

SELECTED POETRY.

THE BUTTERFLY'S BIRTH-DAY.  
By William Roscoe, Esq.

THE shades of night were scarcely fled:  
The air was mild, the winds were still:  
And slow the slanting sun-beams spread  
O'er wood and lawn, o'er heath and hill.

From fleecy clouds of pearly hue  
Had dropt a short but balmy shower,  
That hung like gems of morning dew,  
On every tree and every flower.

And from the Blackbird's mellow throat  
Was pour'd to loud and long a swell,  
As echoed with responsive note  
From mountain side and shadowy dell.

When bursting forth to life and light,  
The offspring of enraptur'd May,  
The Butterfly, on pinions bright,  
Launch'd in full splendour on the day.

Unconscious of a mother's care,  
No infant wretchedness she knew;  
But as she felt the vernal air,  
At once to full perfection grew.

Her slender form, ethereal, light,  
Her velvet textur'd wings unfold;  
With all the rainbow's colours bright,  
And dropt with spots of burnish'd gold.

Teembling with joy, while she stood,  
And felt the sun's enlivening ray;  
Drank from the skies the vital flood,  
And wonder'd at her plumage gay:

And balanc'd oft her 'broider'd wings,  
Through fields of air prepar'd to sail;  
Then on her vent'rous journey springs,  
And floats along the rising gale.

Go, child of pleasure, range the fields,  
Taste all the joys that Spring can give,  
Partake what bounteous Summer yields,  
And live, while yet 'tis thine to live.

Go, sip the rose's fragrant dew,  
The lily's honied cup explore,  
From flower to flower the search renew,  
And rifle all the woodbine's store;

And let me trace thy vagrant flight,  
Thy moments, too, of short repose,  
And mark thee then with fresh delight  
Thy golden pinions opt and close.

But hark! while thus I musing stand,  
Pours on the gale an airy note;  
And, breathing from a viewless band,  
Soft silvery tones around me float!

—They cease—but still a voice I hear,  
A whisper'd voice of hope and joy,  
"Thy hour of rest approaches near,  
"Prepare thee, mortal!—Thou must die!

"Yet start not!—on thy closing eyes  
"Another day shall still unfold,  
"A sun of milder radiance rise,  
"A happier age of joys untold.

"Shall the poor worm that shocks thy sight,  
"The humblest form in Nature's train,  
"Thus rise in new-born lustre bright,  
"And yet the emblem teach in vain?

"Ah! where were once her golden eyes,  
"Her glittering wings of purple pride?  
"Conceal'd beneath a rude disguise,  
"A shapeless mass to earth allied.

"Like thee the hapless reptile liv'd,  
"Like thee he toil'd, like thee he spun,  
"Like thee his closing hour arriv'd,  
"His labours ceas'd, his web was done.

"And shalt thou, number'd with the dead,  
"No happier state of being know?  
"And shall no future morning shed  
"On thee a beam of brighter glow?

"Is this the bound of Power Divine,  
"To animate an insect frame?  
"Or shall not He who moulded thine,  
"Wake at His will the vital flame?

"—Go, mortal! in thy reptile state,  
"Enough to know to thee is given;  
"Go, and the joyful truth relate,  
"Frail Child of earth! high Heir of Heaven!"

BUENOS AYRES.

Society, Manners, &c.—A country that has been entirely devoted to mercantile pursuits, as has been the case with the one here described, cannot be expected to have known all the gradations of nobility, or witnessed immense fortunes collected in the hands of a few, at the expence of the multitude. These circumstances created a spirit and scale of equality, which the other subdivisions of America partake. Hence, is it, that this same influencing principle is observed in all the best orders of society, among whom, if their manners, comparatively, do not appear so strictly refined, or so highly polished, it is rather owing to an excess, than a want of character and frankness in their demeanour; and, if this species of individual independencies contemplated with indulgence, in like manner as we behold certain minor defects, of which the correctives must be left to time, the traveller will have no hesitation to say, that their manners are soft, and divested of that austerity so remarkable in their progenitors.

Women.—Foreigners are particularly struck and interested by the appearance of the fair sex of La Plata. We do not find in these women that fairness and delicacy of skin, so remarkable in Ireland, England,

and Holland, but they possess more penetration and vivacity, without having all the advantages of European education; and, to the majesty of an engaging and elegant form, add an air of gait animated by the graces, and softened by the art of pleasing. The expression of their black eyes, their exquisite shape, and the delicacy and proportion of their feet and ankles, constitute their most distinguished qualities; and, if beauty consists, not so much in the perfection of every one of the features, as in a well finished assemblage of all, such as irresistibly interests the feeling of man, it may be said that they are beautiful.

Diversions.—Among these, good society, in parties, entertainments, and balls, hold the first place. Many families are to be met with, whose demeanour, attentive without etiquette, and affable without affectation, affords almost daily opportunities of agreeable assemblies, and amusing pastime. In general, the people are fond of dancing, and in the city, any of the favorite dances in Europe, are often used, without the rigidity of the ceremonious parts. Gambling is practised, though it has not reached the pitch of ruinous extravagance observable in some other countries.

Theatre and Music.—A foreigner would be apt to judge unfavourably of the talent and taste of the people of La Plata if his first observations began with the theatre of Buenos Ayres. It would appear that the muses of the drama had never heard of the Silver Stream. The house in which plays are represented could not be tolerated by any one whose taste had been formed in Europe. Its decorations are as bad as the talents of the performers. On this score every thing still appears to be completely Spanish. Music has its admirers, but its delights have not been fully made known, owing to the want of skilful masters. Under this head, it will be proper to mention a species of music peculiar to the country, and of entirely Peruvian origin, which no other nation has been able to imitate or adopt. There it is known under the name of *Yaravi*, or *Sad*, and the monotony of the sounds is overlooked, not only on account of their originality, but also the sweet emotions excited by their pathos. Passion could find no strains more powerfully soft and thrilling, but, that all their victorious influence may be felt, the song ought to be in the Peruvian or *Quechua* language, which originally, was more harmonious and sweet than the Italian.

Horses and Races.—The horses found in the provinces of La Plata are noble, beautiful, and quick, though in size and form they cannot be compared to those of England. Some travellers have asserted, that in Southern America, quadrupeds are inferior and degenerated; and others, pointedly speaking of horses, say, that their steps are so long, that, only ambling, they equal an European horse with a tolerable trot. The first are as much mistaken as the others exaggerate.—The same care that is taken in Europe in the breeding of quadrupeds, and especially the horse, is not to be met with in America, where every thing is almost left to itself. With regard to velocity, it may be said, that the gift of the horses of that country, consists in lifting up one fore and one hind foot exactly at the same time, and instead of grounding the latter in the exact place of the first, they advance a little, by which means their motion is accelerated, is easier, and more convenient to the rider. The number of these animals is considerable; and on that account the price is not high. An excellent horse, of a good colour, well trained, and fit to shine in any ride in Europe, can be purchased for £20 sterling; but there are some so superior, that they are worth 80 or £100. Those of the province of Cochabamba, and the kingdom of Chili are particularly esteemed in Buenos Ayres. Horses, in general, are only used for the saddle, mules being applied to coaches, and oxen to carts. The taste for horse-races is general, and, for this purpose, great numbers are trained and fed with the greatest care. This species of amusement brings together numberless amateurs, who bet high; though, it ought to be observed, that in these races there is not that variety of exhibitions, dances, music, with the other conveniences to be met with on similar occasions in other countries, which agreeably fill up the respective intervals.

Bull and Cock Fights.—Unfortunately, the people of Buenos Ayres retain their rage for bull-fights, which they have inhe-

rited from their ancestors, and are also fond of putting cocks; but when we reflect that the most polished nations still preserve some customs worthy only of the barbarism of the ancients, it must not be concluded that these disagreeable exhibitions cast any shade on the manners of the inhabitants, or will in any way, prevent or impede their complete civilization. The bull-fights are exhibited in a large circus, erected in a sufficiently solid and sightly manner, on one of the squares at the northern extremity of the city, with a gallery and seats all round, in which from six to eight thousand persons can be accommodated. Mondays, in winter, are the days allotted for this diversion. For the cock-fights, there is another small but indifferent arena, where the concourse is never very great. The English breed of cocks is preferred.

Fishing and Hunting.—Under the head of food, no mention was made of fish, in order that it might be united with the amusement of fishing. This is perfectly free in any part of the river, which abounds in various kinds of the finny race.—The best, and also the most common are the *pacu corvina*, *perjerry*, (which is exquisite and very large,) *lisa*, *salvato*, *bogas*, *mangrullu*, the largest fish caught in Plata, of which some weigh as much as 100lbs., *zurubi*, *armode*, *raye*, *erizos*, *bayres*, &c. On hunting also, there are no restrictions. The grounds and lakes, at a small distance from the town, afford abundant sport. Among the game is the *garza*, or heron, of which there are six species, as also the duck, snipe, wild-pigeon, &c.

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JOHN MORRELL, Junr. Ex'r.  
King's County, July 25, 1818.

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MARY PRICE, Executrix.  
Nashwack, 14th 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.

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LOT HOSMORE, } Administrators.  
WILLIAM FISH, }  
Ludlow, 17th February 1818. } Imp.

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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, 15th 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, 7th April 1818.

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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 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'x.  
JOHN DOW, Adm'r.  
Buston, 30th June, 1818.

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