

POETRY.

TO MY SON.

BY JAMES GRAHAM

Twice has the sun commenced his annual round,  
 Since first thy footsteps totter'd o'er the ground,  
 Since first thy tongue was tun'd to bless mine ear,  
 By faultering out the name to fathers dear  
 On nature's language, with her looks combined,  
 More precious far than periods thrice refined  
 On sportive looks of love, devoid of guile,  
 I prize you more than beauty's magic smile  
 Yes, in that face, unconscious of its charm,  
 I gaze with bliss, unmingled with alarm  
 As if full oft a boding horror flies  
 Alas! my fancy, uttering fateful cries  
 Am gaily poor, his harmless life defend,  
 And if we part, 'gainst me the man late send  
 And yet a wish will rise,—would I might live,  
 To see youe his memory firmness give  
 For on it would a joy in death impart,  
 To see I still survive I within his heart;  
 To think he'll cast me by the vale of years,  
 A retrospective look, bedun'd with tears,  
 And tell, regretful, how I look'd and spoke,  
 When walks I lov'd, where grew my favourite oak;  
 How gently I would lead him by the hand,  
 How gently use the accent of command;  
 What lore I taught him, roaming wood and wild,  
 And how the man descended to the child;  
 How well I loved with him, on Sabbath morn,  
 To hear the anthem of the vocal thorn;  
 To teach religion, unallied to strife,  
 And trace to him the way of life  
 But far, and farther still, my view I bend,—  
 And now I see a child thy steps attend;  
 To enter church-yard wall, thou tak'st thy way,  
 While round thee, pleased, thou soost the infant play,  
 Then lifting him, white tears suffuse thine eyes,  
 Dreading, thou taltest him, *There thy Grand-father lies.*

SUMMARY.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. DOYLE said, the hon. and learned Gentleman (Mr. Stewart) declared that this Road System is not a system of abuse—that the frauds and evils of it only exist in the wit and imagination of my Colleague. It may be that the people of Cape Breton are exceptions to the general rules of the Province—or that they are conscious of having representatives of less immaculate character; for we have often received applications from Road Commissioners upon the ground of objectioning service—and no longer than yesterday a letter was handed to me, the signature of which, if necessary, can be attested by my learned Colleague, though not one of our own constituents at present, and which is as follows—

Sir, I enclose you a petition, for Road money which I request you to present. I wish, though not in your District, that you would get me appointed a Road Commissioner, in which case you may depend upon my vote and interest should you ever want it, which is considerable."

Hon members may laugh, but I believe, that with equal frankness, they would show their own correspondence by the post, there would not be a few of very similar epistles. From the smile of intelligence on the countenance of the Speaker, I am satisfied that he has seen enough of them in his time. I do not think that Cape Breton is the only corrupt county in the Province—Cumberland, however, must be purer—the hon. and learned gentleman's constituents would never attempt to taint his integrity; for not content with exposing their correspondence, as I do, he would bring them to the bar of the House. He tells you that Magistrates are liable to temptation—Grand Ju-

rors are given to evil—but we—we, the choice and representatives of these men—we only are above suspicion—and therefore we will retain this patronage in our own hands; and he will retain it—it is too sweet—too useful, to be lightly given up.—*Novascotian.*

From the National Intelligencer

INDIAN HOSTILITIES.—With regard to the Indian War in Florida, we are sorry to say that the accounts continue to be any thing but favourable. The Jacksonville Courier reached us yesterday of as late date as the 21st January, being the latest News from that quarter. Through this channel we learn that, on Monday, the 18th January, the St. Augustine Guards, (a volunteer company,) with a few men from Mosquito, had an engagement near that place with a force of 150 Indians, in which they had eighteen men killed and wounded, the Indians having lost at least as many men, though they were very near cutting off every man of the volunteers, on their retreat to their boats. On Friday, the 16th, Lieutenant Ruggles, of the Army, set out with fifty recruits, just arrived from N. York, for the head quarters of General Clinch. A letter from Black Creek, January 19th, states that information had reached there that Colonel Parish, of Middle Florida, with about one hundred men, had an engagement with about an equal number of Indians, in which seven Indians were killed, and two white men killed or wounded.

\* \* \* Persons have been sent to the Light House at Cape Florida; so I presume the light will be resumed in a few days. It now can be said, although painful it must be to the feelings of all Americans, that the Western Peninsula is in possession of the savages, and that our government have, for want of proper energy, allowed these savages to murder families in the very heart of our country

FROM FLORIDA.—LATEST.—The steamer John Stoney has reached Savannah, on her way to this city, from St Augustine. We learn by a passenger in the Wm. Seabrook, arrived this forenoon from Savannah, that he had conversed with a passenger in the Stoney, who informed him that the St. Augustine militia, stationed at Mosquito, about sixty miles south of that place, had had a skirmish with the Indians, in which they lost three men killed. One man, belonging to a steam boat on the St Johns, was shot on the wharf at Picolata, whilst engaged in getting wood. It was reported that the Indians had crossed the St Johns, in three bodies, about 150 strong. Great fears were entertained for Capt Drano's command, who had left Picolata some time previous, with about 60 men, as an escort to a quantity of provisions, &c., for Camp King. Nothing had been heard from Gen. Clinch; at the latter place.

A gentleman who arrived here last evening from Columbus, Ga., informs us that much excitement prevailed there on the subject of the Indian hostilities—it was said that 500 of the Creek Indians, had left the nation within a short time past, in small bodies to join the Seminoles, in Florida.

MEXICO.—The Editors of the New York Courier and Enquirer have received Vera Cruz papers to the 8th of January

It appears that on the 3d of December, Gen. Santa Anna passed in review 6000 men at San Louis Potosi, destined to recover Texas. Immediately afterwards, five Generals, with 2000 line of men took up their march; and we find the van guard, under Gen. Sesma, had reached Salinas, about 30 miles from the Rio Bravo del Norte, on the 8th of that month.

Santa Anna left San Louis for Leona Vicario, in Cohahulia, on the 2nd January, and is perhaps by this time in Texas. There is no longer a doubt that the continuation of the pres-

ent system of government in Mexico and the fate of Santa Anna himself, depend upon the result of the expedition against Texas.

The Supreme Government, under the date of 30th December, caused the following decree to be published and circulated in every district of the republic:

Art 1st. All foreigners that may land in any part of the republic, or shall make their way into the interior, armed and with the intention of attacking her territory, shall be regarded and punished as pirates, considering that they do not belong to any nation at war with the republic, and that they do not act under any recognized flag.

Art. 2. Foreigners that land in any of our ports, or seek to introduce arms and ammunition by land through any channel in a state of insurrection against the government of a nation, and with the avowed object of placing such implements of war in the hands of her enemies, shall be treated and punished in the same manner"

(Signed) TORRELL.

The Editors of the Courier remark:—"On the whole we should say the Mexicans appear to have plenty of troops, but little money, and the continuance and rapidity of the advance of the army on Texas, will depend greatly on the means of transport and provisions they have at command."

UNITED STATES BANK.—There is a reasonable prospect that this important institution will be rechartered, by the Legislature of Pennsylvania. A Correspondent of the Philadelphia Gazette says—

"From present indications, I think the opinion I gave you a day or two since, will be confirmed, "that the bill will pass."

Speculation is on tip-toe here, and we have among us several Wall-street men, who are constantly in action, and ready to deal in stock, as soon as something definite is known in regard to it.

SURGICAL OPERATION.—Three or four weeks ago a notorious character of the name of Reid was stabbed in the hip with a clasp knife, which wounded a large blood-vessel, which continued from time to time to pour out such torrents of blood that the poor lad's life was despaired of. Under those circumstances a consultation of the Medical Faculty was held in the Infirmary on Thursday week, at which the Doctors unanimously agreed,—as the vessel from which the blood came was the large artery of the hip, which had never been cut down to or secured unless by the late Mr. John Bell of Edinburgh, surgeons being deterred from repeating his operation by the danger of cutting down to a blood-vessel in a situation where it is impossible to make pressure on it so as to stop the flow of blood during the operation; and as the life of the stabber depended in a great degree on the fate of the stabbed, to request Mr Syme, Professor of Clinical Surgery in Edinburgh, to come over to Dundee, and do what might be necessary. The Professor having arrived on Saturday, immediately proceeded to the Infirmary, and in the presence of a numerous assemblage of the Dundee Faculty, with great coolness and dexterity performed the necessary operation.—*Dundee Courier.*

AGENTS FOR THE BEE.

- Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Mr. DENNIS REDDIN.
- Miramichi—Revd. JOHN McCURDY.
- St. John, N. B.—Mr. A. R. TUDOR.
- Halifax—Messrs. A. & W. McKINLAY.
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