

POETRY.

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A POET'S BENEDICTION.

Transmitted to a Young Lady, in a distant country, who had received "a few lines" in the Author's hand-writing.

BY JAMES MONTGOMERY, ESQ.

Spirits in heaven may interchange
Thoughts, without voice or sound;
Spirits on earth at will can range
Wherever man is found;—
Their thoughts (as silent and as fleet
As summer-lightenings in the east,
When evening sinks to glorious rest.)
In written symbols meet.

The motion of a feather darts
The secrets of "egested" hearts
To kindred hearts afar,
As in the stillness of the night,
Quick rays of intermingling light
Sparkle from star to star.
A spirit to a spirit speaks
Where these fair letters stand
Strangers alike,—the younger seeks
A token from the hand
That trac'd an unpretending song,
Whose numbers won her gentle soul,
White like a mountain-rill, they stole
In trembling harmony along—

What shall the Poet's spirit send
To his un-seen, un-seeing friend?
A wish as pure as ether had birth
In thought or language of the earth.
Cynthia is young,—may she be old;
And fair, no doubt,—may she grow wrinkled,
Her locks, in verse at least, are gold,—
May they turn silver, thinly sprinkled;
The rose her cheek, the fire her eye,
Youth, health, and strength successive fly,
And in the end—may Cynthia die!

"Unkind"—inhuman—"Stay your tears,
I only wish you *length of years*;
And wish them still, with all their woes
And all their blessings, till the close.
For Hope and Fear, with anxious strife,
Are wrestlers in the ring of life;
And yesterday,—to-day,—to-morrow,—
Are but alternate joy and sorrow.
Now mark the sequel;—may your mind
In wisdom's ways true pleasure find,
Grow strong in virtue, rich in truth,
And year by year renew its youth.
Till, in the last triumphal hour,
The spirit shall the flesh o'erpower,
This from its suffering pain release,
And *that* take wing, and part in peace!

From the Imperial Magazine.

A CRADLE HYMN.

BY MR. THOS. OWENS.

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How tender and helpless the Babe,
When first it approaches the light,
Unable to traverse the globe,
A stranger to power or might.
Yet still there's a Parent on high,
The dispenser and giver of good,
Who shelters from dangers so nigh,
And gathers the innocent's food.

While anxious, recumbent, I weep,
Thy mind is a stranger to care,
Thy senses are wrapt up in sleep,
Regardless of all that I fear.
Lovely innocent flower of bliss,
Delighted, I gaze on thy form,
Receive on thy vermeil a kiss,
And pay the soft touch with a charm.

O nature! what various alarms
Thou beat'st in a mother's fond breast;
'Tis her's to be thine king of harms,
And knowing not why she's distressed.
But hence every phantom of ill,
Be hush'd every fear to repose;
God does with his own what he will,
And to will what is best always knows.

VARIETY.

PRESERVED STRAWBERRIES.

Weigh the strawberries after you have picked off the stems. To each pound of fruit allow a pound of loaf sugar, which must be powdered.—Strew half of the sugar over the strawberries, and let them stand in a cold place two or three hours. Then put them in a preserving kettle over a slow fire, and by degrees strew on the rest of the sugar. Boil them fifteen or twenty minutes, and skim them well.

Put them in wide mouthed hottles, and when cold, seal the corks.

If you wish to lo them whole, take them carefully out of the syrup, (one at a time) white boiling. Spread them to cool on large dishes, not letting the strawberries touch each other, and when cool, return them to the syrup, and boil them a little longer. Repeat this several times.

Keep the hottles in dry sand, in a place that is cool and not damp.

Gooseberries, currants, raspberries, cherries and grapes may be done in the same manner. The stones must be taken from the cherries (which should be morellas, or the largest and best red cherries) and the seeds should be extracted from the grapes with the sharp point of a penknife.—Gooseberries, grapes, cherries, require longer boiling than strawberries, raspberries, or currants.

MAXIMS.

The best thing to be done when adversity pinches, is, not to sit down and cry, but to rise up and work. Seeking the welfare of man is goodness—of all virtues the greatest—because it is aiming to imitate God.

No man ever did a purposed injury to another, without doing a greater to himself.

Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well; but it is impossible to do anything well without attention.

He pays dear for his bread who lives by another's bounty.

Our incomes should be like our shoes, if too small they will gall and pinch us; but if too large, they will cause us to stumble and to trip.—But wealth, after all, is a relative thing; since he that has little and wants less, is richer than he that has much and wants more. The contentment dependes not upon what we have, but upon what we would have; a tub was large enough for Diogenes, but a world was too little for Alexander.

LOCAL.

The two following Extracts from the *New Act to amend the Laws of the Customs*, deserve the attention of the Mercantile part of the Community:—

"And be it further enacted, That masts, timber, staves, wood hoops, staves, lath-wood, and cord-wood for feet, shall be imported into any of the British Possessions, in North America, duty free; and that such Goods upon importation, shall be free from such Possessions into any other British Possessions in America, or into the United Kingdom, shall be deemed to be the produce of the British Possessions in North America."

"And be it further enacted, That raw hides imported into the British Possessions in North America, from the West Coast of Africa, shall be imported, duty free."

SIZE OF BREAD.

1st AUGUST, 1829.

	lbs.	oz.
WHEAT,	2	3.
RYE,	3	2.

In the Nova-Scotia papers, a man named ALEXANDER ROBISON, is advertised as having murdered DEAN Mc MILLAN, at Antigonish on the 11th instant. Robison is described to be about 5 feet 9 inches in height, stout made, light complexion, fair haired, long visaged, large nose, blue eyes, a melancholy expression of countenance, one of his legs ulcerated, usually wore a tartan bonnet, a tartan homespun jacket, blue homespun trowsers, tanned leather moccasins, speaks English and Gaelic, and about forty years of age.

HALIFAX, July 21.

On Friday last a man named BURNS was tried for the murder of another of the name of BARRY; and after a trial which lasted upwards of five hours, the Jury brought in a verdict of Manslaughter on the part of the prisoner.

The circumstances attending this melancholy affair are briefly these: the two men above mentioned and another named CURRINS had been drinking together

at BARRY's, who resided on the Cobequid road, and the result was a quarrel between CURRINS and the deceased, and ultimately a scuffle between the latter and BURNS. BARRY's conduct was testified to have been outrageously violent, and being a powerful man BURNS was persuaded to leave the House for a short time. In compliance with this advice as was stated he retired, and having changed his clothes and armed himself with a knife returned down stairs, and meeting BARRY the struggle recommenced; when BURNS stabbed him in the belly with the knife, and death was the consequence on the following day.

It appeared in evidence, that the prisoner had long been considered a quiet and inoffensive man. The Court was decidedly of opinion, that there was not sufficient testimony, to convict him of the crime of murder, and under the direction of the learned Judge who tried him, the Jury brought in the verdict already described.

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in us hearts the love of thy Name, inerso in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MARRIED.

On Saturday the 18th instant, by the Rev. J. CARROL, Mr. MICHAEL McQUAID to Miss MARY GALLAGHER, both of the Parish of Penfield, County of Charlotte.

DIED.

At Glasgow, on the 21st May, Capt. WALTER SIMPSON, late of the Barque Forth, for many years trading to this port—a man universally respected and deservedly regretted.

At Poman, near Falkirk, (Scotland) in December last, ELIZABETH, wife of Mr. George Coats, formerly a merchant of this City.

At New-York, on the 18th inst. WILLIAM COLEMAN, Esq. late Editor, and one of the original founders of the New-York Evening Post, in the 61th year of his age.

At Natal, on the coast of Africa, on the 7th Sept. last, Mr. James King, youngest son of Mr. S. King, late of Halifax.

At Quebec, on the 5th inst. Mrs. Susan Watt, wife of Mr. James Watt, superintendant of His Majesty's Telegraph in Canada, after two years severe illness, by closing of the *Pyloris*, and train of its consequences, aged 36 years, 3 months and 5 days. She died away, as if in the act of mental prayer with up-lifted hands, and without a motion or a word; leaving five children to lament their loss. She was a loving wife, a tender mother, and remarkable for charity, temperance and humanity; and when she came to Quebec (in the year 1810) was generally esteemed as the prettiest woman that Canada ever saw.

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