

POETRY.

From Legends and Rambling Rhymes.

ST. VICK.

In the rock of St. Vincent, near Bristol, is a cave, which has been an object of great curiosity from time immemorial.

Of all the hermits that ever were known To live in holes, or lie upon stones,

By night and by day, He'd devoutly pray;

One pleasant morning in spring, St. Vick Having nothing to do,

He knock'd at his gate with a feeble rap,

'Twas open'd, but with a terrible clap It clos'd, and St. Vick was turning round,

'Tis six by the sun!

And old St. Vincent is full of his fun, He slaps his lean friend on the small of his back,

Repentant and sick, Sat poor St. Vick,

On a sharp bit of rock, his conscience to prick!

In his hole, and often at deep midnight Was seen the anchorite's lamp alight,

Long years pass'd by— The hermit's eye

Had clos'd for ever in death, and his frame Had return'd to the dust from whence it came—

Through the rock, by which the curious survey'd The hermit's cell,

Where, strange to tell, As if preserv'd by a miracle,

Where found some parchments mouldy and damp, Beside the remains of an inkstand and lamp—

On one was written, in letters thick, "This is the Will of Me, St. Vick."

The other papers we shall transfer, To a noted London publisher.

Only noting this one among the rest, Pick'd up in the cavern by Mr. West.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Canada.—We are sorry to perceive, as we do from Dr. Theller's newspaper, published at Detroit, that a blow will be struck at the Royalists in Canada, during the ensuing winter.

Shocking.—A little girl about seven years of age, the daughter of Mr. John Gilles, living near Toronto, was so shockingly burned, on Christmas day, by her clothes taking fire,

How to Enforce Silence. The officers of the Scotch criminal courts create disturbance by calling "Silence," to the auditory.

Of late years, the Greek ladies in Constantinople had worn bonnets, and otherwise imitated the costumes of England and France;

From Neilson's Quebec Gazette.

THE CLERGY RESERVE QUESTION.

This question concerns Lower Canada as well as Upper Canada. The same clause of the Constitutional Act established these reserves in both Provinces.

The Bill introduced in the Upper Canada Legislature puts a stop to the further Reserves of one-seventh of the ungranted lands of the Crown,

The principal immediate effect of the Act will be to stop new Reserves being made. The payments now made to the Clergy are to be paid during the life of the present incumbents,

The great evil of the Bill will be, that it will keep the different religious bodies constantly before the public, in a sort of competition for, and expectation of worldly advantages,

The 31st Geo. III. made the Reservation of one-seventh of the Waste Lands of the Crown, for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy,

We shall only remark on one or two singularities connected with this Reserve question. The authors of the Clergy Reserve plan in the constitutional Act, no doubt

in Upper Canada, and even in some of the other Colonies, as ever. The authors of the present Bill no doubt, think that they have put an end to these difficulties.

YORK COUNTY TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

This society, or rather county convention, held its annual meeting pursuant to appointment, at Kiswick Ridge—John T. Smith, Esq. in the chair.

The meeting was held in the Congregational Meeting House; the delegates assembling in the afternoon to make the preparatory arrangements, and again in the evening,

Resolved—That the state of the societies which are represented at this meeting, is highly gratifying—affords cause of thankfulness to the Author of all good;

Resolved—That one of the most effectual means of diffusing information, and correcting error, is that which the public press affords;

Resolved—That the convention consider the establishment of public houses where spirituous liquors are sold, as having an injurious effect upon society;

Resolved—That a committee be appointed, to petition the legislature, with reference to the present Licence Law, and its inadequacy to meet the object in view;

Messrs. Thomas Pickard, J. T. Smith, and Mr. Ward, were appointed a committee, to carry into effect the object of the above resolution.

Resolved—That it be recommended to each society in this county, to appoint a committee to wait upon families in their neighbourhood, and recommend the temperance cause;

Resolved—That the following gentlemen be requested to meet the different societies in the county at least once during the present year;

The following officers were then chosen for the ensuing year. J. T. Smith, Esq. president, Messrs. J. A. Miles, A. Ross and J. Harrison, vice presidents,

These evils, however, will be brought under the notice of the legislature, by the committee appointed for that purpose; and it is hoped, a remedy will be afforded.

The appointment of committees in accordance with two of the rules, whose duty it shall be to visit families and societies, have been found beneficial elsewhere, and it is hoped will be acted upon promptly,

It was also stated, that it is proposed to publish 2000 copies of the TEMPERANCE FRIEND monthly, at St. John; this will cost £84, which is to be divided into shares of £7 each;

EDMUND WARD, Secretary.

Fredericton, Jan. 28, 1840.

The Shooting Stars of November.—Preliminary to the observation of these phenomena, Sir J. South wrote on the 12th inst. the following observation on the similar appearance

nine and two minutes after midnight, 165 shooting stars were not only seen, but their flights amongst the fixed stars, and their disappearances to the nearest tenth of a second, registered.

THE MADAWASKA SETTLEMENT.

The Madawaska settlement is seated on both sides of the River St. Johns: extending from a few miles above the Grand Falls to within one mile of the junction of the River Madawaska with the St. John's.

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From the Quebec Mercury.

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This Seignior was granted by the King of France previous to the year 1700.—Since Canada has been a British possession the seignior has fallen into various hands by will, and deeds of sale.

In the early part of the year 1783, before the ratification of the Treaty of Independence, Governor Haldimand caused the present Portage Road to be accurately measured, surveyed, and marked out as the future Mail Road between Quebec and Halifax.

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The Maine Militia having withdrawn, the sooner the 11th could be sent to rejoin the remainder of the Regiment in Canada the better for their comfort and the less expense to the country.

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when required. But the American troops having retired, no doubt Sir John Harvey considered the Militia of the settlement sufficient for any sudden emergency.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM LIVERPOOL.

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The great dinner given to Mr. O'Connell in Bandon, took place on Thursday the 3d of December, and takes up a very large portion of the columns of the Dublin Evening Post.

She (the Queen) is going to be married!— [tremendous cheers from over thirty thousand persons congregated in the great area, and waving of handkerchiefs by hundreds of elegantly dressed ladies, by whom the hotel and other buildings were crowded.]

There was a descent the other day upon Newport, of 5,000 of those misguided people, called "Chartists." Their leaders ran away, and that bladder-emb-skite of a fellow, Feargus O'Conner came to Ireland, indeed, to see his "poor relations" (roars of laughter.)

My next topic shall be in reference to practical efforts on your part. Ireland is threatened by the orange tories of England—the throne is menaced; disloyalty and treason and perfidy are preached and promulgated.

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