

civilization and of peace, ever designed to form floating batteries for human conflict and human butchery? Was the richest corn and wheat naturally and admirably fitted for the bread of life, intended by its creator to be changed into poison, and made the instrument of death?

Can it be acceptable to the former of our bodies, who so curiously and wisely contrived our limbs, and fitted our hands for constant acts of kindness and mutual good will, to see those hands employed in acts of injustice and evil works? Were our hands made to fight and our fingers to shed blood?

For what were our intellects formed, and how are they used? And our moral powers—are they applied to their appropriate use, to distinguish between right and wrong, and to pursue the one and avoid the other? Does our natural desire of excelling provoke each other to good works? Or do they urge on men to get the mastery over each other, and lead them to bring their neighbours lower that they may appear the higher? Do men use their sense of justice to disapprove of an injury because it is wrong, or do they change or pervert it into the exercise of revenge and malice?

Institutions to—for what are they designed, and how are they used? Is the sabbath always used to raise men's minds and heart from earth to heaven? Or is that holy day often employed in scenes of riot and blasphemy, with a tendency to degrade the man into a brute? Is the house of God never used by any but sincere worshippers—or is it sometimes filled with those who pollute it with the most solemn mockery towards the God of heaven?

And literary institutions—are they never perverted and rendered subversive of the very objects they profess to promote? Could not a long catalogue of evils be made out as resulting from colleges? Have not some young men been ruined and others injured by being sent to academies and high schools? And even our common schools—how much are they abused! How much evil is learnt at them with some good. Would not the minds of children be more active at home about the house and yards than they are many times in a school-room where the whole employment of a day is to say A and B, and set on a bench?

And what is there that is not abused? And what good thing is there which by abuse does not produce some evil? Little else but evil? How are these abuses and their consequent evil to be prevented? That is a hard question. But in the future numbers of the Lyceum we will aim to be more specific, and to point out the nature and tendency of some abuses, and to suggest some measures to lessen if not to prevent the evils arising from them.—*Family Lyceum.*

Some people are busy, and yet do nothing they fatigue and wear themselves out, and yet drive at no point, nor propose any general end of action or design.

FOR THE MIRROR.

PSALM 1st.

That man is bless'd, whose steps refuse,  
To walk the paths the ungodly choose,  
Who will not with the sinners stand,  
Nor with the scornful join his hand.

That man is bless'd, who takes delight  
In meditating day and night,  
Upon the laws his God has given,  
To guide his feet from earth to heaven.

He shall be like a fruitful tree,  
Whose leaves ne'er wither nor decay;  
Prosperity shall crown his deeds,  
While all he undertakes, succeeds.

His daily thoughts shall upward tend,  
His constant prayers to Heaven ascend;  
That when his days on earth shall end,  
His Maker may be found his Friend.

But he who spurns God's holy laws,  
And proves rebellious to his cause,  
Shall all his lifetime be the heir  
Of disappointment, doubt and care.

And when that solemn day shall come,  
Which fixes each one's endless home,  
His Judge shall send him to reside  
Where everlasting pains abide.

S. B.

*The Weekly Mirror.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1836.

Encouraged by the support and advice of many of our former Subscribers, we this week present to the Public the first number of the second volume of the *WEEKLY MIRROR*.—Our aim shall be to make it of such a character, that both old and young may be instructed, as well as amused by its contents, but in a more particular manner will its contents be directed to the cultivation and improvement of the youthful mind. We shall fundamentally pursue the same arrangement as in the former volume, and endeavour to improve upon it, in such parts as experience and the advice of our friends may suggest. Original papers have been promised to us by a few individuals, and we invite the aid of all who are friendly to our undertaking and who can contribute any thing that may be interesting or beneficial to the rising generation.

We propose to devote a portion of each number to the Biographies of great and good men—of men eminent for their talents and attainments, that our youthful readers may have examples brought to their notice, worthy of their imitation. We shall also give a column or part of one each week to statistics of local and general interest compiled from the Newspapers. This we deem to be an important improvement—our paper being so small, it can be preserved with but little trouble and at the end of the year be bound at a trifling expense. It will then be valuable as a book of reference not to those who take it, only—but also to individuals who take one or all of the Weekly Newspapers, but who do not take the pains to file them.

As the price of the *MIRROR* is so cheap, we require a large subscription list, to remunerate us for the expenses of publishing—we would therefore be obliged to our Subscribers and friends, if they would use their endeavours to increase the circulation of our Miscellany.

The Legislature of the Province met yesterday for the Dispatch of Business. Mr. Bell was sworn in as a Member for the Township of Halifax. Mr. Crow, for the Township of Onslow, and Mr. Clements for the Township of Yarmouth.

SUMMARY.

DOMESTIC.

The Committee for purchasing Fuel and Potatoes to be sold to the Poor at a cheap rate, have received from the public, generally solicited £100 1 3 From the Parish of St. Mary's, proceeds of a Church collection for that purpose

39 12 7½

£139 13 10½

Jan. 8.—Mr. Philip Twysford, of Windsor Road, whilst in pursuit of a Cariboo was accidentally shot through the heart, by the discharge of a gun from the person in company.—Jan. 9.—One of the Upper Ferry Boats too deeply laden with shingles, and eight persons on board upset, about the middle of the harbour.—Crew and passengers saved.—On Christmas Eve, Mr. David Myrah, of Lunenburg, was drowned, by falling through the ice, near his father's house.

*Supreme Court, Hilary Term, 1836.*

Thomas N. Jeffery, L. D. Morton and Thomas V. B. Bingay, Esqrs. Attornies at Law, were admitted and enrolled Barristers of His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature, for the Province of Nova-Scotia.—Charles Inglis Halliburton, A. B. and John H. Gray, A. B. Students at Law, having taken the usual oaths in open Court, were admitted and enrolled Attornies and Barristers of the said Court.—Hugh W. Hoyle, Jonathan McCully, and Ebenezer F. Munro, Students at Law, having taken the usual Oaths in open Court, were admitted and enrolled Attornies of the said Court.

COLONIAL.

The Government of P. E. Island has devolved upon the Hon. George Wright, by the death of Sir A. W. Young.—Sir Francis Bond Head has been appointed Governor of Upper Canada.—Sir John Colburne to the command of the Troops in Canada.—Sir Peter Halket, G. C. H. to succeed Sir Geo. Cockburn in the command on the W. India & Halifax Stations.—Mr. Macan, of the Irish Bar, to be Chief Justice of P. E. Island.

ENGLISH.

James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, died at his residence at Altrive Lake, Nov. 21.

A Letter containing the following melancholy news was received by the Deputy Postmaster General, on Saturday last.

"H. M. Packet Star, at Sea  
Dec. 6, 1835,  
Lat. 29, 30 Long. 30.

"Sir,"

His Majesty's Packet Star, bound to Halifax with the November Mail, in lat 46, long 30, met with a very heavy gale of wind, which threw her on her beam ends and dismasted her—washing overboard Lieut. J. BROWN, Commander, and eleven Seamen I am now making the best of my way to Antigua."

Signed

JAS. BROWN.

Act'g Lieut and Commander

To the British Consul  
Boston.

FOREIGN.

A Committee from France has arrived at Jamaica, to collect intelligence, preparatory to the discussion in the Chamber of Deputies, on the Abolition of Slavery.—Mr. Barton, the American Charge d'Affaires arrived at New-York from France on the 6th inst.

DIED.

Yesterday morning, in the 29th year of his age, Mr. Wm. Wright. His funeral will take place from his late residence in Barrington street, on Sunday next at half past one precisely.

On 11th inst of Scarlet Fever, John Weston, son of Mr. Samuel Weston of H. M. O. Inance, aged 20 years.