

# THE LITERARY TRANSCRIPT

## POETRY.

### LIFE'S SUNNY SPOT.

Though life's a dark and thorny path,  
Its goal the silent tomb,  
It yet some spots of sunshine hath,  
That smile amidst the gloom.  
The friend who weal and woe partakes,  
Unchanged whate'er his lot,  
Who kindly soothes the heart that aches—  
Is sure a sunny spot.

The wife who half our burden bears,  
And utters not a moan,  
Whose ready hand wipes off our tears,  
Unheeded all her own—  
Who treasures every kindly word,  
Each harsher one forgot,  
And caresses lithely as a bird—  
She's, too, a sunny spot.

The child who lifts, at morn and eve,  
In prayer its tiny voice,  
Who grieves when'er its parents grieve,  
And joys when they rejoice;  
In whose bright eyes your smile glows,  
Whose heart, without a blot,  
Is fresh and pure as summer's rose—  
That child's a sunny spot.

There's yet upon life's swary road  
A spot of brighter glow,  
Where sorrow half forgets its load,  
And tears no longer flow:  
Friendship may wander, love decline,  
Our child dishonor blot,  
But still, oh! amidst that spot will shine—  
A bright light that spot.

## MISCELLANEOUS SELECTIONS.

**LIBRARIES.**—The National Library of Great Britain is said to contain 210,000 volumes—yet it is stated in a late British periodical that there are nine libraries in Europe more valuable and extensive than the British Library, viz: The King's Library in Paris, the largest in the world, contains no fewer than 700,000 volumes. The Library at Munich can boast of 500,000 volumes. Russia, barbarous and despotic as that country has always been, has its 400,000 volumes in the National Library at St. Petersburg. Denmark, too, has an equally extensive library containing 350,000 volumes. Naples, Dresden and Gottingen severally lay claim to 300,000 volumes—and lastly Berlin with its 250,000 volumes.

**MENTAL DECAY.**—Sir Isaac Newton lost the use of his intellect before the animal frame was arrested by the hand of death. So it was said of Mr. Swissard, that he often wept because he was not able to understand the books which he had written in his younger days.—Cornutus, an excellent orator in the Augustan age, became so forgetful as not even to know his own name. Simon Tomney in 1792, after he had cut out-line all Oxford for learning, at last gave such an idiot as not to know one letter from another, or one thing he had ever done.

**A NICE DISTINCTION.**—In a case respecting a will at the Derby assizes, evidence was given to prove that a certain apothecary's wife was a lunatic, and amongst other things, it was deposed that she had swept a quantity of peas, lentils, pebbles, &c. into the street as rubbish. "I don't," said a learned judge, "whether sweeping physic in to the street be any proof of insanity?" "True, my lord," replied the counsel, "but sweeping the peas away certainly was."

**MARRIED AT LAST!**—Lately, at the parish church of Bettws, near Abercree, Denbighshire, Mr. Owen Williams, of Llansanfrid, to Miss Sarah Jones, of Bettws. Each party was above 65 years of age. They had courted above 50 years; he having to go and return a distance of seven miles to see his sweetheart, a journey he never failed to perform once a week. Thus, in the space of 40 years, he walked 29,120 miles on love expeditions.

**REMARKABLE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.**—In the state of New Jersey, and not far from Morristown, about ten years since, a temperance society was formed having the following remarkable pledge, viz.—that no member should be allowed to drink more than half a pint of liquor a day! The meeting at which this pledge was adopted, was large and respectable. It was finally, after much discussion, fixed at half a pint per day, and was considered as a great triumph, a great advance in temperance. Quere. If this was the reduction, what was the common practice? But now, in that place, the tea-total pledge is popular, and complete the victory commenced with half a pint a day ten years since.—[N. Y. Evangelist.]

Nothing is durable, virtue alone excepted.—Personal beauty passes soon away; fortune inspires extravagant inclination; grandeur fastigates reputation in uncertainty; talents, nay, genius itself is liable to be impaired; but virtue is ever beautiful, ever diversified, ever equal, and ever vigorous, because it is resigned to all events, to privations as to enjoyments, to death as to life.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHINESE.**—When Lord Macartney presented the elegant carriage made by Hatchbit at the palace of Yuenwing-yuen, the mandarins inquired where the emperor was to sit, and on being told in the inside, and the coach box, with its hammer-cloth ornamented with festoons and roses, was the seat of the coachman, they sneeringly asked the English if they supposed their law-shag-tie, their mighty emperor, would suffer any man to sit higher than himself, or to turn his back on him?

"I believe you are a misanthrope," said a lad to a young lady of limited education, in a stage coach lately.

"Miss-anthrope!" cried she, "you are very much mistaken, sir, I am a married woman, I assure you."

**STANDARD FOR DRESS.**—First, comfort—second, convenience—third, decency—fourth neatness—fifth, economy.

From the New York Gazette.

**W. L. MCKENZIE.**—The notorious Wm. L. McKenzie has issued proposals in Philadelphia for publishing a paper in New York, to be entitled "McKenzie's British and Irish Land Candidate Gazette." The Philadelphia editors apologize for publishing the prospectus and advertisement. We wonder if this crime has not made trouble enough for the United States, without causing the country within its ordinary paper of its description. For commencing is not a crime, so long as he and his wife paper will be allowed into contempt by an isolated and independent public. A man whom his own country denounces as "a scoundrel" and "a rascal," whom even the editor of the New York Express calls a "knave," a fellow who has assailed his brother leaders to rob our nation and languished in the jails of his own country, who stands charged with felony in his own courts—is to be permitted to make a seditious shop of the city of New York!

We now issue the proposal. We propose that the U. S. Court for the Northern district of New York, call the case against Wm. Lyon McKenzie at its earliest convenience, and command his bail to surrender his body, in default of which, we propose that the court forthwith issue its bench warrant for the said McKenzie, without awarding a writ against the one hundred skinnets of the full bond—provided it be not paid instantaneously—and that the said McKenzie be put forthwith on trial for the offence with which he stands charged.—We propose a chance of ransom, because we have no idea that he could be fairly tried in Erie County, and we next propose that he be found guilty—if he be so—by the Jury, and that the Court then sentence him to the term of imprisonment pointed out by the law of the United States.

## NEW PARTNERSHIP.

**PIANO FORTE, CABINET, CHAIR & SOFA MANUFACTORY,**  
Carnar, Farming, Desiguing, Model Making, &c.,  
No. 27, SAINT JOHN STREET.

The premises formerly occupied by J. & J. Thornton JAMES MCKENZIE returns cordial thanks to his friends and the public for the liberal encouragement he has hitherto received, and informs them that he has now entered into Partnership with THOMAS BOWLES, an experienced Musical Instrument and Cabinet Maker, from New-York.

MCKENZIE & BOWLES beg to express their hope, that from the excellence of their materials their skill as workmen, and the very general nature of their establishment, they will be able promptly to execute all orders with which they may be favoured in the above mentioned, and in the FANCY line, in such a manner as to meet the unqualified approbation and increasing preference and patronage of their employers.

Piano Fortes and other Instruments carefully repaired.  
Quebec, 29th January, 1838

## WANTED.

A GARDENER.—Apply at the Office of this Paper.  
Quebec, 31st March, 1838.

## WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCERY STORE.

The Subscriber, in returning thanks to his friends and the public, for the liberal support he has received since he commenced business, most respectfully intimates that he has constantly on hand a Choice Assortment of Wines, Spirituous Liquors, Groceries, &c., all of the best quality.  
JOHN JOHNSTON,  
Corner of the Upper-Town Market Place,  
Opposite the Gate of the Jesuits Barrack.

## JOSHUA HOBROUGH, TAILOR.

No. 3, HOVE STREET, NEAR TO MR. J. J. SIMS.  
IMpressed with a due sense of gratitude for the favours conferred upon him by the gentlemen residing in Quebec, and its vicinity, and by the public in general, avails himself of the present moment, to return them his most hearty thanks; at the same time he assures them, that no effort on his part shall be wanted to insure a similar continuance of their future patronage and support.  
J. H. takes this opportunity likewise, of respectfully informing the gentry and the public at large, that he has received his Fall Supply, consisting of Beaverskin Cloths (superior to any in town), Pilot Cloths, Buckskins, Cassimeres, &c. suitable to the season; and is ready to receive and execute all orders on the lowest terms for cash.  
Quebec, 15th January, 1838

## T. BROOKBANK, HOUSE, SIGN, AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTER, GLAZIER, &c.

No. 4, ARCADE STREET, OPPOSITE THE ORDNANCE STORE.  
In tendering his thanks to those who have hitherto patronized him, while in connection with Mr. Booth, respectfully intimates to them, and the citizens generally, that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS on his own account, and trusts that he may be favoured with an increase of that support, which it shall be his study to merit.  
February 24, 1838.

## QUEBEC ALMANACK FOR 1838.

THE QUEBEC ALMANACK for 1838, is just published.—Besides the usual matter, it contains a list of all the Officers of the different Volunteer Corps serving in the Province.  
Gazette Office, 28th February 1838

## GEORGE HANN, FURRIER, ST. JOSEPH STREET, UPPER TOWN.

BEGS to inform his friends and the public, that he is his intention shortly to leave Quebec for England, and he would thank those who are indebted to him to settle their accounts without delay; and to those to whom he is indebted are requested to present their accounts for payment.  
Quebec, 17th February, 1838.

## CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

OPEN EVERY DAY from TEN A. M. UNTIL P. M. (Sundays excepted) No. 5, JOHN STREET, OPPOSITE MR. HALL'S GROCERY. s. d.  
Subscription for one month, - - - 1 6  
Do. for single vol., - - - 0 2  
Quebec, 28th February, 1838.

## FOR SALE.

AN EXCELLENT ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK by Parkinson & Prodhon, London; a TWO DAY CHRONOMETER; and a Superior SIMPLE SOMETHER, at MARTYNS', Chronometer Maker, &c. &c. St. Peter Street, 30th Jan. 1838.

## COACH FACTORY.

THE SUBSCRIBERS respectfully beg leave to inform the gentry and citizens of Quebec, that they have leased the large and extensive premises in Anne Street, opposite the English Cathedral, where they intend to carry on their business on an extensive scale, and hope to give general satisfaction. Carriages pointed in the best style, and with the purest materials.  
C & J. SAURIN.  
Quebec, 14th March, 1838.

## BOOKS FOR SALE,

AT THE OFFICE OF THE QUEBEC GAZETTE, No. 14, Mountain Street  
SCOTT'S WORKS, in seven vols.  
Bulwer's Novels, in 1 vol. cloth.  
Marryatt's Novels, in 2 vols. cloth.  
Cooper's Novels, in 26 vols. sheep.  
Henry's Miscellaneous Works.  
Hume and Smollett's History of England with Miller's continuation, 4 vols.  
The Pickwick Papers, by "Boz."  
Mishington's Expeditions, by the author of Ratan in the Red Sea.  
Quebec, 15th January, 1838

## ROYAL VICTORIA BONNET.

MRS. BROWN, Straw and Tuscan Bonnet Maker, No. 9, St. John's Street, Suburbs, next door to the Clothing Establishment—respectfully intimates the arrival of the new shaps, by stage this morning, as also a quantity of Fiat suitable for making up and altering Bonnets.  
In order to meet all appointments, Ladies are requested to send their orders early.  
Quebec, 21st March, 1838.

## FOR SALE,

At the Office of the Quebec Gazette, Page 15, 3d.  
THE SCIENCE OF ETIQUETTE, by Astoria. CONTENTS—Introduction, Introductory Letters, Introduction to Society, at home and from home, Visiting, Parting, and Gossiping, Table, Peculiar Habits, Salutations and Ceremonies, Dress, Dining, Promises, Letters, and Appointments, Travelling, Seawant, Fashion.

## SAMUEL TOZER, BUTCHER.

STALL No. 1, UPPER TOWN MARKET, BEGS respectfully to return thanks to his friends and the public for the liberal support he has hitherto received and asks this opportunity of informing them that he has always on hand Corned Rounds of Beef, Briskets, &c.; also, Mutton for Saddles and Hamlets, all of the very best quality.  
Quebec, 13th January, 1838

## TO THE LADIES.

C. T. BROWN, from London, Cleghorn, Tussey and Straw Hat Maker and Cleaner, begs to intimate that all Bonnets repaired by him, are bleached and beautiful and durable colour, without brimstone (and is usually and hat pressed with London-made machinery by an experienced workman.  
No. 5, St. John Street, Suburbs, next door to their Clothing Store.  
Quebec, 12th March, 1838.

## PAPER FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber, Paper Manufacturer, Jacques Carre Paper Mills, offers for sale at their Store, No. 21, St. Peter Street.  
2500 reams of wrapping paper, from 10 a 14 lbs.  
2000 do. royal brown paper, for 14 lbs. sugar.  
2000 do. printed brown paper, 25 lbs. do.  
2500 do. Printing done, do.  
2000 do. do. double crown,  
1000 do. Foolcap,  
50 reams drab wrapping paper for newspapers.  
Covers, &c.  
10 reams of blotting paper.

The whole of the above being manufactured by ourselves, we are enabled to sell at the lowest prices, for Cash or approved credit.

Mr. R. H. Bussell is appointed our Agent from this date to transact our business in Quebec. Those who are indebted to the firm are requested to pay to him the amount of their accounts, and those who may have accounts against us will present the same to him for payment.  
MILLER, McDONALD & LOGANS.  
Quebec, 10th March, 1838.

## PROSPECTUS OF

## THE LITERARY TRANSCRIPT, AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

IN submitting a new paper to the judgment of the public, it becomes a duty incumbent on the conductors to state what are the objects contemplated in its publication.

Briefly then,—the design of this paper will be to give instruction and amusement to the domestic and social circle. It will contain choice extracts from the latest European and American periodicals,—selections from new, popular and entertaining works of the most celebrated authors, with other interesting literary and scientific publications.  
The news of the day, compressed into as small a compass as possible, yet sufficiently comprehensive to convey a just and general knowledge of the principal political and miscellaneous events, will also be given.

Its columns will at all times be open to receive such communications as are adapted to the character of the work; and the known talent and taste existing in Quebec justify the hope we entertain that the value of our publication will be enhanced by frequent contributions.

The publication in this city of such a paper as the one now proposed has by many been long considered a desideratum; and the kindly disposition which has already been evinced in behalf of our undertaking warrants our confident anticipation that THE LITERARY TRANSCRIPT will meet with encouragement and success.  
Quebec, 6th December, 1837.

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