

POETRY.

From the Connecticut Gazette.

FRANKLIN, one night, cold freezing to his skin, Stopped on his journey at a public inn; Rejoiced, perceives the kindling flame arise, But, luckless, sage, perceives with distant eyes A blackguard crew monopolize the heat, Each firm as Banquo's ghost, maintains his seat. "Ho!" cries the doctor, never at a loss, "Landlord, a peck of oysters for my horse." "Your horse eat oysters?" cries the wondering host "Give him a peck, you'll see they wont be lost" The crowd, astonished, rush into the stall: "A horse eat oysters--what, shells and all?" Mean time our traveller, as the rest retire, Picks the best seat at the deserted fire; A place convenient for the cunning elf, To roast his system and to warm himself. The host returns--"your horse wont eat them sir; "Wont eat good oysters! he's a simple cur. "I know who will," he adds in merry mood: "Hand them to me, a horse dont know what's good!"

FROM THE WEEKLY REGISTER.

MR. BURTON,

Sir, although the Society of Free and accepted Masons is venerable for its antiquity, and in all ages has been respected by the wise and virtuous, for its good conduct; yet it has through falsehood and misrepresentation, groundlessly awakened the jealousy of some of the European States, and the obloquy of many malicious tongues in this enlightened country.

Does it not argue the utmost depravity of the human heart to call in question the propriety of institutions of which they know nothing at all? Is it not the height of folly to brand, or attempt to brand with opprobrium, a Society which has stood the test of almost innumerable ages; as being founded on immutable laws, and teaching science, with religion undefiled in its pristine purity?

In referring to the two most celebrated personages in this country who have written against Free Masonry, it will be found that the intellects of one were deranged, and the bigotry of the other, rendered him a fit instrument in the hands of intolerance, to attempt the destruction of a Society against which the whole artillery of the Inquisition has been levelled and discharged in vain.

But we fear not the destruction of a Society erected upon what our Blessed Saviour himself has declared to be the two first and greatest commandments: Love to God, and Love to man. Upon which hang all the law and the prophets. It has long been known, and the public need not now be informed that an adroit cannot become a Free Mason. A man of known immorality and licentiousness will ever be excluded the Masonic Society, and cannot approach the happy retreats of brotherly love; for good order and government are essentially necessary to our rites.

If to acknowledge and adore the Supreme giver and bestower of all good, the Almighty and Eternal God--If to obey with exactness the laws of our country--If to stretch forth the hand of relief to the unfortunate--If to enlighten the mind by the bright principles of science--If to cultivate peace and good-will with all mankind, are acts of criminality, then indeed are we culpable, for these principles are the ground work of our edifice--And long, very long, may the superstructure, raised upon this imperishable foundation, continue to proclaim to the world, that Science, Virtue and Religion are the happy cement of the Mystic Institution.

Agreeably to the tenets of our order, the fair sex are excluded from associating with us in our Mystical profession; not because they are deemed unworthy to possess the secret, nor because the mechanical tools of the craft are too ponderous for them to wield, but from a consciousness of our own weakness.

Should they be permitted to enter the Lodge, love would often times enter with them, jealousy would probably rankle in

the hearts of many of the brethren, and fraternal affection be perverted into rivalry.

Although the most amiable and lovely part of "Nature's works" are excluded from our meetings, yet our order protects them from the attacks of vicious and unprincipled men.

It forbids us to undermine and take away that transcendent happiness from those whose hearts are reunited by the bond of sincere affection.

The feelings of the fair are more exquisitely fine, and their sympathy more easily awakened by the misfortunes of their fellow-creatures, than those of the stronger sex. They require not the adventitious aid of Mystic Lectures, to urge them to acts of charity and benevolence, nor the use of symbols to lead them to virtue--Their own hearts are the Lodges in which virtue presides, and the dictates of her will, their only incentive to action.

In proportion as the clouds of ignorance burst from around us, and knowledge and truth become more generally diffused amongst mankind, Masonry must increase and flourish throughout the world. Nay, it has already extended itself to the remotest corners of the Earth uniting the good and wise of all nations into one great family of brethren, speaking one language and striving for the same objects. No matter whether a person has been born under an Indian or an African Sun; whether his dialect be that of a Hindoo, an Arab, a Greek or a Scot; if he has once become a Free Mason, on meeting a fellow Mason, he instantly recognizes him as such, and receives and treats him as a brother.

Vain therefore is each idle surmise against the plan of our government; the goodness of our principles. Good men are not always aware, that by decrying laudable systems, they derogate from the dignity of human nature itself. Friendship and innocent social delights, should never be the objects of reproach; nor can that wisdom which has been sanctified by hoary time and approved by the best and most enlightened men of every age, be a subject of ridicule. No society is more remarkable for the practice of charity, nor any association of men more formed for disinterested liberality. If a brother is in want, every heart is moved--when he is hungry, we feed him--when he is naked, we clothe him--when he is in trouble, we fly to his relief. The offspring of brethren; who through age, sickness, infirmity, or any unforeseen accident in life, are reduced to want, particularly claim our attention, and seldom fail to experience the happy effects of our brotherly association.

Such are the principles which govern the Societies of Free Masons, and such are the principles which govern the professors of the Mystic Tenets.

All hail! thou Royal Arch, sublime, sublime!

The bond of Charity in every clime! Whose silken cord, in love fraternal binds, Ten thousand thousand varying forms and minds;

I bid thee hail! best magic power 'tis thine;

Thou Sun of Life, and Light, and Peace divine,

One tide of bliss, far round the world to roll,

And human nature breathes one kindred soul;

A soul that feels for joy, that melts at human woe,

And burns with kind philanthropy's celestial glow!

A. Haggitt,

WINDSOR AND FANCY CHAIR MAKER,

BEGS leave to inform the Public, that he has taken a Shop in Union Street, where may be had at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms, all kinds of fashionable Windsor and Fancy Chairs.

All orders from the Country attended to with punctuality and dispatch. Fredericton, 30th Sept. 1817.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

AS an Apprentice to the Shoe-Making Business, a Lad about 15 or 16 years of age--apply to DANIEL MANFORD.

Fredericton, 3d May 1818.

NOTICES.

ALL PERSONS HAVING any demands against the Estate of the late JOHN FLEW WELING, 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 FLEW WELING, Admr. Manguerville, 29th October, 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 sixteen 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 just demands against the Estate of the late GEORGE BROWN, of Miramichi, deceased, are required to render 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 JOHN HENDERSON, Sec. Executor. Miramichi, 12th August, 1817.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of EPHRAIM WHEELER BETTS, late of Miramichi, deceased, are requested to render the same, duly attested within twelve months from the date hereof, and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to EVAN MUNKRO, Administrators. JARED BETTS, Administrators. Miramichi, 1st November, 1817.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of CALVIN CHASE, late of Miramichi, deceased, are requested to render 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 REBECCA CHASE, Administratrix. JARED BETTS, Administrators. Miramichi, 16th Dec. 1817.

THE Copartnership of WILLIAM & JAMES LEDDEN was this day dissolved by mutual consent, and after the first day of January next the business will be carried on by JAMES LEDDEN and JAMES ABBOTT, under the firm of LEDDEN and ABBOTT, who are authorised to receive and pay all debts due to, or owing by WILLIAM LEDDEN, junr. JAMES LEDDEN. Miramichi, 8th Nov. 1817.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late LEONARD BARNARD of Miramichi, deceased, are hereby requested to present the same duly attested to, within Six Months from the date hereof; and those indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to WM BANNERMAN, Junr. Administrator. Chatham, (Northumberland,) 25th August, 1817.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late BENJAMIN STYMIST, senr. of the Parish of Glanlough, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested--and those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to BENJAMIN STYMIST, junr, Executor. Allawick, 12th Sept. 1817.

G. Rossiter, CABINET-MAKER AND UPHOLSTERER.

BEGS leave to inform the Public that he has taken a Shop in Union Street, where he carries on the Cabinet and Upholstering business, and where Cabinet Ware of all kinds may be had on the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms.

Having furnished himself with a stock of well-seasoned Birch and Mahogany boards of an excellent quality, he flatters himself that he will be enabled to give satisfaction to all who may favour him with their patronage.

Orders from the Country attended to with punctuality and dispatch, and every favour gratefully acknowledged. Fredericton, 30th Sept. 1817.

P. FRASER, HAS just imported, in the Ship Ben-lomond from Glasgow, a general assortment of DRY GOODS and GROCERIES, suitable for the season; all of which will be sold unusually low for Cash, Furs, or Bills of Exchange. Fredericton, 17th June, 1817.

Sheriff's Sales.

FOR SALE, By Auction, AT Mr. JOHN M'LEOD'S, on Monday the first day of June next, between the hours of 11 and 1 in the forenoon, LOT No. 99, granted for MARCOLM STEWART, in the Grant or Letters Patent to the Guides and Pioneers, containing two hundred acres more or less, taken in execution by a Writ of fieri facias. E. W. MILLER, Sheriff of York. Fredericton, 1st Dec. 1817.

ALL persons having any just demands against the Estate of DANIEL JAMES, late of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to render their Accounts for payment; and those indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to JEDEDIAH SLASON, Executor. BRIDGET JAMES, Executrix. Fredericton, 16th Dec. 1817.

FOR SALE, THAT valuable PROPERTY in King's Clear, (County of York) consisting of about 1900 Acres, on the high land; with 180 Acres on Savage Island, six miles from Government House, including a handsome Stock and Farming Utensils on the Premises.--Possession given the first day of May next.

Any Person desirous of making an offer for the above described Property, can direct to the Subscriber, to the care of Mr. Wm. ROBERTS, Fredericton. JOHN ALLEN, Sept. 3d. 1817.

LOST last June or July, a Note of Hand against JAMES DONALD of Miramichi for Eighty-six Pounds Currency; said note will be of no use to any person but the Subscriber, as the payment of the same is stopped. JABEZ LEDBETTER. Miramichi, 13th Jan. 1818. 3wp.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late ALEXANDER TAYLOR, Esquire, deceased are requested to present the same duly attested within eighteen calendar months from the date hereof;--and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to WILLIAM TAYLOR, } Executor. DAVID TAYLOR, } Miramichi, 5th Nov. 1817. 3w.

New Goods.

Ezekiel Slood & Co.

HAS just received per Minerva from London, part of their Spring supply of MERCHANDIZE, which they offer for Sale very low for Cash or gold Bills of Exchange. They expect, daily, the remainder of their assortment from Liverpool. Fredericton, 22d July, 1817.

Ezekiel Slood, REQUESTS all those indebted to him to the 1st July instant, to call and settle, and PAY without further notice. Fredericton, 22d July, 1817.

Almanacks FOR 1818,

For Sale at the ROYAL GAZETTE OFFICE.

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