

Where Devotion's incense sweet,
Mounts to Heaven in ceaseless swell;
There can Happiness alone
Build a firm and lasting throne.

Luxury may charin awhile,
With its faint, uncertain smile;
Learning's treasures may unfold
Transient joy, and brief delight;
Battle's gory flag unrolled,
May awhile the heart excite;
Wealth may smile, and curbless Power
Sleep on roses—for an hour.

If Religion's angel wings
Float around the halls of kings;
If above the student's page
Pass the whisperings of her breath;
If her gentle touch assuage
Demon thoughts in fields of death;
If the barque her form enfold,
If she sanctify the gold—

Then may Happiness await
Power within its halls of state,
And the student's cloistered cell
May become a bower of bliss,
And, above the combat's yell,
Sound the voice of Happiness;
Every home where Virtue reigns,
Peace and Happiness contains.

OUR MONTHLY GOSSIP.

SINCE the commencement of the New Year the principal event in our Provincial Monthly gossip is the opening of the Nova Scotia Legislature on the 20th inst., by a speech from Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, which we give below.

Mr. President, and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

In meeting you for the first time, I cannot but congratulate myself in having before me those who represent an intelligent people, whose constitution is well defined, and who are accustomed, while enjoying the largest practicable measure of self-government, to cherish respect for the Queen's prerogative, and feelings of loyal attachment to the Parent State.

I shall direct to be laid before you certain papers connected with the important subject of an efficient protection of the Fisheries, including correspondence between the Executive and His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief on this station, with respect to the best mode in which this service should be carried out. To the zeal and experience of this distinguished officer, and to the active and cordial co-operation of the officers of the Squadron employed under his command, we are much indebted for the vigilance with which our