

## POETRY.

ON THE INSUFFICIENCY OF HUMILITY TO RENDER MANKIND VIRTUOUS.

## AN IRREGULAR ODE.

Come, Epictetus! arm my breast  
With thy impenetrable steel,  
No more the wounds of grief to feel,  
Nor mourn by others' woes depressed.  
Oh teach my trembling heart  
To scorn Affliction's dart;  
Teach to mock the tyrant, Pam!  
For see around me stand  
A dreadful murder's band,  
I fly their cruel power in vain!  
*Here lurks Distemper's horrid train,*  
And *there* the *Passions* lift their flaming brands.  
*Those* with full rage my helpless body tear,  
*While these* with daring hands  
Against the immortal soul their insidious weapons rear.

Where'er I turn, fresh evils meet my eyes,  
Sin, sorrow and disgrace  
Pursue the human race!  
There on the bed of sickness Virtue lies!  
See Friendship bleeding by the sword  
Of base Ingratitude!  
See baleful Jealousy intrude,  
And poison all the bliss that *Love* has stor'd!  
Oh! seal my ears against the piteous cry  
Of innocence distressed!  
Nor let me shrink, when Fancy's eye  
Beholds the guilty wretch's breast  
Beneath the torturing pincers heave:  
Nor for the numerous wants of misery grieve,  
Which all-disposing Heav'n denies me to relieve!

No longer let my fleeting joys depend  
On social, or domestic ties!  
Superior let my spirit rise,  
Nor in the gentle counsels of a friend,  
Nor in the smiles of love, expect delight!  
But teach me in myself to find  
Whate'er can please or fill my mind,  
Let inward beauty charm the mental sight;  
Let godlike reason, beaming bright,  
Chase far away each gloomy shade,  
Till Virtue's heavenly form display'd,  
And her divinest love possess me whole!  
Alone shall captivate my soul.

But, ah! what means this impious pride,  
Which heav'nly hosts deride!  
Within myself does Virtue dwell?  
Is all serene and beautiful there?  
What mean these chill-damps of fear?  
Tell me, *Philosophy!* Thou boaster, tell:  
This god-like, all-sufficient mind,  
Which, in its own perfection blest,  
Defies the woes, or malice of mankind  
To shake its self-possessing rest,  
Is it not foul, weak, ignorant, and blind?  
Oh man! from conscious Virtue's praise  
Fall'n, fall'n!—what refuge canst thou find?  
What pitying hand again will raise  
From naked earth thy grovelling frame?  
Ah! who will cleanse thy heart from spot of sinful blame?

But, see! what sudden glories from the sky  
To my benighted soul appear,  
And all the gloomy prospect cheer?  
What awful form approaches nigh?  
Afwful: yet mild as is the southern wind  
That gently bids the forest nod.  
Hark! thunder breaks the air, and angels speak!  
'Behold the Saviour of the world! behold the Lamb of God!'  
Ye sons of pride, behold his aspect meek!  
The tear of pity on his cheek,  
See in his train appear  
*Humility and Patience sweet,*  
*Repentance,* prostrate at his feet,  
Bedews with tears, and wipes them with her flowing hair.

What scenes now meet my wond'ring eyes,  
What hallow'd grave,  
By mourning maids attended round,  
Attracts the Saviour's steps? What heart-felt wound  
His spotless bosom heaves with tender sighs?  
Why weeps the Son below'd Omnipotent to save?  
But, lo, He waves his awful hand,  
The sleeping clay obeys his dread command.

*Oh Lazarus come forth!*—Come forth and see  
The dear effects of wond'rous love,  
He at whose word the seas and rocks remove,  
Thy Friend, thy Lord, thy Maker weeps for thee!"

Thy walls, *Jerusalem*, have seen thy King  
In meekness clad, lament thy hapless fate,  
Unquench'd his love, tho' paid with ruthless hate,  
O lost reless *Nazareth*!—Durst thou know  
Who thus vouchsafes thy courts to tread,  
What loud *Hosannas* wouldst thou sing,  
How eager crown his honour'd head,  
Nor see, unmov'd, His kind paternal woe,  
Nor force His tears, His precious blood for thee to flow,  
No more repine, my coward soul,  
The sorrows of mankind to share,  
Which He, who could the world control,  
Did not disdain to bear,  
Check not the flow of sweet fraternal love,  
By heaven's high King in bounty given,  
Thy stubborn heart to soften and improve,  
Thy earth-clad spirit to refine,  
And gradual raise to love divine,  
And wing its soaring flight to heaven.

## THE GATHERER.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF THE YEAR 1828.—The battle of Navarin and the liberation of Greece by the French troops.

The invasion of Turkey by the Russians and the unexpected vigour and success of the Turks in defence.

The usurpation of Don Miguel in Portugal and the submission of the Portuguese.

The fall of the minister Villele and his party in France, and the comparative triumph of liberal principles throughout the French Government.

The rapid change in the British ministry, and the final ascendancy and elevation of the Duke of Wellington.

The repeal of the test acts by the British parliament; the election of O'Connell, in Ireland, to the exclusion of Fitzgerald; the diffusion and completion of the project of Catholic association in that country, the general progress in Great Britain of the cause of Catholic emancipation.

The peace between Buenos Ayres and Brazil, including the establishment of the independent state of Montevideo, under the auspices of Great Britain.

The convulsions in the republic of Colombia; the overthrow of her constitution; the assumption of the supreme power by the military chief Bolivar.

The various revolutions in Peru and Chili adverse to the power and plans of Bolivar, and the subversion of his Bolivian constitution in Upper Peru; the declaration of war between Colombia and Peru.

The conspiracies and rebellions in Mexico; the failure of Bravo's plot and his banishment; the election of Pedraza to the exclusion of General Victoria; the insurrection of General Santa Anna.

In the United States, the adoption of a tariff deemed exceptionable by all parties; the violent opposition to it in the south; the proceedings thereon of the legislatures of South Carolina and Georgia; the violence of the contest for the office of president; the abuse of the liberty of the press by incessant invective and calumny; the publication of private letters; the reports of private conversations; the election of General Jackson to the exclusion of Mr. Adams; the general and easy submission to the will of the majority; the new evidence of almost universal trust in the efficacy of our institutions and the spirit of the country. The chief glory of the year 1828, is the situation of this Union.—*National Gazette.*

INFLUENCE OF BAD COMPANIONS.—Another unhappy cause of failure in moral education, too common to be passed over in silence, is the influence of bad companions. I here refer to the companions of childhood. Through their unhappy agency, your best instructions and most assiduous efforts may be entirely defeated. Guard your dear child then, to every practicable extent, against such pernicious influence. He needs but few associates out of your own family—choose those for him; and if you cannot make him worthy of such as are good, it were better than that he should have none. No parent ought ever to be ignorant where, and with whom his child spends his hours of recreation, unless he wishes to educate him for perdition. It is task enough to train up a child in the way to life, without having

him often encompassed with a throng, whose example and entire influence is calculated to entice him from duty, and hurry him down the broad road to destruction. Strive to make home pleasant to your children. Do not needlessly interrupt or discourage their innocent amusements, but strive to raise their minds above undue attachment to them, by exciting a taste for books, and furnishing them with such as are most interesting and instructive, and wisely adapted to their age and attainments. No person can imagine how much may be done in this way, till he has made a thorough trial. The difference in effect, upon the mind and heart, between spending an evening in perusing an entertaining book, and spending it with childish, not to say wicked associates, in folly, and in vain, perhaps corrupting conversation, is unpeakably great.—*Lawley.*

Example for young ladies.—A young lady in —, some months ago, refused to receive the addresses of a young gentleman whose character for temperance was a little doubtful, unless he would abstain entirely from the use of ardent spirits. The consequence is, that he has not been known to drink, even moderately, since, and is determined to adhere to his present practice. Let all young ladies imitate the example, and our nation will soon be free from this vice; for let them be assured, that if their professed admirers really love them, they will for their sakes lay aside their bottles; and if they will not, their love is not worth possessing.

Among several other enactments of the Legislature of Grenada, we find that, "An Act to change (after 31st December last,) the market-day from Sundays to Thursdays and Saturdays." "An Act to admit the testimony of Slaves in all cases," and "An Act to qualify all His Majesty's subjects coloured subjects to sit as Jurors," had been proclaimed in the town of Saint George.—*Grenada Royal Gazette.*

## MARRIED.

In this City, on Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. BURNS, Mr. THOMAS R. ROBERTSON, of Fredericton, Merchant, to FANNY, daughter of the late Mr. Donald Cameron, of Shelburne, Nova-Scotia.

At Dorchester, (N. B.), on Thursday 26th ult. by the Rev. C. MILNER, JOHN W. WILSON, Esq. Barrister at Law, to FANNIES, youngest daughter of the late Hon. Judge URBAN

## DIED.

On the 23d December, the Right Rev. R. STANER, D. D. formerly of St. John's College, Cambridge, in the 91st year of his age. Dr. Staner, after nearly 30 years of laborious service as a Missionary, in the province of Nova-Scotia, North America, was consecrated in the year 1813, Bishop of that Province, at the urgent and unanimous desire of the whole community.—*English paper.*

[Since his retirement from the active duties of his high station, he had been living in the vicinity of London, enjoying an annuity from the British Government of £600 sterling per annum.]

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