

POETRY.

Written on the approach of the Comet in 1829.

'Twas night—and the Moon cast a tremulous ray—
The winds murmur'd sorrows around!
As pensive I sat—my Muse caught the lay,
And turn'd all her strains to the sound.
Should the production be deem'd, my dear Sir,
Of merit sufficient to claim
A place in your next—perhaps 'twill confer
A blessing thro' Jesus's name.

L.

Tremble O Earth! and shake the solid poles—
Whilst fraught with woes, a baneful Comet rolls!
Steady and true—from error's wand'ring free—
Ordain'd—constrain'd by God's own firm decree,
Right onward comes (in awful vengeance hurl'd)
A fiery Orb to scourge a sinful world!
Its course and end mark'd out, ere Time began,
Th' involve, perhaps, in conflagration, Man.
Its dread approach, progressive, hastens on—
And, in its orbit darts, its fires along.
The Time's at hand—the awful Day of Doom!
When Orb with Orb, perhaps, in contact come!
Shall Earth recede, or in her orbit stand—
Recoil—shrink back—to shun the woes at hand?
Alas! 'tis vain—'tis most absurd to try
To shun—avoid—or baffle the Most High!

Th' Eternal Word th' Almighty did disclose—
The Word took form—and all Creation rose!
Orb follow'd Orb—all on their centres hung—
And Suns, consenting, drew their spheres along:
Earth to its system form'd in ample round;
Whilst Comets link'd them in the vast profound.
In God's own order still the Planets roll—
Constrain'd by laws, sustain'd by God's control.
Just as two magnets, form'd with equal pow'r
Sustain, suspended, when amidst a tow'r—
Planets revolve—sustain'd by equal force
Firm in their orbits, run their stated course:
Between two points—drawn at opposing poles,
Right in the midst, each mussy planet rolls.
Amazing grandeur!—wonders, at a glance,
On wonders, open thro' the vast Expanse!
How passing wouder—God! who made the whole—
And Man replete with an immortal Soul!
Oh, man! reflect—ponder and pause awhile—
Nor longer let delusive pow'rs beguile!
Repent—believe—reform without delay!
Prepare to meet the great eventful Day!
This truth is certain—should some Prophets fail,
And modern calculations end in tale—
Grim Death must come! and mortal man must die,
And sink in woe, or soar to bliss on high!
He who believes and is baptiz'd shall rise
To everlasting bliss above the skies!
He who believeth not—and dies, shall go
With those condemn'd—to everlasting woe!

You are a Christian, Reader, or you're not—
Die as you are—here you may read your lot!
Weigh well your standing—is it on the Rock
Of Eternal Agos?—then you'll pass the shock
In Death's dark Valley—and an entrance gain
Within the confines of the Blest Domain!
As well mere man might wade a Noah's flood,
As pass to Heav'n without the Atoning Blood!
As well might Lucifer attempt to gain
Heav'n's lofty Throne—and rule the Blest Domain,
As to attempt to keep from Heav'n above
The one whose faith is well sustain'd by love!
Nor Death, nor Hell, with all th' infernal Band,
Can pluck one Christian from th' Almighty Hand!
God's Word is sure—the Holy Scriptures prove—
"I'll love thee with an everlasting love!"
'Tis true indeed—to favor Satan's boast—
Professing Christians may at last be lost!
But such profession is a human art—
Forg'd from the tongue, to veil a wicked heart.
Thousands, no doubt, of Counterfeits, in place,
Present themselves amongst the Sons of Grace.
Some may assume an Angel's specious guise—
Affect the good, and counterfeit the wise!
But all their art—the Satan's pow'rs combine,
Can't pass one counterfeit for Love Divine.
Without true love our works will all be found
As sounding brass, or cymbal's tinkling sound!
'Tis that true faith which always works by love
Fraught with good works, can, fairly, Christians prove.
Nor faith, nor works, however great and good,

Can save one soul without Redeeming Blood!
By Grace we're sav'd thro' Faith—that not of man—
Mercy thro' Christ, is God's Eternal Plan.
God rules supreme!—let Saints and Angels join
In love, and joy, and harmony Divine!
"Glory!" resound thro' all the Heav'nly Host—
"Glory!" to Father—Son—and Holy Ghost!

L.

Sussex Vale, August 12th, 1829.

THE JOURNAL.

THE WEATHER.—The dry clear weather which had continued for several weeks previous to last Sunday, afforded a most favorable opportunity for the operations of hay-making; and the hay harvest may be considered as finished,—the quantity a full average, and the quality excellent. Rain, the want of which began to be felt, fell in copious showers on Sunday last; and continued with little intermission during the day and the evening. On Monday the wind blew strongly from the North-West, the heavens were covered with dark heavy clouds, the atmosphere was cool, and had a wild stormy appearance like the latter part of October or November. On the following day it cleared off mildly, and the weather resumed its former seasonable appearance. Yesterday there was more rain, heavy thick clouds, and strong wind from the northward and westward. The coolness of the atmosphere, rendered fire desirable, and fears were excited lest frost would immediately follow; but happily the air has moderated, and those fears have subsided. The wet and the cold which had prevailed during the early part of the season, had retarded the growth of the crops; and although they have since resumed a very favorable appearance, yet they are more backward than usual, and further time is necessary to mature and ripen grain of every description, as well as potatoes.

MELANCHOLY CATASTROPHE.—We regret to state the premature demise of Mr. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, occasioned by his falling from a window in the third story of the house in which he resided. This melancholy event took place shortly after 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening last. Mr. S. had gone to bed some time previous, and the cause of his rising again, and the circumstances which led to his fall, are altogether unknown. Some persons passing that way shortly after his fall, found him lying on the flags, but he was in a dying state, and survived only a few minutes after being taken into the house. Mr. Simpson was about 30 years of age, he was a native of Aberdeen, and had resided in this City upwards of ten years; his manners were mild and conciliating, and his death is much regretted.

PISTAREENS.—Within a few days past, Pistareens, which formerly passed in this place for a shilling, have by general consent fallen to tenpence. They are not considered a lawful tender, and the Bank of New Brunswick, has refused to receive them, except in the form of change, and in amount less than one dollar, from any person, at one time. Pistareens have for some time been at less than twenty cents in the United States, and lately large sums in that coin were imported from Boston, where they were had at from 16½ to 17 cents each. The influx of Pistareens caused by these importations, has led to a consideration of their intrinsic value, which has resulted in their consequent depression.

GOOD NEWS.—Very favourable accounts of the state of the Crops, both in the United States and in the Canadas, continue to be received; and we are happy to have it in our power to add, that accounts of the same nature continue to be received, from every part of this Province also. Upon these grounds there is good reason to expect, that bread will be plenty and consequently at a reduced price in the ensuing year. Should the crops be good in Europe also, and should tranquility be restored in that quarter, this latter circumstance, by placing things upon a solid and regular basis, and by checking the spirit of speculation in the article of bread, will have a happy effect upon the price of that necessary of life. In Upper Canada, according to our latest advices, the price of flour, had in a few days fallen from 7 to 5½ dollars per barrel. It has also fallen in New-York to 5 dollars, except some choice brands, which bring a few cents more, and the price has been proportionally reduced in this place.

MICROSCOPE.—Yesterday for the first time, we had an opportunity of witnessing the astonishingly magnifying powers of the Solar Microscope, now exhibiting by Mr. Lewis, at Masonic Hall. We find ourselves utterly incompetent to attempt a description; and therefore shall only say, that the Microscope furnishes oculat demonstration of the truth of the assertion long since made, that "every particle of matter teems with life." It will assist us, in forming some faint idea of the infinite wisdom of the great Creator, in the adaptation of the several

organs and members of even the smallest insects, for the several spheres they are destined to occupy; and while as a matter of curiosity it may be gratifying to have a view of the animalcules, which swarm in a drop of vinegar, in a mite of cheese, or in the particle of dust which rests on the outside of a fig, &c. &c.; it will also lead us to admire that wisdom, which has so limited the powers of the most perfect natural vision, as to prevent that disgust and loathing which would necessarily arise were our eyes capable of discovering the animalcules which exist and move in many of the articles upon which we subsist. Great, indeed, and marvellous, are the works of God! and in wisdom hath he made them all.

One hour's attendance at the Masonic Hall, will enable any person to understand the subject better than many hours bestowed upon reading the most elaborate description. Mr. Lewis intends shortly to remove the Microscope: such persons therefore, as wish to indulge a laudable curiosity, will do well to avail themselves of the present opportunity, by calling on the first fair day.—*City Gazette.*

Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, the Collection at Trinity Church on Sunday morning last, in aid of the funds of the *Saint John District Committee of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge*, amounted to nearly *Ten Pounds*. The Collection for the same object, announced to take place at St. John's Chapel in the afternoon, was postponed in consequence of the wetness of the day, and takes place on the morning of Sunday next.—*Observer.*

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Saturday morning last, the child of Mr. ADAMS, of Portland, was unfortunately drowned by accidentally falling over one of the wharves. The body having risen to the top of the water, was almost immediately found and conveyed to the parents, whose feelings on the afflicting occasion may be conceived, but cannot be described.—*Ibid.*

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

MARRIED,

At Montreal, on the 10th ult. CHARLES R. OGDEN, Esq. His Majesty's Solicitor-General for the Province of Lower Canada, to SUSAN, eldest daughter of the late Isaac Winslow Clark, Esq. Deputy Commissary Gen.

On the 16th August, at St. John's, N. F. by the Rev. F. H. Carrington, the Rev. CHARLES BATE, Methodist Missionary for Island Cove and Perlican, to MISS SARAH BEAR NES.

At Annapolis Royal, in St. Luke's Church, on Tuesday morning the 25th August, by the Rev. Dr. Millidge, ISAAC WOOD, Esq., M. D. R. P. B., of New-York, to MARY CAMPBELL, second daughter of Isaac Bonnett, Esquire, of the former place.

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