

POETRY.

From the Palladium.

RETROSPECTION.

AH me ! I see successive years roll on,
And fain would stop them in their rapid flight !
Where have the playmates of my boyhood gone ?
Where the gay friends in whom I took delight ?

Beneath the sod, how many long have slept,
Who once were blithe, the careless crowd among !
With them I oft have sported, oft have wept,
A little joys, or griefs, that move the young.

How yearn'd my bosom in those early days,
Poor, thoughtless child ! to grow, and be a man !
The sun of Hope shed then its brightest rays ;
O why, e'er since, have clouds its disk o'er ran ?

Why discontent was I wish children's toys,
The wooden gun, white cap, and sword of tin ?
Felt I not then, as pure the soldier's joys,
As real soldiers feel, mid battle's din ?

Then reck'd I not that Time had woes in store,
That in Life's cup, admixt, were bliss and pain ;
Ere, Manhood's hopes had shrunk the view before,
And tops, and hoops, and kites, seem'd sweet again !

Has Learning charms more lovely than I felt,
In satchel's days, when all the world was new ?
O then the simplest lay my heart would melt,
The briefest tale my rapt attention drew.

Of, when the summer sun adown the west
Had sunk, to bid cool evening zephyrs rise ;
Around some door-step seated, oft we've prest,
To hear the long-spun story with surprise.

Ye lov'd Companions of my youthful hours !
Ye simple pleasures, that I fondly trace !
Be yours the off'ring of my riper powers ;
Be yours, in Mem'ry's book the brightest place.

Amid Life's blazing noon, I bustling strive,
My better hopes and int'rests heeded not ;
Press with the crowd, among the crowd to live,
And scarce find leisure for a virtuous thought !

Are these the joys I saw in distance dim,
When Hope, of future days, so calm'rous sung ?
Dunce that I was ; the sport of childish whim ;
The sport of Hope, that loves to cheat the young !

Roll, roll, ye years ! I care not now how fast,
Ye bear me, weary, from the busy stage ;
Sweet be the mem'ry of the varied past
To cheer my passage through the vale of age.

Serenely calm, I'd watch my life's decline,
And to the future trust, devoid of fear ;
With all the bliss of RETROSPECTION mine,
And all my deeds review'd—without a tear !

MARRIED.

In Northumberland, Mr. Peter Percy, Et. 80, to the widow Hannah Godfrey, Et. 80—this couple had been lovers from their childhood. But owing to what is termed a love squabble, the lass turned her back, and the swain, supposing her to be in earnest, out of spite married another. Her case being now hopeless in regard to Percy,

for revenge, gets married herself. They both had however strange feeling when they met, and secretly resolved to marry, if the death of their partners permitted. She at last became a widow, but his wife obstinately persisting to live, she became tired and married again. His wife now died, but finding his old sweetheart again yoked, and no chance of regaining her, he thought it best to divert a few years with another lady. Her husband and his wife would alternately die, and the other being married, no hope of their union appeared probable. His 7th wife having lately deceased, she became determined not to let the golden opportunity slip, and it is believed (for she was a perfect Zantippe) that she scolded her last poor husband to death, as he did not survive a week. It is a remarkable coincidence that each of Mr. Percy's wives produced him a daughter, and each of Mrs. Godfrey's husbands was presented with a son the same year ;—and what is more singular still, each son married the daughter nearest his own age—and the marriage ceremony was performed by the eldest son, who was a minister, in presence of all the other children and their families !

MISCELLANEOUS.

EXECUTION &c. of the TWO GREERS FOR PARRICIDE.

These unfortunate young men, immediately after their sentence, were conveyed, under a guard to the New Prison, Carrickfergus ; they walked from the Court-house to the jail with a firm-step, but appeared much dejected, and did not make any observations. They were lodged in separate cells, and on being asked if they wished for any Clergyman to attend them, they answered "yes," but not any particular one, any who would afford consolation being acceptable.—The Reverend John Brown, who had humanely attended on the occasion, immediately visited them, and remained a considerable time, and afterwards attended them. They were also visited by the Rev. Richard Dobbs, Rev. Mr. Smith, and the Rev. John Savage. These Gentlemen were successful in their efforts to arouse them to a sense of their situation, but could not prevail on them to acknowledge their guilt, both protesting their innocence, and stating as their opinion, that it was only necessary to acknowledge guilt to God, not to man. In the course of Tuesday, however, Robert Greer admitted that he saw the corpse of his father in the waste house, which did not surprise him, as he knew his father was "to be put out of the way." John Greer would not admit any thing. They both slept during the night, and eat apparently with an appetite. John Greer employed part of his time in writing.

On Wednesday about twelve o'clock the High Sheriff, attended by a party of the Royal Scots, went to the prison, and the criminals were brought soon after. They were placed in the rear of the cart in which were their coffins, and attended by the Clergyman; the executioner, disguised, immediately behind them. The procession then proceeded slowly to the place of execution, one mile from the town; on its arrival the criminals joined in singing a hymn, and afterwards knelt down with the Clergyman and others, and prayed fervently, with an audible voice; at this time Robert Greer was observed to be much agitated, and trembled violently; John Greer continued to evince his usual firmness. Prayers being ended, and the fatal preparations completed, the wretched brothers shook hands and bid farewell. John first mounted the cart, and being tied up, whilst Robert remained below, asked "is my brother Robert to be thrown off with me?" which was answered in the affirmative; Robert was then tied up with his brother; they were both again solemnly exhorted to declare their guilt—John said, "I forgive my persecutors, prosecutors and all my enemies, and I hope God will forgive them, as I do. Robert prayed aloud to the Almighty to enable him, in these his last moments, to tell the truth, and then, addressing himself to those about him, said, I am a guilty sinner, and suffer justly and lawfully;" then turning to his brother said, "John, will you not confess?" to this appeal John made no reply, when a person present said, "John, do you hear what your brother Robert says?" to which he replied, "I have done," meaning that he would

not again speak. The cart was now drawn away, and they were launched into eternity; Robert appeared to suffer little; but John was long convulsed. After hanging the usual time, their bodies were cut down, put into shells, and sent off to the Infirmary at Lisburn for dissection, pursuant to their sentence. It is almost unnecessary to comment on the fate of these unfortunates; the horrible crime of parricide, for which they suffered being, until now, unknown in this country.

EXPLOSION OF A STEAM PACK-ET.

(FROM THE NORWICH MERCURY.)

"One of those unfortunate accidents which attend even the best arranged establishments that carry with them a certain though remote danger, occurred here yesterday morning, and we state the extensive calamity with much acute pain. The horrible spectacle of eight mangled carcasses is yet before our eyes. There are the miserable victims of the bursting of the steam boiler in the packet which sails from the Foundry-bridge. Just after the boat had started, it had not gone twenty yards, when the tremendous explosion took place. The vessel was rent to atoms, so that little remains entire, from the stern to the engine-room, except the keel and flooring. Twenty-two passengers appear to have been on board. The bodies of eight are found—five men and three women; one child yet missing, and six have been sent to the hospital in a wounded state: six escaped unhurt. Of these last, one man was standing over the boiler when the explosion happened. It is said Major Mason was another, whose clothes were torn by the shock, but who was otherwise uninjured. The third was an infant, two month's old, and the little innocent was discovered at the bottom of the vessel in a profound sleep, after the removal of the dreadful wreck.

"At this moment the coroner's inquest is sitting, and we have only time to subjoin the names of the dead:—James Squares, of Gorleston; — Marcon, a linen-draper; — Butler, of Pockthorpe; W. Nicholson, steersman of the boat; Mrs. Smith, who lived near Norfolk and Norwich Hospital; Eliza Stevens, of Yarmouth; a man unknown, in a sailor's dress, from Lynn, apparently between 50 and 60; both his legs are torn off; and a young woman, name unknown, who stated that she had been to Hingham for relief; the infant was her child."

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JAMES EASTERBROOKS,
THOMAS ANDERSON, junr.
JOHN HARRIS,
THOMAS EASTERBROOKS,
TOLER THOMPSON,
Sackville, April 2d, 1817.

NOTICE.
ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of DANIEL SMITH, sear. of Burton, deceased, are desired to present the same duly attested within six months from the date hereof—and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to,
CLAPMAN SMITH,
DANIEL SMITH,
ORLO SMITH,
Burton, 26th Dec. 1816. } Administrators.

ALL PERSONS
HAVING any demands against the Estate of the late JOHN FLEWELLING, of the Parish of St. Mary's, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested—and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
GILFORD FLEWELLING, Admr.
Maugerville, 29th October, 1816.

NOTICES.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late Mrs FENELOPE G. Bisset, of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested—and those indebted to said Estate are desired to make payment to
P. FRASER, Administrator.
Fredericton, 19th Nov. 1816

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late RODRICK M'RAW, of Miramichi, deceased, are desired to present the same duly attested within eighteen calendar months from the date hereof—And all those indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to
JOHN M'RAW, Sole Administrator.
Miramichi, 17th Sept. 1816.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late THOMAS HUSTON, of Burton, deceased, are requested to present their Accounts duly attested, within six Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
SAMUEL NEVERS,
CONROD STANNIX,
CALVIN HATCH. } Adm'rs.
Burton 26th, December, 1816.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late ANGLUS M'ISAAC, deceased, are requested to render their Accounts duly attested, within six months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to the said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to,
MICHAEL M'DONALD,
Administrator.
Miramichi, 8th Jan'y, 1817.

NOTICE.
THE Subscriber requests all Persons indebted to him on Note or Account, prior to the 1st of July last, to call and settle the same without delay. E. AVERY.
Fredericton, Nov. 30th, 1816.

NOTICE.—All persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late Capt. CALEB JONES, of Saint Mary's, (N. B.) deceased, are desired to present their Accounts for liquidation within Eighteen calendar Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
JAMES MILES, Admr.
13th Jan. 1817.

NOTICE.
ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of BEVERLEY ROBINSON, late of St. Mary, deceased, are requested to render their accounts duly attested to, within Six Months from the date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
FREDERICK P. ROBINSON,
Executor.
St. Mary, 11th March. 1817.

NOTICE.
ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of JOHN DYER, late of Miramichi, (County of Northumberland) deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within Six Months from the date hereof; and those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
JARED BETTS,
ELIJAH SPRAGUE, } Adm'rs.
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