

THE LITERARY TRANSCRIPT.

POETRY.

(For the Literary Transcript.) FOR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY.

Rejoice! rejoice! brave men, now rejoice, Of that land far famed beyond us; For the martial hours have come, my boys, Of our sires and their hearts that mind us.

Rejoice! rejoice!—behold they rise— A home and an Erin before us; Encircled by friends we dearest prize, With the flags of Victoria there!

Rejoice! rejoice! at the hallowed sight, Amid friends so dear, that both find us; And Erin's green banners, waving bright, As a band of arms around us!

Rejoice! rejoice! at every side, And brave friends lead loudly, that goet us; With the lion flag, Old England's pride, And Scotia's fair banner, their most est

From the Toronto Post.

LINKS TO THE IRISH LOUCSTERS OF 1838.

There was heard a cry through the downy clouds, It started the drowsy of the soldiers— 'Twas the first wild note of the gathering storm, And its echoes swept on the winds along!

And scarce was the wild cry in man's heard, Thus a thousand voices caught up the word, Arm! arm!—and the ranks were sprung— And hurra! hurra! through the dark woods rang.

When the gallant ranks of the island brave, With Nelson, swept o'er the conquered wave!

There was heard no murmur of discord then, From the swelling ranks of these warlike men, They stood in arms for the land they trod, They bowed at the shrine of one living God.

On receiving a benevolent donation in an hour of adversity, accompanied with a request that it might never be mentioned.

Had! charity, celestial maid, in purest silence dress, Thy soothing balm can heal a heart by poverty oppress;

MISCELLANEOUS SELECTIONS.

THE BEST GOVERNMENT.

The world is always convulsed or running wild with some serious pursuit or frivolous fashion—sublime or ridiculous—and the fervor and passion are not greater in the one than in the other. Government now takes the lead—in the nations are at for remodeling, and the prescriptions for the cure of the bad are as various as the colours of the camelion were pronounced to be by the judges, and as oscillately persisted in by Government, however is at the best a delicate matter.

THE MAN OF LEISURE AND THE PALE BOY.

"You'll please not to forget to ask the place for me, sir," said a pale, blue-eyed boy, "as he brushed the coat of the man of leisure, at his lodgings.

"Mother dear," said the boy, "Mr. Inklin thinks he can get the place, and I shall have three meals a day—only think, mother, three meals!—and it won't take three minutes to run home and shave it with you."

LOCUSTS AND WILD HONEY.

It has not been till lately that any of the travellers into Palestine have told what was meant by the locusts mentioned by St. Matthew as part of the food of John the Baptist.

would more accurately describe them; but they are not flat, neither have they that sort of hinge on one side, and slight fastening on the other, which plainly show the shells of peas and beans are to be opened. On the contrary, these are round; but there are the opposite lines along them, where the colour would induce any one to suppose the skin to be, as it is, thinner than elsewhere.

"No," was the answer, "I was busy, but I will to-day."

"The boy went home. He ran to the hungry children with the loaf of bread he had earned by mending the gent men's coats at the hotel. They shouted with joy, and his mother held out her emaciated hand for a portion, while a sickly smile flitted across her face.

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"The man of leisure was shocked, and he gave the pale boy a dollar!

An interesting discovery of some valuable silver coins of the Roman Empire from Vespasian to Commodus, including Faustina, was lately made between Oran and Clemency, by some Arabs employed in clearing out a fountain.

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY.—M. Dumas, the French chemist, has announced to the Academie des Sciences a vast scheme of scientific investigations which, after much consideration, has been projected by himself and M. Liebig, a young and distinguished German chemist.

THE LITERARY TRANSCRIPT, AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

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itself very favourable to this extensive and important undertaking.

OLD MAIDS.—A sprightly writer expresses his opinion of old maids in the following manner:—I am inclined to believe that many of the satirical ascriptions cast upon old maids, tell more to their credit than is generally imagined. In a woman remarkably neat in her person, "she will certainly die an old maid."

EXTRAORDINARY CHARACTER.—At Epping, Worcestershire, lately died at an advanced age, Mrs. Mary Barnes, whose love of possessing wearing apparel was never equalled. Since her decease 542 gown pieces, upwards of 100 made gowns, and a large assortment of valuable shawls; one shawl was a red cashmere, and worth between 240 and 250. She usually had fourteen cats in her house, together with a great number of rabbits.

A GRAMMATICAL DISCOVERY.—In one of the principal schools in Edinburgh, a few weeks ago, as the master was examining his pupils on the plurals of nouns, after having asked dice, lectia, geese, and many others, he inquired one, whom he had not previously questioned—what was the plural of PENNY. The boy, with great coolness and apparent certainty of being correct, replied—TWOPENCE! The laughter that succeeded may well be imagined.

The number of languages and dialects now spoken is 3014. Of these 337 are European, 547 Asiatic, 226 African and 1264 American.

It is calculated that during the first century after the birth of Christ, there were five hundred thousand Christians; during the tenth, fifty millions; and, that in the present century, there are two hundred and sixty millions.

PRICES OF MEAT, POULTRY, VEGETABLES, &c. IN THE QUEBEC MARKET.

Table with columns for Saturday Morning, 10th March, and various items like Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, etc. with prices in dollars and cents.