

THE SPECULATOR.

"Miserable man that I am!" sighed Jotham, as he sat at the porch of his door, at the going down of the sun—
"Miserable man that I am!"

"What ails thee friend?" said a person who stood near him, although before unperceived. "Hast thou not health? Hast thou not friends? Hast thou not plenty? Thou hast sheep feeding on the hills, thy numerous herds graze in the valley, and thy green fields team with abundance."

"True," answered Jotham, "but the shortness and uncertainty of human life, are to me sources of constant wretchedness. I know not what hour I may be called to leave all these blessings. A few live to the good old age of fourscore years, but how few! They, to be sure, are blessed, but I have no assurance that I shall live again to see my orchards in bloom, and to hear the bleating of my early lambs; I am miserable."

"And dost thou think it would contribute to thy happiness, to have removed the uncertainty of thy exit from this life, and to receive the assurance that thou shouldst live to the age of fourscore and ten years?"

"Undoubtedly" said Jotham: "I could then proceed on my business for future years. I could plant orchards with the certainty of enjoying the fruit—I could—"

"Enough" said his guest, interrupting him. "Thy desire shall be gratified. I am the spirit that presides over thy years, and am commissioned to fix the date of thy existence. Thou shalt live until the 5th of the 5th month in the year thou shalt have numbered fourscore and ten; and in that day, at the going down of the sun, thou shalt die."

Jotham raised up his eyes, and the person had disappeared, but he had declared, and resolved to be happy. A thousand plans for amassing wealth—improving his ground—planting orchards and forest trees—building houses and mills, for a while crowded upon his imagination; but ever and anon, the 5th of the 5th month of the year that he should be 90, occurred with renewed uneasiness to his mind. It was too far off to be worth thinking of, and yet would it return uncalled for with the most alarming suddenness. Jotham was then 37, and he took his slate and pencil to calculate. He had 33 years to live. He reduced the time to months—to weeks—to days—hours, and even to minutes. The day was fixed in his mind as certainly as in the records of fate. He looked at his watch. Three hours had already elapsed, when his family notified him that it was later than usual for him to retire. The sleep of Jotham was disturbed, and the first of the morning was the 5th of the 5th month, at the setting of the sun, in the year 1875. But he resolved to put in execution the plans he had formed. Some difficulty intervened, but as he had time enough, he postponed from day to day the commencement of his improvement.

A thousand new troubles now crowded on his mind. He was certain of life but not of health. His days might drag on heavily in pain and disease. He was not sure that his plans for amassing money would succeed. He might become a pauper. Instead of stimulating his exertions he found that the certainty of long life relaxed them. In the midst of business and pleasure, the day certainly fixed for his death, would come like a dark cloud overshadowing his soul, paralysing his exertions and damping his joys. He felt it like the iron belt of the Scottish James who fell at Floddenfield; and from the circumstance he expected to prove the source of happiness, he derived nothing but uneasiness, and finally unceasing misery.

A year had passed away, when at the same hour of the same month, Jotham sat at his porch, his beard long, his face pale, and his whole body emaciated. "Miserable man that I am!" exclaimed he. "The day of my death is fixed. The time is ascertained with certainty. I am like a criminal under condemnation, and I feel that the distance of time is only an aggravation, by procrastinating my misery. Would to God that my guardian angel would return and restore to me the state of other men!"

"Thy wish shall be granted," answered the same person whom he had seen the year before. "But my friend," added he, "let this learn thee to repress thy passions;—"

hast thy desires; remember that thou mayest enjoy rest; be temperate that thou mayest possess health; cherish a cheerful reliance upon Heaven, and obey the dictates of an enlightened conscience, and thou wilt enjoy a happiness which neither the certainty of great possessions, nor long life could ever bestow."

Happy Prevention of Premature Interment.—The late Sir Hugh Ackland, of Devonshire, apparently died. The nurse with two of the footmen, sat up with the corpse, and the weather, being at the time extremely cold, Lady Ackland sent them a bottle of brandy to drink in the night. One of the servants told the other seriously that, "the old boy, their master, dearly loved a little brandy when he was alive, and he was resolved that he should take one glass now he was dead." The fellow accordingly poured out a bumper, and forced it down his throat. A gurgling immediately ensued, and a violent motion of the neck and upper part of the breast. The other footman and the nurse were terrified, they ran down stairs; and the brandy genius, hastening away with rather too much speed, tumbled down head foremost. The noise of the fall and his cries alarmed a young gentleman who slept in the house that night, who got up, and went immediately to the room where the supposed corpse lay; and to his great astonishment, saw Sir Hugh upright. He called the servants.—Sir Hugh was put in a warm bed, and the physician and apothecary sent for.—These gentlemen in a few weeks perfectly restored their patient to health, and he lived several years afterwards. The Baronet often told the story; and when he really died, left the brandy-footman a handsome annuity.

FASHIONABLE BONNETS.
Lady W. (says a writer in the Worcester Gazette,) complains bitterly to Lady X. of the late modern fashion of making bonnets. She concludes thus—"For my part I cannot say that I feel perfectly easy about the matter; for I have not had a single kiss since I first wore the bonnet; nor do I much wonder, for it is impossible for any creature, except it be a horse, or some other long nosed animal, to come near enough to perform the act."

A solitary philosopher would imagine ladies born with an exception from care and sorrow, lulled in perpetual quiet, and feasted with unmingled pleasure; for what can interrupt the contentment of those, upon whom one age has labored after another to confer honors and accumulate immunities; those to whom rudeness is infamy, and insult cowardice; whose eye commands the brave, and whose smiles soften the severe; whom the sailor travels to adorn, the soldier bleeds to defend, and the poet wears out his life to celebrate; who claim tribute from every art and science, and from whom all who approach endeavor to multiply delights without requiring any return but willingness to be pleased. **JOHNSON.**

VALUABLE PROPERTY For Sale.
THAT valuable and noted FARM situate at the confluence of the Naquewickack Stream and River Saint John, containing 770 Acres of Land, between thirty and forty of which are well cleared, and free from stumps, would at present, cut from 25 to 30 Tons of Hay, and may be made at a very small expence, to cut 40 or 50. It is 120 Rods front, and runs three miles back; takes in both sides of the Streams which is excellent Intervale and abound, with Grass; there is also a quantity of good Pine Timber upon it, some of which is near the River; it has numerous other advantages, and an excellent opportunity is now offered to the industrious Farmer, and to those who may be desirous of obtaining a good situation for a Tavern or Store; a Ferry is about to be established on the Property, which will also add to its value. For particulars enquire of Captain SNOW, Fredericton, or of Major M'KAY, at the Naquewickack. Fredericton, 23d March, 1818.

FOUND
IN the Subscriber's Barn, on Sunday morning last, a piece of HOME-SPUN CLOTH.—The owner may have it by proving property and paying for this advertisement.
ROBERT TURNER.
Fredericton, 24th July, 1818.

NOTICES.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of JOHN MORRELL, Senior, late of Kingston, King's County, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested, to the Subscriber, within three Months from the date hereof, as no notice will be taken of them after that time; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
JOHN MORRELL, Jun. Ex'r.
King's County, July 26, 1818.

ALL PERSONS
HAVING demands against the Estate of WALTER PRICE, Esq. late of Nashwick, County of York deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within six months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
MARY PRICE, Executrix.
Nashwick, 24th July, 1818.

ALL those Indebted to the Subscriber, neglecting to settle, their Accounts will be put in the hands of an Attorney to collect.

JEDEDIAH SLASON,
Fredericton, 9th March 1818.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of PETER BROWN, late of the Parish of Ludlow, deceased, are requested to render their accounts duly attested, within nine months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
LOT HOSMORE, } Adminis-
WILLIAM FISH, } trators.
Ludlow, 17th February 1818. gmp.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late JOHN M'KEEN, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within twelve calendar months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to
MARGARET M'KEEN, Administratrix.
WILLIAM M'KEEN, Administrator.
Maugerville, 10th April, 1818.

ALL PERSONS
HAVING any demands against the Estate of HENRY GREEN, late of Queensborough deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested—and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to
ELIZABETH GREEN, Administratrix.
JOHN DAYTON, Administrator.
Queensborough, 1st March, 1818.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late JOHN M'LEOD, deceased will render their accounts for adjustment, and those indebted to said Estate will make immediate payment.

JEDEDIAH SLASON, } Executors.
M. NEEDHAM, }
Fredericton, 21st April 1818.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late JONATHAN SHERWOOD, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within three months from the date hereof, and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to
MARY SHERWOOD, Administratrix.
DAVID NEWMAN, Administrator.
Miramichi, 27th February, 1818.

ALL Persons indebted to the Subscriber up to the 1st January last, will please pay immediately, otherwise they will be sued without delay.

W. BAILEY.
Fredericton, 26th May, 1818.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of DANIEL FLETCHER, late of Sheffield, deceased, are requested to render their accounts attested to, within twelve months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to
DAVID FLETCHER, Adm'r.
Nashwick, 14th April, 1818.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of STEPHEN PORTER, late of Sunbury County, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within three months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to
ELIZABETH PORTER, Ad'r.
JOHN DOW, Adm'r.
Burton, 30th June, 1818.

TO LEASE,
For a Term of twenty-one Years,
SEVERAL Lots of COLLEGE LAND, containing 26 Acres each; and several Building Lots in the Town Plat of Fredericton.—Inquire of **J. M. BLISS.**
2d June, 1818.

CHEAP GOODS.

E. SLOOT & Co.
HAVE just received per the CALAN DONIAN from LONDON, an extensive assortment of
BRITISH MERCHANDIZE, which they offer for Sale on very reasonable terms.—The whole were particularly selected by Mr. JAMES SLOOT.

—ALSO—
CONIAC BRANDY,
JAMAICA SPIRITS,
GENEVA,
LISBON WINES,
PORT do.
PORTER,
White Vine VINEGAR,
And Some Double GLOUCESTER CHEESE.
Fredericton, 30th June, 1818.

JUST RECEIVED
And now opening for Sale by the Subscriber.

A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF DRY GOODS,
PORT,
SHERRY, and } WINES
VINOIA, }
Bottle and Draught PORTER.
Vinegar; Holland Gin; Cognize Brandy. Loaf Sugar; Tea; double and single Gloucester Cheese; Shell Almonds; Raisins; Soap & Candles; Confectionary; Drug's; Nails of all sorts; Bar Iron; Window Glass, &c. all of which he now offers for Sale low for Cash or approved Credit.
JEDEDIAH SLASON,
Fredericton, 30th June, 1818.

NEW GOODS.

JAMES TAYLOR,
Has just received by the late arrivals from Europe,
A HANDSOME Assortment of Goods suitable to the Season, which he offers for Sale on the most reasonable terms.
Fredericton, 9th June, 1818.

New Goods.

MARK NEEDHAM
Has just received by the Ship *Benjamin*, from Greenock, and *Wellington* from London,
A NEAT and Fashionable Assortment of GOODS, (part are just come to hand, per the Steam Boat,) all of which will be sold on the lowest terms for Cash or short approved Credit.
Fredericton, 26th May, 1818.

P. FRASER,

HAS just received per the Ships *Wellington*, from London; *Walrdo*, from Liverpool; and the *Benlomond*, from Glasgow, a general assortment of **DRY GOODS and GROCERIES,** suitable for the season; all of which will be sold low for Cash, Furs, or Bills of Exchange.
N.B.—Those indebted to him to the 24th December last, are requested to settle their respective balances without delay.
Fredericton, 9th June, 1818.

FOR SALE,

A CONVENIENT Dwelling House with about Ten Acres of Land, one Mile below the Church in Fredericton, through which the Main Road runs. On the Premises is a valuable Stone Quarry, and a very good situation for a Tavern. It is at present in the occupation of Mr. Humphry Pickard. For terms, apply at the Office of this Gazette.
Fredericton, 14th July, 1818.

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