

POETRY.

THE CELEBRATED NATIONAL HYMN,
AS PERFORMED AT THE YORK FESTIVAL.

Lord of Heav'n, and Earth, and Ocean
Hear us from thy bright abode:
While our hearts with deep devotion,
Own their great and gracious God.
Source reveal'd in sacred story,
Of each good and perfect thing,
Lord of Life, and Light, and Glory
Guide the Church, and guard the King
Health, and every needful blessing,
Are thy bounteous gifts alone;
Comforts undeserv'd possessing,
Bend we low before thy throne:
Lapsing youth, mid' age, and hoary,
Their united tribute bring:
Lord of Life, and Light and Glory
Shield our Isle, and save our King
Thee, with humble adoration,
Laud we now for mercies past,
Still to this most favor'd nation,
May those mercies ever last.
Britains then through future story,
With their pray'rs shall praises sing,
Lord of Life, and Light, and Glory!
Bless thy People, bless their King!

From the *New England Palladium*.

This world is not "a Fleeting Show."

This world is not "a fleeting show,"
For man's best good 'tis given;
For smiles of bliss—yet tears of woe
Do by his errors often flow;
Here we prepare for Heaven
Though "false the light on glory's plume,"
As parting tints of day,
Though "Love and Hope, and Beauty's bloom
So soon are buried in the tomb,—
How blest Religion's ray!
Though pilgrims in a stormy night,
By lurid tempests driven;
Devotion's glow and Reason's light,
Make this fair world appear more bright,
And point the way to Heaven
What though with this fair world we see,
That storms and ills are given?
They set our souls from bondage free,
And raise a longing wish to see—
From this bright world to Heaven!

MAN.

See how beneath the Moonbeam's smile,
You little billow heaves its breast,
And foams and sparkles for a while,
And murmuring then subsides to rest.
Thus man, the sport of bliss and care,
Rises on time's eventful sea,
And having dwelt a moment there,
Thus melts into eternity!

VARIETY.

Time is short. Seventy years in the eye of youthful fancy seems a vast and almost boundless space, but in the estimate of sage experience, and in the full view of eternity, they contract to a span, and dwindle to a point.

An author of talent and genius, must not hope that the plodding manufacturers of dulness will admire him; it is expecting too much; they cannot admire him, without first despising themselves. When I look out of my window, and see what a motly mob it is, high and low, mounted and pedestrian, that an author is ambitious to please, I am ashamed of myself, for feeling the slightest anxiety, as to the verdict of such a trial. When I leave this class of judges, for that which aspires to be more intellectual, I then indeed feel somewhat more ground for anxiety, but less for hope; for in this court I find that my judges have their claims and pretensions no less than myself, pretensions that are

neither so low as to be despised, nor so high as to be above all danger of suffering by competition. So small indeed is the fountain of fame, and so numerous the applicants, that it is often rendered turbid, by the struggles of those very claimants who have the least chance of partaking of the stream, but whose thirst is not all diminished, by any sense of their unworthiness.

HINDOOSM.—The belief in the efficacy of penances and austerities is universal in Hindostan. It is related of an individual, named Tarika, that he went through the following series of 11 distinct trials, each of which lasted 100 years, whereby he nearly dethroned the gods.

1. He stood on one foot, holding the other and both hands up to heaven, with his eyes, fixed on the sun.
 2. He stood on one great toe.
 3. He took as sustenance nothing but water.
 4. He subsisted in the same manner on the air.
 5. He remained in the water.
 6. He was buried in the earth, but continued, as in the last infliction, in incessant adoration.
 7. He stood on his head with his feet upwards.
 8. He stood on one hand.
 9. He stood on one hand.
 10. He hung by his hands on a tree.
 11. He hung on a tree with his head downwards.
- To conquer this powerful enemy, Indra and other deities resorted to the aid of Brahma, and an Incarnation of Mahadova was resolved on, who appeared in the form of Carticoya, the Hindoo Mars.

Science, like nature, is limited neither by time nor space, but belongs to the world, and is of no country and of no age. The more we know, the more we feel how much remains unknown; and in philosophy the sentiment of the Macedonian hero can never apply—for there are always new worlds to conquer.

MEANS OF DISTINGUISHING COMETS. Dr. Fisher has discovered a mode of distinguishing original from reflected light in the heavenly bodies, by means of vibrating, imperfectly, achromatic glasses, in such a manner, as to vary the inclination of their planes. This method separates the original light of fixed stars into colored portions, but leaves reflected light of uniform color. The test may be applied to comets.

LOCAL.

THE THEATRE.—We have been informed that His Worship the Mayor, in consideration of the pecuniary difficulty of the times, has determined not to give permission for any Theatrical Exhibitions. Should this information prove to be correct, this determination of His Worship, will remove a strong temptation from many persons, whose circumstances cannot afford, and will not justify, their attendance at such places; but in whom, the love of momentary gratification and amusement, prevails over their principles and their better judgment. That such a measure will be acceptable to every individual in the community, is hardly to be expected; but that it will be highly pleasing to the Ministers of the different Churches in this City, to many Parents and Masters, and indeed, to all who are properly concerned for the morals and best interests of the rising generation, will hardly admit of a doubt.

As we are entire strangers to the Managers of the Theatre, it cannot be supposed, that our disapprobation of such exhibitions, arises out of personal motives; indeed our only wish on behalf of the persons concerned is, that they would turn their attention and their talents to some useful business, that will furnish them with a better living, and entitle them to a more respectable standing in Society. And if we are not mistaken, there are moments, and these "not a few, nor far between," in the life of the generality of players, when their hearts respond to the wish we have just expressed.—*Gazette*.

The Income of the Wesleyan Missionary Society for the year ending 31st Dec. 1828, was upwards of Fifty Thousand Pounds; being an advance on the preceding year of nearly Seven Thousand Pounds, and considerably exceeding that of any other year since the formation of the Society. The Committee say, that claims the most urgent and most affecting continue to be prepared for Missionary instruction, and now openings to countries the most interesting and to tribes the most destitute constantly present themselves; and that invigorated and even increasing contributions only can enable them to cheer the supplicant, by sending them the excellent and intrepid men who are waiting to devote themselves to their instruction. Piety and benevolence prompt to energy;

and Christian Charity exclaims: "I am debtor to the Greek and to the Barbarian, to the wise and to the unwise."—*Id.*

The Bombay Courier of the 25th October contains some particulars relative to the death of Dr. James, "The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Calcutta." He died on board the E. India Company's ship Marquis of Huntley, on his way from Penang to Calcutta, aged 43. Mrs. J. and her infant, it is said, was on board.—*New-York Albion*.

The Public are hereby respectfully informed, that the Annual Meeting of the St. John Auxiliary Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, will take place on Monday Evening next, (27th April,) at the Baptist Meeting House.—Services to commence precisely at half-past 7 o'clock.

N. B. No Collection will be made. April 25.

Collect for the first Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen*.

MARRIED,

At Hampton Church, on Tuesday last, by the Rev. J. Cookson, Mr. JOHN PALMER, to Miss ALIDA FORD.

DIED,

At Fort Lawrence County of Cumberland, on Monday the 30th ult. after a protracted illness, MARY OLIVIA, wife of Thomas Roach, Esq. in the 26th year of her age.

At Sussex Vale, on the 11th inst. Mrs. ANN, wife of JAMES BARRY.

On the 13th inst. at the same place, after a long and distressing illness, Mr. MARY VAIL, relict of the late Robert Vail, in the 63d year of her age. She has left a large family connexion, and a numerous circle of friends, who will long have cause to lament her loss.

At St. Andrews, on Tuesday night, the 14th inst. at his residence, JOHN DUNN, Esq. aged 76,—late Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs at that Port, after a severe and protracted indisposition.

At Stowiacke on the 14th inst. in the 71st year of his age, the Rev. HUGH GRAHAM, after three days illness—a faithful minister of Christ: Elogy would be lavished in vain upon such a good man.

In England, in October last, Mrs. JACKSON, wife of the Rev. George Jackson, Wesleyan Missionary, late of Fredericton in this Province. Mr. Jackson left this Province for England in the summer of 1827, in a state of confirmed ill health, since that time Mr. J. has been called to sustain the loss of his wife and two children. His own health is somewhat improved.

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