

ORIGINAL POETRY.

I Love the Woods.

I love the woods, the lovely woods
Where pine and hemlock grow.
Or where the monarch oak shades
The storms that round him blow.

I love the gentle, sweet retreat
These ancient dwellers make,
And for the sacred awe and dread
They in our bosoms wake.

I love the woods, the quiet haunts
Of all you feathered throng,
Who carol forth amidst these shades
Their blithest—happiest song.

I love the woods, they suit full well
The contemplative hour
When busy meddling memory loves
To bend beneath its power.

That grew like those, close side by side
When shelter'd by one hand,
Tho' parted now by distance wide
They dwell in stranger land.

Shelburne, N. S.
Mrs. Homans.

BIOGRAPHY.

Religious Experience, and Death, of Mr. William Sterling, of Newport.

The subject of the following brief sketch was the eldest son of James and Jane Sterling. From his youth he was favoured with the privilege of sitting under the Wesleyan Ministry in the vicinity where his parents resided.

Love and prized by God alone.

Though, like his companions in the kingdom and patience of Christ, he had to encounter difficulties, and endure temptations from the enemies of his peace, he ever found the grace of God sufficient.

Now I have found the ground wherein
Sure my soul's anchor may remain:
The wounds of Jesus, for my sin
Before the world's foundation slain;

William Sterling highly prized the means of grace established among us as Wesleyan Methodists. He was very seldom absent from his Class, although he had between three and four miles to travel in order to be present.

In the Prayer Meeting also our departed friend and brother, was generally found; not only sanctioning this means of grace by his presence, but taking part in its sacred and devotional exercises.

On Sunday, the 17th of June last, he attended Divine Service in the Meander Chapel, apparently in his usual health.

With God eternally shut in—
his mortal remains were interred in the burial-ground attached to the Meander Chapel, there to repose until the "great Archangel's trump shall sound," and the grave shall yield up its dead.

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FAMILY CIRCLE.

The Domestic Constitution.

The family is the mould in which mind and character are formed; here the several parts of the social machine are cast and adjusted. The human soul is not only gradually developed, but it conforms to the circumstances by which it is surrounded.

Respect to Parents.

If children could realize but a small portion of the anxiety their parents feel on their account they would pay far greater respect to the paternal wishes. A good child, and one in whom confidence can be placed, is the one who does not allow himself to disobey his parents, nor to do anything when his parents are absent, that he has reason to believe that they would disapprove were they present.

The relative position of the family to the nation must not be overlooked. The one is the germ and the type of the other. If the families are not disciplined, virtuous, and devout, the nation must sink into impiety and vice.

To maintain and improve the domestic constitution is not an easy task. The difficulties that attend it are many and great. Some of them arise from the condition and character of parents, and others from the temper of the times.

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Choose your Company.

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A Word to Apprentices.

Stick to your trade, boys, and work if you wish to be truly independent. There is no more pitiable sight than a hitherto mechanic applying for work. He has become perfect in his trade, but the years of his maturity, he never met, and can calculate on no more with a good deal of safety.

He left us with a feeling that rich factor in Boston, and since learned of his having been crazy time in three different offices in cities.

Of course, with his slight knowledge, he could not have performed, and he has taken up a new line of business, and has been a head-bill announcing his appearance as a citizen of the "Irish Tiger."

Parents, if you wish well to urge them to learn their trades, and Yankee mutton heads of the boys every year.—Christian Ci

The Maniac and the Infant.

The following anecdote was related to us by the keeper of the prison where the maniac was confined. He had been brought there in a most desperate state. He had long before been confined in a cell where for months no one dared to enter.

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Extension of Ministerial Effort.

Effort is the characteristic of the present era. There have been a few departments of life there. Mind is brought into collision with thought with thought. The power is in a state of change. Empires to their centres—kingdoms to their depths. The whole circumference is in motion—the utmost external existence throbs with the various agencies at work at the present time society present and, rather, wondrous spectacles of human beings is onward—maturity it will reach, time a time alone will develop. Serious, and, to the well-wishers, momentarily interesting now,—will apply the words of Bard, in one of his sweetest passages.

Uaque adeo turbator agri.

Amid the changes, and the day, shall the MINISTERS of the stationary, and content will be or limited action? Shall pathos with the progressive age? and be found putting correspondent to the calls of the world?

The diversified changes of varied efforts to acquire so real or imaginary, not yet their made by individuals, smugness, or, on a larger scale, by these, in some one form or another, many exemplifications of want of substantial happiness,