

POETRY.

TO THE BIBLE.

GO HOLY BOOK,

Tell those who many woes assail,
On thee to look,
They'll find how weak it is to wail,
Though every earthly comfort fail.

The orphan's tear,

Go wipe away, and bid his heart
To be of cheer:

Neal thou his bosom's sorest smart,
And glad with nope misfortune's dart.

Say thou to those

Shut out from every good on earth,
Lest to repose,

Bapt' d in sorrow at their birth,
That worldly joy's of little worth.

The poor soul tell,

The poor, lone, wretched, friendless man,
Though his heart swell,

The ways of God he must not scan,
But trust the universal plan.

The poor diseas'd,

Bravely to bear the piercing pain,
Eternal ease

Waits those who think not to complain,
For worldly loss is heavenly gain.

Tell those who sigh

O'er some dear friend's untimely doom,
That all must die;

He whom die' saw laid in the tomb,
In God's own paradise may bloom.

Go say to those

Doom'd still to groan and till the soil
That soon repose

Shall wipe away their drops of toil,
And stay for aye their weary moil.

Tell those who pine

In the damp dungeons, dreary gloom,
There yet will shine

Through their poor melancholy dome,
A light to guide their footsteps home.

Tell the pilgrim,

When storms are blackning round his head
'Tis good 'r him:

What though his thorn-torn feet have bled,
The heart's blood of his God was shed?

The mariner

Who meets the tempests' fiercest blare,
Bid not to fear;

Though thunders "hurtle 'n the air"
The Launcher of the thunder's there.

Tell those who fear

Their crimes can never be forgiven,
To be of cheer:

If they have call'd on God and thriven,
There's mercy for them still in Heaven.

THE JOURNAL.

TO AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

The Subscription list of this paper for the past year, if fully paid up, will do very little more than cover the actual current expense of the publication; nevertheless, the publisher presuming that the withdrawals would not be many, and indulging a hope, that some new names would be added, intended to continue his labour, and to make the trial for a second year. This was his design when the last number of the first volume was put to press. Previously to that time he had received notice of discontinuance from a few subscribers, which he supposed would be the only ones, but since then he has received notice of the same nature from other individuals at a distance, making in the aggregate about forty names. The pecuniary difficulty of the times, and the supposed claims of economy, are the only reasons for this declension, which has yet come to the publisher's knowledge.

Although pecuniary emolument was not the ruling motive from which the Journal was undertaken, yet it did not appear to be consistent with ordinary prudence that the attempt should be continued in the face of a probable loss; the publisher therefore under these circumstances determined, immediately to suspend the publication, until it should be ascertained whether or not the foregoing declension could be made good, by the addition of other names to the subscription list; and he had prepared a notice accordingly. But being advised that this step, though justifiable under the circumstances of the case, would have the appearance of precipitancy, and that it would disappoint and grieve the minds of many, especially of Agents who had gratuitously made great exertions to promote its circulation, and who, when they found it to be necessary,

would be disposed to make still further exertions; the publisher has been induced to alter his determination, and unless the declension should extend further, to continue the work for at least six months longer. The principal design in undertaking the Journal, was to disseminate useful information, and as much as possible, to supply the lack of other and of better means, and the publisher has received repeated assurances, that it has been useful to individuals, and particularly in families situated in places destitute of public means for instruction on the Sabbath days.

It has now however, been one full year before the public, and sufficient opportunity has been given to form an opinion of its general character and tendency. If it be considered of sufficient importance and usefulness, to induce an exertion on its behalf, to raise the subscription list to a number adequate to its support, the work will be continued, but unless such exertion be made, at the termination of six months it will cease. In either case due notice will be given.

Agents are respectfully requested, to collect all arrears for the past year, and also the advance for those months now entered upon, and to remit the same with as little delay as possible.

FIRE.—Last night about 11 o'clock the inhabitants of this City were alarmed by the cry of fire. The fire was found to be in a coopers shop at Marble Cove, near Indian Town, about two miles from the City.—*City Gazette.*

ENCOURAGING FACTS.—We have much pleasure in stating, that daily, during last week, the market was well supplied with, Beef, Pork, Flour &c. The number and size of the Hogs, and the quality of the Pork, being the produce of the Province, was greatly beyond any exhibition of the kind we had previously witnessed.

We however consider it as only a fair specimen, and an encouraging pledge of what will be carried to greater extent. The improvement in the size and quality of pork, is, we understand, more to be attributed to improvement in the breed of hogs, than to any other circumstances. Mr. Ebenezer Smith's hog which we noticed last week, and which weighed 710lbs. was produced by two hogs imported by Allan Oty, Esq. from Yorkshire, some three years since. Mr. Smith's hog when alive girted round the shoulders 6 feet 4 inches, round the middle 6 feet 10 inches, and when suspended after being dressed, it measured from the extremities of the hind feet to the tip of the nose, 8 feet 2 inches. This breed has been propagated in various directions.

Mr. Abraham Good, of Mill Stream, near Sussex Vale, last week sold a pig 11 months old, which weighed 246lbs. We enquired concerning his manner of feeding, but it did not appear that any extraordinary effort was made. It was fattened with boiled potatoes, mixed with oatmeal coarsely ground. We congratulate the Country upon this visible improvement in an important branch of its agricultural operations, and we are persuaded that nothing but attention to the subject is wanting, to make the improvement general.—*Id.*

The following Inquests, held by James Wright, Esq. Coroner, are mentioned in the *Mirramichi Gleaner*, of the 12th inst. At Newcastle on the 2d inst. on the body of Denis Hogan, late one of the Deputy Sheriffs of that County, and who came to his death on the 6th December.—*Verdict*, accidental death by a blow on the head from a falling tree.

At Nelson on the 4th inst. on the body of John Putlas, an Indian, supposed to have been murdered on the highway.—*Verdict*, John Putlas was murdered by some person or persons unknown, by a blow received on the upper part of the head, from some blunt weapon.

At Ludlow on the 6th inst. on view of the body of Amos Hardy.—*Verdict*, killed by the falling of a tree.

At Ludlow on the 7th, on view of the body of a new born male infant.—*Verdict*, of murder by the Mother. The name of the Mother is Ann Stewart, a married woman who has been some years separated from her husband.

We understand, that yesterday a man was picked up in the Bay in an open boat, by one of the Pilot Boats. He survived but a short time after being taken on board; and, as he had been several days out, his death was no doubt occasioned from the extreme severity of the weather lately. Owing to the lateness of the hour at which the intelligence was communicated, we have not been able to furnish any more particulars, relative to this melancholy circumstance.

Courier.

From the *Royal Gazette*, January 20.

We have much pleasure in mentioning a collection to the amount of £27 towards the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the Baptist Chapel on Thursday last. The sermon, of which a notice was given in our last Gazette, was preached by the Rev. Mr. Smithson, the Wesleyan Minister of Fredericton, in whom the sacred cause of the Bible So-

ciety found (as might 'ave been expected) a zealous and able advocate. We are glad to hear that this Society is likely to receive an accession of support in our Province, and we cordially recommend it to all our Christian readers of every denomination. It has always appeared to us most extraordinary that such an institution should have met with opponents, at least among those who profess to revere the Bible as the rule of their faith and the foundation of their hopes. Surely the whole Christian world ought "with one mind and one mouth" to agree in welcoming and approving a Society, the sole object of which is, and has ever been, the dissemination of the pure Word of God. That any Minister or Member of any Church should discover a disinclination to such a Society can, in our judgement, be resolved into nothing else than a tacit apprehension that his Church, or something intimately connected with it, could not stand the test of examination by the light of Divine revelation. 'Tis however, we feel fully persuaded, must have been a mis-apprehension with regard to the Church of England,—as far at least as the doctrines of that Church are concerned, or the essential principles of its government and discipline. If there be defect and imperfection—if there be any thing contrary to the will of the GREAT HEAD of the Church, or hurtful to the momentous interests of souls—in the civil laws by which it is established and supported, or in the mode of their administration, surely every real friend would be anxious for its correction. But for this purpose what more obvious and effectual means could be devised, than the circulation of the Constitutional Charter—the MAONA CHARTA—of Christianity itself? The propagation of biblical knowledge has indeed already produced great effects; and unless we are much deceived, in our estimate of public feeling in England, the time is at hand when pluralities, dispensations for non-residence, political intrigue for ecclesiastical preferment and other notorious *Anti-christianisms* will cease to deform and paralyse that Church for which Jewel wrote, Gilpin laboured, and Craumer died.

On Sunday evening next, a Charity Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. BURKS, after which a Collection will be made for the benefit of the Poor.—Service to commence at 6 o'clock. January 20

MARRIED.

In Christ Church, Amherst, (N. S.) on the 2d inst. by the Rev. G. S. Jarvis, A. M. Mr. William N. Silver, to Diana, daughter of Samuel Gay, Esq. of Westmoreland, New-Brunswick.

DIED.

At Quacco, on the 22d. Dec. Mr. John Horsford, aged 98—a native of Bandon, County of Cork, (Ireland.) He was the father of twenty-four children, the oldest of whom died a short time since, at the advanced age of 73 years.

In Spanish Town, Jamaica, on the 21st Nov. at the advanced age of 151 years, Mrs. Judith Crawford, highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She had the power of her bodily strength, as well as her faculties, until within a few years since, and they were not so much diminished as to reduce her to second childishness. She remembered the dreadful earthquake of 1692.

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