, to which they repair of choice. So convinced are the Committee, by the abundant testimony on this subject, of the value of this improvement, that they should feel themselves unfaithful to their trust, not to recommend its adoption by the town."

We have for years been of opinion, that if all the Schools in this City were under the care and superintendance of a Committee of judicious and intelligent gentlemen, it would be of important service to well qualified and faithful Teachers, as their labours and efforts would then be known and appreciated; and it would greatly promote the interests of education and of good order.

MARRIED.

At Kingston, (King's County), on the 11th instant, by the Rev. ELIAS SCOVILL, Mr. ALBERT B. SMITH, of Shediac, to HANNAH P. second daughter of Mr. Henry Fairweather, of the former place.

At St. Luke's Church, New-York, on the 20th ult. by the Rev. L. S. Ives, Mr. WILLIAM H. MOTT, formerly of this City, to MARGARETTA, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Robert Buchan, of the former place.

DIED.

At Saint Stephen, on the 4th instant. Mr. SAMUEL MILNERY, aged 50 years. He was a man of great worth and integrity, and was universally respected.

At Eastport, on the 8th instant, Mr. JOHN NEVENS, formerly a respectable Merchant in London, but lately of Waterford, of which place he was a native.

In March last, at Hutton Lees, in Yorkshire, England, Mrs. SMITHSON, Widow of the late Mr. Thomas Smithson, and Mother of the Rev. William Smithson, Wesleyan Missionary at Fredericton.

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