

POETRY.

From the Imperial Magazine.

THE VOICE OF LOVE.

'Tis heard on the mountain's high head,
Where barrenness curses the soil;
'Tis heard in the valley's low bed,
That smiles with the husbandman's toil.
'Tis heard in the meadow, extends to the plain,
And the rocks and the caves re-echo the strain.
The city that groans with the throng,
The village secluded and still,
Give heed to the rapturous song,
And gaily its summons fulfil.
It entrances the soul, it strikes to the heart,
Though delightful the wound, and welcome the smart.
Nor unheeding the barbarous clan,
That fearlessly roam the drear wild,
Nor reckless the civilized man,
With feelings more polished and mild.
So restless the power, so charming the tale,
They list to the song as it floats on the gale.
Where winter eternally reigns,
And mantles the earth with its snows,
Where summer nyc scorches the plains,
It thrills the glad heart as it goes.
And wherever the bosom beats ardent and high,
Will the sweet voice of love its enchantments apply.

THE JOURNAL.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

By an article in the Royal Gazette of the 3d inst. we are happy to learn that a Temperance Society has been formed in Fredericton, composed chiefly if not altogether, of young men. In the same paper the Editor has freely expressed his own opinion on the subject of Temperance Societies. And altho' that opinion is rather adverse than favorable to their formation, and is in opposition to our own views upon the subject, yet we are pleased at seeing the question taken up. This we trust will lead to discussion, by which attention will be excited, and the public mind be eventually led to a proper conclusion.

And in the meantime we beg to refer that Editor, and all our readers, to the North Carolina Synodical Act, copied on the 21st page of this paper, and especially to the 4th and 5th resolutions.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS.—On the morning and evening of Sunday last, agreeably to previous notice, Sermons were preached and Collections made in the Wesleyan Chapels in this City and in Portland, for the benefit of the Wesleyan Missionary Society.

On Monday evening the Annual Missionary Meeting for the St. John Circuit was held in the City Chapel, and notwithstanding the state of the weather was very unfavourable, it was numerously and respectfully attended, ALEXANDER McLEOD, Esq. in the chair. Several animating addresses were delivered, and considerable interest was excited, on behalf of the Mission cause. The collections made after the Sermons and at the Meeting, together with contributions since received, amount to upwards of £18 0 0.

RISE ON TIMBER.—It affords us peculiar gratification to be able to state, on the authority of a private letter from Liverpool, of the 16th December, on which we can implicitly rely, that there has been an advance on Timber in the Liverpool market—best White Pine, 1s. 9d. to 2s., and best Red Pine, 2s. to 2s. 2d.—fair remunerating prices.—Observer.

We understand that private letters were received in town yesterday, from London, stating that HENRY BOYER SMITH, Esquire, Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs at this port, has been appointed Collector, vice HENRY WRIGHT, Esquire, deceased.—16.

On the 31st ult., an Inquest was held in a house at the lower end of Charlotte-street, Lower Cove, on view of the body of NICK WRIKLEY. Verdict—Perished in consequence of the extreme severity of the weather.
Yesterday an Inquest was held in the Parish of Lancaster, on view of the Body of Alexander Moore, mariner:—Verdict died by the visitation of God.

Private Letters say, that it is not probable that any change will take place in the Colonial system.—St. Andrews Herald.

GREAT DIVIDEND.—The Ocean Insurance Company, yesterday declared a dividend of sixteen per

cent for the last six months. The same dividend was declared by this Company the previous six months, making thirty two per cent for the year. We understand the dividends of the Company for the twelve years the institution has been in operation, average 11 2/3 per cent. per annum.—N. York Paper.

The following extract from the Message of Governor LINCOLN, to the Legislature of Massachusetts, is worthy of the attention of all whom it may concern, on the amendment of the Militia Laws he observes:

"One provision more, above all others, is demanded:—a prohibition, under severe penalties, to officers to treat with ardent spirits, on days of military duty, and to candidates for office, to do this, either pending or after an election. This latter practice is, indeed, a species of bribery, and is attended with the most pernicious influences, it occasions heavy and wasteful expense, and has deterred many excellent men and well qualified soldiers from accepting commissions, while in some instances, it has induced to unworthy preferments to office. Most of the complaints against the institution, from its tendency to lead the young to indulgence, and produce habits of dissipation, have their origin in the custom of furnishing unnecessary and exciting refreshments on public occasions,—a custom, which is not less subversive of military subordination than prejudicial to the morals of the community, and which a true regard for the welfare of the militia, equally with a respect for the peace, good order and happiness of society, requires should be effectually repressed."

QUEBEC, January 7, 1829.

At the meeting of the Literary and Historical Society, held at the Old Chateau, by permission of His Excellency, on Tuesday evening last, an interesting paper on Corals, was read by one of the Members; and a most admirable model of a Steam Engine exhibited by another. Several curiosities and antiquities were also examined and discussed at this meeting, after which several new Members were balloted in.

Bocanour. (District of Three Rivers) Jan 2nd. A melancholy accident occurred here on the 31st ult. A person who was going up the river with a horse and cart, by an unfrequented track, fell through the ice opposite the Indian village, where the water is very deep and rapid. A number of spirited inhabitants ran to his assistance as soon as they heard his cries, and collected on the slender covering where he had broken through. In an instant they were all hurried into the water. After great efforts five of seven were extricated, but two fell victims to their devotedness. Both were inhabitants of excellent character; one Charles Leblanc, aged 45, leaves a wife and family; the other, Louis Leblanc aged 21, was unmarried. The bodies having been driven under the ice by the strong current, have not been found.

NASSAU, November 18.

Drift of the Ocean.—On the 27th of last month a bottle was picked up at Bottle Creek, Grand Caicos in about lat. 21 20 N. long, 71 20 W. which contained the following note:—

"August 1st, 1828.—Should this be picked up by any one, I beg they will make known, as soon as possible, that the English brig Perseverance is taken by a brig of 10 guns, and 150 men, apparently Turks, and carried into Solle; taken off cape Finisterre, on the 26th July, 1828, and that I have my wife on board. Brig Perseverance, Wm. Simms, master."

HALIFAX JANUARY, 27.

His Majesty's Ship Columbia, the Hon. Capt. Townshend, arrived, on Wednesday from Bermuda. She was dispatched to this Port for the purpose of procuring Vaccine Lymph. The Small Pox had made its appearance in the Island—upwards of thirty families were more or less affected, and the dreadful disorder was rapidly extending. The health of His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland was, we are happy to learn, daily improving.

Michael Ryan was tried last week for robbing the Office of Messrs. Collins & Co, and the shop of Messrs. Woodill, convicted, and sentenced to Eleven years confinement to hard labour in Bridewell. John Goosberry, found guilty of being concerned in the first mentioned robbery, was at the same time sentenced to similar confinement for seven years.

MARRIED,

At Burton on the 20th ult. by the Rev. R. Milner, George E. CLEMENTS, Esq. of Douglas, County of York, to ELIZA SAUNDERS, fourth daughter of the late William Hubbard, Esq. of the former place.

At Georgetown, on Saturday evening 23d. ult. by the Rev. Samuel R. Clarke, Mr. WILLIAM NEVINS, to Miss SARAH RYMER, eldest daughter of Mr. David Babbet.

At Long Island on Friday 29th ult. by the same, Mr. ROBERT SMITH, to Miss ———— Yuley.

DIED,

On the 22d ult. Mr. SHADRACH CHASE, in the 80th year of his age. Mr. C. was a Lieutenant in the King's Service, during the American Revolutionary War.

C. Saturday last, Mr. WILLIAM CRAIG Blacksmith.

Suddenly, on Sunday 11th noon, MARGARET, eldest daughter of Capt. Robert Chestnut, aged 63 years.

On the 19th ult. at Kingston, K. C. Miss ANN APPELEY, aged 20 years. And on the 31st ult. at the same place, Mrs. HANNAH APPELEY, aged 61 years.

Suddenly, at Burton, in the County Saxbury, on the 20th ult. Mr. JOHN C. STERNICK, aged 19 years.

At Halifax on the 28th inst. after a short illness, Charles Stephen Tropolet, in the 62d year of his age, much resigned to the divine will. He was an affectionate husband and tender parent, and his large family will deeply feel the loss of so excellent a man.

At Harbadon on the 17th Dec. last, (where she had gone for the recovery of her health,) Mary Sophia, consort of J. L. Starr, Esq. of Halifax, and daughter of James Ratchford, Esq. of Parrsboro', in the 26th year of her age, beloved and regretted by all who were acquainted with her.

At Waterbeck, on Wednesday the 23rd Oct. the Rev. Daniel Struthers, minister of the Relief congregation there, aged 42 years. The death of this much respected clergyman has caused a very great sensation in the neighbourhood. On Sabbath week he dispensed the ordinance of the Lords Supper; on Tuesday he was enjoying the best of health, when in a moment he was struck with apoplexy, and in a few hours breathed his last, leaving a widow and ten children to lament his loss.—Dumfries Paper.

On the 3d January, at the residence of Mr. William White, in Hamilton, (Bermuda,) the Reverend JOSEPH WRIGHT, late Rector of Horton, (N. S.) He arrived here about twelve days since in a very bad state of health. His remains were attended to the place of interment, by Sir Francis Burnaby, Bart., the honorable and Venerable Archdeacon Spencer, and as many of the Clergy as were enabled to be present, and by a great number of respectable inhabitants of Hamilton and its vicinity.

We understand that this lamented Gentleman has left a Wife and four very young Children to deplore his loss. We understand, also, that he was very much beloved by all who knew him in Nova-Scotia, and that his memory is endeared to those who kindly attended him during his illness in this Country, by the meekness, patience and devotion which he incessantly manifested during his bodily sufferings. His pious end, indeed, brings to our recollection a part of a beautiful Funeral Anthem, written by a modern poet.

Brother, thou art gone before us, and thy saintly soul is flown;

Where tears are wiped from every eye, and sorrow is unknown;

From the burden of the flesh, and from care and fear released.

Where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.

And when the Lord shall summon us, whom thou hast left behind.

May we, untainted by the world, assume a welcome find;
May each, like thee, depart in peace, to be a glorious guest.

Where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest. [Bermuda Gazette.]

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