

To the Printer of the Royal Gazette.

The storm of Tuesday night so forcibly pressed my admiration of the accompanying piece, that I send it for insertion.

Fredericton, 3d Jan. 1820.

MIDNIGHT STORM.

With boisterous breath Æolus sweeps the shore,  
And midnight blasts howl fearfully around.  
If shelter'd from the tempest, and in peace,  
Such nights as this hang heavy on my soul,  
What must he feel, who, wandering o'er the wave,  
On the wide world of waters, hears the storm?  
Perchance, as rise the whelming floods around,  
The thought of home bursts on his sinking soul—  
That home, where, busy in expectant prayers,  
His faithful partner counts the tedious hours.  
See how his bosom rises with desire!  
Years with oppressive tenderness his breast!  
And, falling fast from his desponding eye,  
Streams of unutterable anguish flow.  
And is the last, the parting glance forgot?  
And are the words that murmur'd on her tongue  
Remember'd not! too true they cling around  
His panting breast, and thrill thro' all his veins.  
In such a night as this, how many a wretch,  
Houseless and ragged, lays his hapless head  
In hovel mean, and ill bestrown with straw!  
How many a victim of seductive arts  
Sinks, pale and languid, delug'd with the storm,  
While thro' her drooping heart and heated brain  
Sho' or poison'd shafts of recollected bliss!  
And why am I exempt from ills like these?  
What talismanic charm do I possess?  
What god-like action! attribute divine!  
What deed illustrious has emancipated  
And mark'd me as the favorite of Heaven?  
Just Judge of all the earth! to thee I kneel,  
Humbled, I kneel and hide my blushing face;  
Nor farther would I seek to know than this,  
It is thy will, my Saviour and my God.

From the Middlesex Gazette.

"Convene with God in Prayer."

It is not without deep-felt sorrow that we find occasion to remark on the decline of family religion in our community. It is not to be concealed that the salutary discipline of domestic government, the important business of pious education, and especially the reasonable, useful, and interesting duty of family worship, have fallen into a lamentable degree of disuse—many who formerly made it their scrupulous practice to call their domestic circle around them, morning and evening, and address the Parent of God in solemn Prayer, are now seldom, if ever, known to pray in their families. And how few, comparatively, of those, who have recently settled in life, and become the parents and guardians of the rising generation, ever join in social worship with their household. But it is easier to conjecture the extent of this neglect, than to counteract the example; it is easier to lament the symptoms, than to predict the consequences. We wish to excite the attention of Christians to this all-important object. The worship of God, in your families, Christians—Is it not a reasonable service, and is it not a profitable service? It is reasonable, or public worship is not reasonable. The same God, whose providence governs communities, presides over the small circles of which communities are composed. But you ask, is it not enough that we observe our private devotions, in which we pray for our families? Is there any necessity to pray with them? I answer by asking—is it enough that I secretly wish my children should possess knowledge, which I take no care to communicate, or habits of which I set not the example, or principles, of which I take no pains to enforce? It is a profitable service. So many subjects of family congratulation and thanksgiving; so many occasions for acknowledging domestic sins; so many family anxieties and afflictions, want and mercies, hopes and fears, as are continually occurring, cannot fail to afford topics for daily exercise of devotion, which must, from their very nature, produce the most salutary effects upon the minds and hearts of the domestic circle. If any thing can effectually revive and secure the fidelity of parents, the affection of husbands and wives, the moral restraint and early piety of children, the attachment of servants, and the general order of families, it must be the revival of family worship. This must impose a check on the impetuosity of our happiness, and give to the conversation of the household a sobriety and purity, which nothing else can so effectually secure. Christians, why will you be so negligent in a duty commanded by God—in a duty so fraught with good? Is it nothing to have those about you impressed with the fear of God? Is it nothing that those who leave your families to establish families of their own, should carry with them the spirit of prayer and the faith of the gospel? If you

have regard to your future condition and that of your offspring, do reflect, at least, upon the effect which the influence of God, faithfully sought in the bosom of your families, may have upon you and their industry and temporal circumstances, and upon the happiness of domestic life. You complain of the irregularities and perversities of your children; but have you been in no respect culpable; have you not neglected to call into your aid, in the government of them, that most powerful of principles, the early fear of God?

I confess, when I look at the awful strides which vice and general unprincipledness have made, and all will continue to make, among us, my heart sometimes sinks within me. Where, then, ye patriots, ye lovers of your country, who tremble for her safety, where can a check be placed to this increase of corruption, if it be not placed at home?—The force of moral principle can never be preserved or restored, if lost, but by the aid of religion; and if the little domestic societies, of which every community is composed, are not first well principled, the day of reformation is far removed, and the day of evil is at hand. Christians, it is in your own houses, by your own firesides, that the seeds of virtue and religion are to be sown, whence shall spring up nurseries of good men and good citizens. Be excited, then, to add example to precept—read the scriptures daily in your families—daily invoke the blessing of God in social prayer; and may Heaven assist you to bring up those committed to your charge, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The Members of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, are hereby informed, that the Books sent for by them last winter, have arrived, and are now opened and ready to be delivered by the Subscriber to them on the terms of the Society, and to the Public on much better terms than they can be procured at elsewhere. The following is a Catalogue:—

- Bibles, Testaments, and Prayer Books, of various descriptions.
- Mrs. Trimmer's Abridgement of the Old Testament. Do. do. New do.
- Homilies, in 2 volumes.
- Directions of well order'd Families.
- The Life of Bonill.
- Instructive Tales, by Mrs. Trimmer.
- The Two Farmers, an Exemplary Tale.
- The Servant's Friend.
- A Friendly Call to the Communion, by a Layman.
- The Young-Man's Monitor.
- The Listener Detected.
- Charity School Spelling Books, in 2 parts.
- Meditation on Prayer, for Sick Persons.
- Abridgement of the Bible, for Children.
- Present for Servants.
- A Public House Monitor.
- Doctor Bell's System of Instruction.
- Young Woman's Monitor.
- The Evil of Lukewarmness in Religion.
- Dissuasion from Stealing.
- The Baseless of Slander.
- Dissuasion from Sin.
- The Sinfulness of Neglecting and Profaning the Lord's Day.
- The Two Apprentices, an Instructive Tale.
- Rural Economy, by Mrs. Trimmer.
- The Gamester, by do.
- An Instructive and Affectionate Address to the Poor.
- Admonition against Swearing.
- Dissuasion from Gaming.
- Essay on Regeneration and Conversion.
- Friendly Advice to the Sick.
- The Way to Eternal Salvation.
- Catechetical Instruction on the chief Truths of Religion.
- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper explained in a familiar dialogue.
- Serious advice to Persons that have been sick.
- Lessons from the Teacher's Assistant, by Mrs. Trimmer.
- Elements of the National School.
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- Church Catechism in short questions.
- The National Society Charity School.
- The Madras System of Education.

JEDEDIAH SLASON,

Treasurer of Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Fredericton  
Fredericton, 16th November, 1819

NOTICE.

ALL Persons who have claims for School Money, or Bounties on raising Bread Corn, are hereby notified, that whenever the money is payable at the Province Treasury, notice will be immediately given in the Royal Gazette, that all persons may call at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace and receive their several proportions.

BLANKS for Assessors to Collectors, may be had upon application.  
Fredericton, 13th Sept. 1819.

P. FRASER

Has just received, (in addition to his former Assortment) by the *Cyrus*, from Greenock, a supply of Merchandize suitable for the season, which will be sold on the most reasonable terms for Cash or Bills of Exchange—Amongst which are

PRINTED Cottons; Cotton and Linen Cambrics; Muslins, Gingham, Bombazets, Ribbons, Crapes, Silk Handkerchiefs, Cotton Shirtings and Sheetings, India Cottons, Homespun Linens, Checks, Dimities, Red Ticks, Stripped Cottons, Threads, Winter Shawls, Ladies Black Beaver and Straw Bonnets, Mens' Coarse and Fine Hats, Linsey Woolevs, &c. &c.

A few Hhds. well assorted white and blue edged WARE;—Also Soap, Starch, Candles, Mustard, Saltpetre, Sulphur, Fig Blue.

Large and Small Cast Iron STOVES; Bar Iron.  
Fredericton, 22d Nov. 1819

FALL GOODS.

MARK NEEDHAM

HAS just received by the *DRYAD*, from London, the *CYRUS*, from Greenock; and *HANNAH*, from Liverpool, his supply of Goods suitable for the season, which will be disposed of on very reasonable terms for Cash or short approved Credits.  
Fredericton, 23d Nov. 1819.

THE Subscribers having entered into Co-partnership, the Public are hereby informed that the Business heretofore carried on by THOMAS L. LANGEN, will in future be conducted under the Firm of LANGEN & ROBERTSON.

THOMAS L. LANGEN.  
THOMAS R. ROBERTSON.

N. B. They have now on hand, (at their Store in Queen Street, nearly opposite the Market-House) a general assortment of DRY GOODS and GROCERIES, which they will dispose of on very reasonable terms for Cash or approved Credit.  
Fredericton, 30th Nov. 1819.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber hereby informs the Gentlemen of Fredericton and its vicinity, that he has taken a Shop in the back part of E. SLOOT & Co's Store, where he carries on the TAILORING BUSINESS;—and assures them, that nothing shall be wanting on his part to render perfect satisfaction to those who may please to favour him with their orders.

As he will employ none but good Workmen, he pledges himself that his work shall be done in the neatest manner and newest Fashion.

WM. MADIGAN.

Fredericton, 14th Dec. 1819.

Last Notice to Debtors.

WHEREAS sufficient time and notice have been given—all persons indebted to JAMES FRASER, FRASER & DONALDSON, and FRASER, DONALDSON & Co. (all of Fredericton) are hereby notified, that unless their respective balances are discharged by the 31st December next, they will be put into the hands of an Attorney to collect; nor will it be in the power of the Subscriber to prevent prosecution, as remittances must be made Mr. FRASER, to enable him to pay off the balance due by said firm, immediately.

MARK NEEDHAM.

Fredericton, 9th Nov. 1819.

STRAYED away from the owner on the 1st of July, a small dark red MARE, with black mane and tail—and paces. Whoever will return the said Mare, shall have the sum of fifty shillings paid on delivery.

JOSEPH ARBO, Senior,  
Miramichi, 27th August, 1819.

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FOR THE YEAR

1820,

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A few Rolls superfine Parchment; Yellow wove 4to Post; do. do. with black border; Broad and narrow Pink Tape; black Lead Pencils Red Sealing Wax; red and black Ink powder; Bills of Exchange; Indentures; Bail Bonds for the Supreme and Inferior Courts; Half-Pay Certificates do. Powers of Attorney, &c. &c.  
Fredericton, 5th June, 1819.

RAGS! RAGS! RAGS!  
CASH will be given at the Royal Gazette Office, for clean Linen or Cotton RAGS.

NOTICES.

ALL persons are hereby strictly charged not to improve, or purchase, LOT No. 1249, in St. Andrew Street, in the City of St. John, from any other than the undersigned, who is the original Grantee,  
RICE RAYMOND.  
Fredericton, 9th Dec. 1819.

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of ALEX. MURDOCH, late of Miramichi, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

GEORGE MURDOCH,

Sole Administrator.

Miramichi, 12th Feb. 1819.

ALL persons having accounts against the Estate of the late Miss COOKE, are requested to present the same to the Subscriber, for payment.

M. C. HAILES.

Fredericton, 21st Dec. 1819.

ALL Persons indebted to the Subscriber on Note or Book Account, up to this date, are requested to call and settle the same, on or before 15th June next; at that time those remaining unsettled, will be put into the hands of his Attorney for collecting, as the Subscriber intends closing his business at that time.

THOMAS SMITH.

Miramichi, Dec. 25th, 1819.

ALL Persons indebted to the Subscriber up to the first of the present year, are desired to make immediate payment, otherwise their accounts will be put into the hands of an Attorney to collect without discrimination.

Fredericton, 22d June, 1819.

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of ALEXANDER BROWNE, late of Nashwalk, in the Parish of St. Mary's, in the County of York, deceased, are requested 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

ALEXANDER BROWNE, } Executors.

DAVID BROWNE, }  
Nashwalk, 16th November, 1819.

ALL Persons having any demands against the estate of PHILIP HANSELPECKER, late of the Parish of Sheffield, in the County of Sunbury, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within NINE months from the date hereof;—and all those indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment to

PETER HANSELPECKER, } Administrators.  
GEORGE FERGUSON, }  
Sheffield, 11th Nov. 1819. 6m.

ALL PERSONS

HAVING any just demands against the estate of Robert Sutherland, late of Nashwalk (Parish of St. Mary's) deceased, are requested to render their accounts duly attested, within Six Months from this date; and all persons indebted to said estate, are desired to make payment.

ARCHD. CLAYTON.

Nashwalk, 19th Oct. 1819. 6m.

ALL PERSONS

HAVING just demands against the Estate of Frederick Rogers, late of the County of Northumberland, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within twelve months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to

NANCY ROGERS, Adm'x.

ANTHY. ROGERS, Adm'.

A. FRASER, Senr. Adm'.

Miramichi, 11th March, 1819.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of John Morgan, Sen. late of Fredericton, 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

JOHN MORGAN, Jun. Adm'.

Fredericton, 10th August, 1819.

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