

who constituted the chorus. It might be difficult, perhaps, to find reasons cogent enough to lead us to condemn so simple a relaxation; but, unhappily, it did not stop here. The poets having made the Drama their own, it took the colour of the age; and we consequently find it at one time used to obtain a change of political measures, and at another representing the purest systems of morals as a tissue of sophistry. But even these abuses of the theatre were pure and holy, compared with the latter periods of the Roman rule, when thousands of gladiators were displayed on the arena, and when the bent thumb of the spectator decided the fate of the unfortunate victims. To such a pitch did the fondness for these representations lead the ancients, that, instead of improving their taste, scenes of imaginary cruelty led on to scenes of real brutality and actual crime.

With all its follies, however, and with all its abominations, the Roman Drama was not disgraced by female performers and midnight representations. But on the English Stage are still retained some of the most impure productions of the preceding century; and yet we are told that "the stage is reformed," and that the regulations introduced into our theatres, and the superior character of the writers of plays, are to render it "a school of morals!" And did (it has been asked) ADDISON, YOUNG, HANNAH MORE, JOHNSON, and COLERIDGE, all write for the Drama? Yes; but what did they accomplish? They merely afforded the sanction of their great names to the pollutions of this Augean stable, which was still uncleansed of the foul mass accumulated from CIBBER, DRYDEN, VANBRUGH, CENTLIVRE, and, subsequently, the German School; add to which, some pieces that strike at once at religion, and take away every foundation of hope and every criterion of certainty, by holding up to ridicule its most zealous supporters.

The vicious tendencies of the majority of the population, and more especially in cities, are not matters of speculation, they are matters of fact and daily experience. That these tendencies were early in operation, we have the testimony of holy writ; and in modern times even the atheist Hobbes has given his evidence to the same effect. This depraved population, then, being the majority, would by the withdrawal of their patronage, ruin the stage. It has, therefore been always the object of managers to minister to the gratification of their vitiated tastes. GARRICK'S Prologue upon Prologues, and the greater part of the spoken addresses, bear testimony to the fact. But, should one manager determine to oppose this taste, by furnishing entertainment of a purer character, where will he find authors to carry out his purpose? We fearlessly assert that the productions of those who stand highest at the present day contain unwarranted allusions to Scripture, and introduce scenes utterly at variance with the purity of the Gospel. And then, there is the impossibility of finding actors, particularly females, of good moral character.

The religious world are, of course, wholly opposed to the theatre. Under the best, or rather the least bad management, it has generally been a losing speculation; but, whenever it obtains the most brilliant patronage, is it not that of men virtually opposed to religion; of those who, however correct their moral deportment, are not among the number who bear the reproach of the cross, and who "avoid all appearance of evil;" who have learned that not merely the overt act but the thought contaminates; and who do not think that what pleases the world may please the Maker of it, since he himself has declared it to be "a world lying in wickedness?"

ST JOHN, N. B. Sept. 8.

BANKING AFFAIRS.—We learn that a representation was made this week by the Directors of the City Bank, to the Directors of the different Banks in this City, to appoint a deputation from each Bank to meet and to devise some means for the purpose of mitigating the present severe pressure in the money market. Every friend to the interests of this province will rejoice that the above amicable proposal has been made, and will confidently expect that it will be met in spirit of harmony, and with sincere desire to accommodate the public.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.—Governor Kent, on Saturday last, appointed John G. Deane of Ellsworth, M. P. Norton of Canaan, and James Irish of Goreham, Commissioners to survey the North Eastern Boundary line of the State, agreeably to the Treaty of 1783.—The appointment is made in obedience to a Resolution of the last Legislature. They will proceed forthwith to run and mark the line according to the Treaty, and it is to be hoped they will meet with no molestation from the British authorities. Should they, however, be taken as were Baker and Greeley, and committed to prison in Fredericton, it is hardly to be supposed that Maine would tamely submit to such an indignity. What the issue of this thing may be, can hardly be foretold; we trust it may be the settlement of the long vexed question. A crisis is evidently at hand; and we suppose it is generally agreed that it is time there was a crisis.—From the *Woodstock Times*, Sept. 8.

Liverpool, September 12th, 1838.

LAUNCHED from the Ship Yard of Messrs. Freeman, Knowles, & Co., a fine Brig of one hundred and eighty Tons, new measurement; She is called the *MARINER*, and reflects the highest credit on her master builder, Mr. Raudall.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Dalhousie College, 15th September, 1838.

RESOLVED,—That for the present the Rev. Alexander Romans be appointed Professor of the Classical Languages, and the Rev. James McIntosh be appointed Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the College; and the Governors request that the President and Professors meet and draw up a code of regulations for the Government of the College, according to the directions of the Act."

DROWNED—On Tuesday 11th inst. Mr. Gustave La Baume, Jeweller—a native of Germany—on his passage hence to Lunenburg. It appears, in the very moment his untimely fate befel him, that he was heartily enjoying the delights of friendly and social intercourse with his fellow passengers, when the vessel yielding to a surge, suddenly inclined on one side, and Mr. La Baume was instantly precipitated into the deep. The deceased, thus cut off, far from the place of his nativity and relatives, was only in the flower of his days, but his melancholy death is sincerely deplored by a large circle of friends whom he acquired during his residence here by his amiable manners and a course of spotless integrity.—RECORDER.

ANOTHER MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—It is with deep regret we announce the death of Capt. James McKenna, of Weymouth. Captain McKenna sailed from Weymouth in a new Schooner, with a cargo of produce, etc. for Bermuda, but the vessel becoming leaky, bore up for Shelburne, and when off Barrington on Friday last in company with the schr Ino, of Brier Island, was knocked overboard, by the fore boom, the boat of the Ino was immediately got out, but nothing was afterwards seen of him. Capt. McKenna was long a resident of this town, and highly respected; his untimely death is very generally and sincerely regretted by all who knew him.—JOUR.

THE REGATTA.—We have seldom witnessed a more rational and enlivening scene than the Regatta presented yesterday. The day was particularly favourable. Want of time and space prevent us from giving any remarks. The following is a list of the competitors:

FIRST RACE.—Whalers—not pulled by Fishermen—Prize \$40. Three Whalers started—Cornwallis Moreau; J. Leander Starr, and Joseph Howe. Mr. E.'s Mosely's "Joseph Howe" victorious.

SECOND.—Fishing Whalers: Pride; Bleeder, and Jessie—pulled by Fishermen. 1st Prize, \$40; 2nd, \$20. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Brown (Pride), second, to the owner of the Jessie.

THIRD.—Fishing Flats,—Who'd have thought it; Victoria; Wag, and Can't help it. Three Prizes, 1st \$16, 2d \$10, 3d \$4. Mr. Johnston's "Who'd have thought it," first; Mr. Smith's "Victoria," second; Mr. Purcell's "Can't help it," third.

FOURTH.—Canoes, paddled by Indians. The first prize, \$10 was won by Peter Toney; Prosper Paul, second prize, \$6; and the third prize, \$4 won by James Paul.—Canoes, paddled by squaws,—Prizes, 1st \$6; 2d \$3; won by Anne Paul and Sally Toney.

SIXTH.—Gigs of Four Oars, pulled by gentlemen amateurs, members of the club. Prize, a Cup value £10. Contested by Mr. Pryor's Camilla, and Mr. Cunard's Ariel. Mr. Pryor's "Camilla" victorious.

SEVENTH.—Gigs, pulled by amateurs, not members of the club. Prize \$40, won by Mr. Cunard's "Ariel"; in opposition to Mr. Fife's Peterel.

EIGHTH.—Amateur Wherry Race. Montrose; Katty; Dart; and Midge, were the names of the several boats. Prize \$20 won by Mr. Watson's "Dart."

NINTH. The Gigs, Camilla, Ariel, and Petrel, contested; the first prize, \$30 was won by the Camilla; 2d \$15, by the Ariel.

TENTH. Sailing Vessels and boats. First Fishermen's class. 1st Prize, 50 dollars, 2d, 20; 3d, 10. Won by Mr. Hartling's "Welcome Return," Mr. Fleming's "Fair Maid," and Mr. Smith's "Dolphin".

ELEVENTH.—Second Fisherman's Class. 1st prize \$35; 2d, \$15; 3d, \$10; won by the "Lady Paget," "Lively" and "Mayflower".

TWELFTH.—First Class Sail Boats, prize \$100. Eight boats started. The prize was awarded to Mr. Piers' Victoria. [This Race excited much interest. It was remarked that Mr. Howe's "Mary" lost in consequence of some mistake.]

THIRTEENTH. Second Class. Prize \$80. Eight boats contested. Won by Mr. Stevens' "Eliza".

FOURTEENTH. Third Class. Prize \$30. Won by Lieut. Roebuck's "Maid of Llangollen."

PASSENGERS.—In the Dove, from Bermuda, Mr. Bremner, and Capt. Scott, late of the barque Sir Colin Campbell. In the Numa Transport, for Portsmouth, Capt. Evans, R. A.; Lieut. Whitaker, 55th Regt.; Dr. Millar, Staff Asst. Surgeon; 29 non-commissioned Officers, rank and file, Royal Artillery; 10 women, 15 children, 11th, 23d, 43d and 65th Regiments and 7 convicts. In the Acadian from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. C. Patten, Miss Rudolf, Miss Farrell, Miss Sipples, Capt. Fowler, and 2 in the steerage.

MARRIED,

At Dartmouth, on Thursday, 13th inst. by the Rev. A. Romans, A. M. Mr. George Gray, of the 93d Regiment, to Elizabeth Sarah Gaston, of Dartmouth.

On Sunday evening by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. Alexander Russell of Pictou, to Miss Margaret Sophia, second daughter of Mr. William Northrup, of this town.

On Tuesday week, by the Rev. C. Churchill, Wesleyan Minister, Mr. Benj. Blakely, of Ship Harbour, to Miss Frances Day of Jedore.

DIED,

Thursday morning, Susanna, wife of Mr. John Pierce, in the 58th year of her age—after an illness of two years and ten months. Funeral to morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

At Grenada 12th August, David Haldane, Esquire, of Her Majesty's Customs.—This Gentleman had but lately arrived amongst us; but by his urbane manners, had gained the esteem of a numerous circle of acquaintances, who, with his afflicted widow, sincerely deplore his loss.

On Wednesday morning, the 15th August, Joseph Clarke, Esquire, Acting Collector of Her Majesty's Customs of Grenada. Mr. Clarke was happily endowed with those qualities, which enabled him to fill the duties of his respectable and important situation, with ease to himself, and entire satisfaction to the Public.

At his Residence in Wilmot, County of Annapolis, on Sunday 2nd September, after a short but severe illness, in the 56th year of his age, Capt Timothy Amhurst Ruggles, of the late Nova Scotia Fencibles, and only Son of the late John Ruggles, Esq.; he has left an aged mother and three Sisters, to lament the loss of an affectionate Son and Brother.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED

Friday, September 14th—Brig Micmac, Greely, Gaspe, 6 days—dry fish, to Creighton & Grassie; Am. schr Ellen, Harding, Hartford, Conn. 5 days—onions, apples, etc. to D. & E. Starr, & Co.

Saturday, 15th—Brigt Reindeer, Morrison, Demerara, 27 days—rum and molasses to W. B. Hamilton—4th inst. lat. 37, long. 66, while lying to in a hurricane under bare poles, was hove on her beam ends, and shifted cargo, was obliged to cut away fore-topmast and mainmast—spoke 8th inst. lat. 46½ lon. 64 55, brig Lafette from Bangor, 4 days, who kindly supplied them; brig Griffin, Demerara, 20 days—rum, to Saltus & Wainwright—spoke, 7th inst. lat. 22 long 65½. Am. brig Sterling of Boston; schr Rival Packet, Liverpool, N. S.; Dove, Dunscomb, Bermuda, 6 days—cotton, to J. & M. Tobin; barque Norman, Kinney, Grenada, 12 days—rum, to D. & E. Starr, & Co.—left brig Golden Rule from St. John's, N. F. sold; Quadruple, Swan, hence; 1st inst and sailed for Trinidad; Palmetto from St. John's, N. F., via Demerara and Barbadoes, called and sailed for Trinidad.

Sunday, 16th—Brig Standard, Blay, Port Antonio, Jam. 32 and Bermuda, 4 days—rum and sugar, to J. & M. Tobin; Angeliq, P. E. Island, 6 days—produce; Elizabeth, Sydney—coal; Margaret, Antigonish—butter, etc.—passenger, Capt. Redding and 3 of the crew of the schr Union; Govt. schr Victory, Darby, Lunenburg; Three Brothers, Tracadie—fish and oil; Ben, Furry, Bridgeport—coal; barque John Porter, Crowder, Liverpool, G. B. 40 days—salt and dry goods, to Fairbanks & McNab—left Ship Halifax, Cleary, to sail in 4 days; Lousia, Milgrove, uncertain; Greyhound, Tucker, Hamburg, 49 days assorted cargo, to J. Allison & Co.—left brig Falcon, to sail in 3 days.

Monday, 17th—Schr Placid, Harrison; Trinidad, 22 and Ponce, 14 days—ballast, to J. A. Moren; the Neptune left for this place sailed 9 days, and brig Coquette 3 days before; left John Ryder; the Vernon, hence, had called at Trinidad and sailed again; schr Ino, Brier Island, —lumber and mackerel, to J. H. Reynolds.

Tuesday, 18th—Schr Gentle, Fader, Bay Chaluer; Enterprise, La-Blanc, Pugwash, 7 days—deals, to M. G. Black; Two Brothers, Pictou—butter and meal; John, Vigneau, Quebec, 12 days, pork, etc. bound to St John, NB; Mary Ann, McLeod, P. E. I. 7 days, fish, etc.

Wednesday, 19th—Messenger, Sydney, coal; Royal Adelaide, Kirkby, Dominica, 22 days, rum, etc. to J. & M. Tobin; Three Masted Sibella, Musgrove, New York, 13 days, rice, etc. to J. H. Braine and others—5 passengers.

Thursday, 20th—schr Swallow, Canso, fish; Lucy, Pugwash, deals; Betsy, Barrington, dry fish; Algerine, do. do; Rambler, and Thistle Port Medway, lumber; Dove, Marmand, Boston, 8 days, and sailed for Arichat; Lady, La Vache, do. do; Collector, Phelan, Boston, 9 days, tobacco, to H. Fay, J. Dunn, and Master, 3 passengers; Am. Packet brig Acadian, Jones, Boston, 6 days, flour, etc. to Wier & Woodworth, and others; left Mailboat Lady Ogle, Stairs, hence in 3 days—Packet Industry, Simpson to sail in 3 days; Speculator, Young, Lunenburg; Chance, do; Ruth, Dolliver, Liverpool, N. S. bound fishing; Broke, Cann, Yarmouth, tar etc.; Albion, Moore, P. E. I. 7 days; Armide, Smith, St. Andrews, lumber, J. W. Young, Eliza Ann, do. do. to W. B. Hamilton; Henry Harding, Julius, Nevis, 22 days, rum, sugar, etc. to J. & M. Tobin; brig John Lawson, loading at Pernambuco, 29th July for Hamburg.

Friday, 21st—brig Columbia, Kennedy, Liverpool, via St. Michael's and Sydney, 60 days, salt, etc. to Mr. Hays. Passenger, Mr. Hays. Frigate Inconstant, Bermuda.

CLEARED,

Friday, September 14th—Edward & Samuel, Balcom, Burin, N. F.—assorted cargo, by J. Strachan; Magdelaine, Jervis, P. E. Island—tobacco, by the master; brig Coquette, Trimmingham, St. John's, N. F.—rum, tea, etc. by Saltus & Wainwright; Albion, Leslie, Miramichi—assorted cargo, by S. Cunard & Co. and others; Fleta, Evans, Kingston, Jam.—dry and pickled fish, by W. Pryor & Sons; Transit, Hughs, West Indies—do by J. & M. Tobin; Beaufort, Gaden, St. John's, N. F.—oatmeal, by G. P. Lawson 17th—Emily, La Blanc, Miramichi, herrings, etc. by A. Fraser, and others. 18th—Mary and Margaret, La Frane, Magdalen Isles, rum, etc. by J. Allison & Co.; Ann, Wolfe, P. E. I.; Sarah, Reynolds, Burin, flour, etc. by J. J. Strachan; brig Harriet and Elizabeth, Butler, Boston, salmon, etc.; by J. T. Williamson. 19th—ship Douglas, Hamilton, Miramichi, ballast; barque Europe, Davie, Bay Chaleur, ballast; schr Caroline, Crouse, St. John, N. B.—rum, etc. by T. U. Ross, and others. 20th—brig Stedfast, Wingood, B. W. Indies, fish, etc. Saltus & Wainwright; schr Mary, Garrett, Boston, salmon, etc. by H. Fay; Ion, Hammond, St. John, NB. sugar by S. Starr and others.