

Young menseldom give either of them that deliberation which is their due. The happiness of this world and the hopes of futurity are connected with their decisions, whilst prosperity and reputation or adversity and infamy are their attendant consequences. As far as regards a profession, a man should never be too hasty in his determinations. Almost every individual of the human family has by nature a particular talent, which when brought into requisition and applied to some exclusive object, cannot fail to be attended with a commensurate success. But the man who vainly conceives that he can succeed in every thing, seldom becomes eminent in any. It is absurd in policy, to commence a dozen projects together, or even to begin a second before the first has been rendered permanently successful.

Franklin particularly endeavored to convince young persons of the necessity of fore-thought, integrity, and frugality, in the early career of business. I was never discouraged, said he, by the seeming magnitude of my undertakings, as I have always thought that one man of tolerable abilities, may work great changes, and accomplish great affairs among mankind, if he first forms a good plan: and cutting off all amusements and employments that would divert his attention, makes the execution of that plan his sole study and business. To be sure, it requires some little philosophy for a young man with a taste for pleasure, to forego all the amusements of youth and health, for the sake of business, or profession; yet if he aspires to become eminent, such a course is actually necessary.

LIBERALITY OF SENTIMENT.—Dr. H—, Bishop of W—, had observed among his hearers a poor man remarkably attentive, and made him some little presents. After awhile he missed his humble auditor, and meeting him, said, "John, how is it that I do not see you in the aisle as usual?" John, with some hesitation, replied, "My lord, I hope you will not be offended, and I will tell you the truth. I went the other day to hear the Methodists, and I understood their plain words so much better, that I have attended ever since." The bishop put his hand into his pocket, and gave him a guinea, with words to this effect: "God bless you! and go where you can receive the greatest profit to your soul."

Selected by a Juvenile Reader.

MISS DODDRIDGE.—Dr. Doddridge one day asked his little daughter how it was that every body loved her:—"I know not" she said "unless it be that I love every body."

BEN SYRA.—It is related of Ben Syra, that, when a child, he begged his preceptor to instruct him in the law of God; but he declined, saying that he was as yet too young to be taught the sacred mysteries. "But, master," said the boy, "I have been in the burial ground, and measured the

graves, and find some of them shorter than myself; now if I should die before I have learned the word of God, what will become of me then, master?"

A FRENCH BOY.—The following question was put in writing to a boy in the deaf and dumb school of Paris, "what is eternity?" He wrote as an answer, "It is the lifetime of the Almighty."

FOR THE MIRROR.

A VALENTINE

Written in the year 18—.

Dear Mary-Ann this is the day,
On which poor lovers, people say
Must screw a verse;
Out of their brains—but if perhaps
They should have none,—why then poor chaps—
Out of their purse!

The last would be the plan for me,
But it and I cannot agree,
I'll tell for why:
Last night, while toss'd about with fears,
Apollo took me by the ears,
And thus did say,

"You stupid fool—you silly ass,
Have you too let this whole day pass,
Without a line?
Have you forgotten Mary-Ann;
Why what the plague is in you man,
No Valentine?"

Oh dear! quoth I, as sure's I'm born,
I'd quite forgot, but on the morn,
I'll rise at eight!
And then I'll try, if I but can
Spin out a verse to Mary-Ann,
Ere it's too late.

Therefore, to you I now address
My wishes,—first, may happiness
Without alloy,
Attend you close,—and may you ne'er,
Know what it is to shed a tear,—
Except for joy. RUSTY.

The following prizes are offered for competition by the Office Bearers and Committee of the Halifax Mechanics' Institute,

SILVER MEDALS—FOR

1st. An Essay on the best means of supplying the Town of Halifax with water.

2nd. An Essay on the general resources of the Province, as connected with its commercial prosperity, and the best means of developing them.

3rd. The most approved plan of a Cottage, upon a scale of a quarter of an inch, to be accompanied with a front, back, and side elevation, and to be situated so as to show an ornamental ground plot in front, and garden either in the rear or at one side; also a sketch of a stable, coach and other out houses. The size of the Cottage to be from forty to fifty feet, one story in height, extent of ground supposed to be one acre, and as nearly adapted to the climate and circumstance of this Province as possible; whereby elegance with economy may be combined in the structure of the dwelling as also convenience in the interior arrangement of the apartments.

4th. The best architectural Drawing, according to the Grecian style.

5th. The best model of a Water Wheel for a Grist Mill.

6th. The best specimen of 'oils (fast colors) of domestic manufacture.

The Committee being desirous of opening a School for the instruction of youth in Practical Geometry,

and Architectural Drawing, will give a premium of £20, to any competent person who will undertake such. The School to be entered to the youth who are members of the Institute, and who also shall pay a fee in addition to the price of their ticket, to the person who undertakes the charge of the school, the fees to be regulated by the Corporation of the Institute, under whose direct and management the School shall be placed. If any person should be approved of, the class will commence next Session with the Institute, and in the Lecture Room,

By Order of the Committee,
GEO. L. O'BRIEN,
Chairman,

MECHANICS INSTITUTE.—The following list of Lectures, prepared by the Committee, is published for the information of Members:—

February 17.—The President, Mr Young, sources of Colonial Law, and the characteristics of professional men.

24.—James Forman, jun. Esq. on the system of the Universe.

March 3.—Mr. Alexander McKenzie, on the cultivation of the human mind.

10.—Joseph Howe, Esq. on the History of Nova-Scotia, (Continued)

17.—Dr Gesner of Parrsborough, on the Geology of Nova Scotia, illustrated by specimens.

24.—William Young, Esq. On the traces of ancient civilization in America.

March 31.—The Rev. Mr. Knowlan, on the Aurora Borealis.

The Committee intend, at the close of the course should they deem it prudent, to publish, by subscription, some of the approved lectures, in a volume.

MARRIED.

On Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Willis, Mr. James Wellner, to Miss Sarah Jane Gilman, both of Halifax.

On Tuesday Evening last, by the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, Mr. Edward Albro, to Isabella Ann, youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Dupuy.

DIED.

On Wednesday last, in the 48th year of his age, Mr. Thomas Doyle; his funeral will take place from his late residence Lower Water Street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock precisely, his friends, and acquaintances are requested to attend.

On Sunday evening next, sermons will be preached, in both of the Wesleyan Chapels in this town, on the subject of Christian Missions.

On the Tuesday evening following in the old Chapel, in Argyle Street, will be held a meeting of the Halifax Wesleyan Missionary branch Society. The services on both occasions will commence precisely at 7 o'clock; collections, as usual, will be taken, for the support of the Wesleyan Missions.

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W. B. STEPHENSON,

BEGS leave to return his sincere thanks to his friends and the public, for their liberal support while in the Firm of Metzler & Stephenson, and to inform them that it is his intention to continue the business at the same stand, Mr. Foreman's Yard, head of Long Wharf; and hopes by strict attention to merit a share of their support. January, 1836.