

assist with half their fortune. There is often no greater contrast than between the innocence of a man's life and the malice of his conversation: and he would spare neither his time nor his fortune for a beggar and a stranger, often exhibits a want of charity and humanity to a companion and a friend. This is nowhere more remarkable than amongst the French philosophers, as exhibited in their own writings, and in the correspondence of Grimm. They are full of compassion for a poor family at the other end of the kingdom, and at the same time are pulling one another to pieces like wild beasts. The cause, no doubt, is, that their envy and malignity are only excited by those who are and may be their rivals. And, in the present age, scandal, detraction, and calumny, have taken the place of open enmity and private war, just as forgery and private stealing have become the substitutes of highway robbery and murder. We shall conclude our remarks with the following extract from Jeremy Taylor's Holy Living:—

"Every man hath in his own life sins enough, in his own mind trouble enough, in his own fortune evils enough, and in performance of his offices failings more than enough to entertain his own inquiry; so that curiosity after the affairs of others cannot be without envy and an evil mind. What is it to me if my neighbour's grandfather were a Syrian, or his grandmother illegitimate, or that another is indebted five thousand pounds, or whether his wife be expensive? But commonly curious persons, or (as the Apostle's phrase is) busy-bodies, are not solicitous or inquisitive into the beauty and order of a well governed family, or after the virtues of an excellent person; but if there be any thing for which men keep locks, and bars, and porters things that blush to see the light, and are either shameful in manners, or private in nature, these things are their care and their business. But if great things will satisfy our inquiry, the courses of the sun and moon, the spots in their faces, the firmament of heaven and the supposed orbs, the ebbing and flowing of the sea, are work enough for us, or, if this be not, let him tell me whether the number of stars be even or odd, and when they began to be so; since some ages have discovered new stars, which the former knew not, but might have seen if they had been where now they are fixed. If these be too troublesome, search lower, and tell me why this turf this year brings forth a daisy, and the next year a plantane; why the apple bears its seed in its heart, and wheat bears it in his head; let him tell why a graft, taken nourishment from a crab-stock, shall have a fruit more noble than its nurse and parent; let him say why the best of oil is at the top, the best of wine in the middle, and the best of honey at the bottom, otherwise than is in some liquours that are thinner, and in some that are thicker. But these things are not such as please busy-bodies; they must feed upon tragedies, and stories of misfortunes and crimes; and yet, tell them ancient stories of the ravishment of chaste maidens, or the debauchment of nations, or the extreme poverty of learned persons, or the persecutions of the old saints, or the changes of government, and the sad accidents happening in royal families among the Arsacidae, the Cæsars, the Ptolemies, these were enough to scratch the itch of knowing sad stories; but unless you tell me something sad and new, something that is done within the bounds of her knowledge or relation, seems tedious and unsatisfying; which shows plainly it is an evil spirit: envy and idleness married together and begot curiosity. Therefore Plutarch rarely well compares curious and inquisitive ears to the execrable gates of cities, out of which only malefactors and hangmen, and tragedies pass—nothing is chaste or holy. If a physician should go from house to house unsent for, and inquire what woman hath a cancer in her breast or what man a fistula in his stomach though he could pretend to cure it, he would be almost as unwelcome as the disease itself; and therefore it is inhumane to inquire after crimes and disasters without pretence of amending them, but only to discover them. We are not angry with searchers and publicans when they look only on public merchandise, but when they break open trunks, and pierce vessels, and unrip packs, and open sealed letters.

"Curiosity is the direct incontinency of the spirit; and adultery itself, in its principle, is many times nothing but a curious inquisition after, and envying of another man's inclosed pleasures: and there have been many

refused fairer objects, that they might ravish an inclosed woman from her retirement and single possessor. But these inquisitions are seldom without danger—never without baseness; they are neither just, nor honest, nor delightful, and very often useless to the curious inquirer. For men stand upon their guards against them, as they secure their intent against harpies and cats, laying all their counsels and secrets out of their way; or as men clap their garments close about them when the searching and saucy winds would discover their nakedness: as knowing that what men willingly hear, they do willingly speak of. Knock, therefore, at the door before you enter upon your neighbor's privacy; and remember that there is no difference between entering into his house, and looking into it."

DIED.—At Chatham, on Sunday morning, after a long and painful illness, Mr. William Irvine, Apothecary, aged 35 years.

AUCTION.

To be sold by Public Auction on Wednesday, the 16th day of February next, at noon, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, by virtue of a License from His Honor the President, and the Honourable His Majesty's Council.

ALL the REAL ESTATE of John Fraser, Senior, late of Northesk, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, deceased, or such part thereof as may be necessary for the payment and satisfaction of the debts due by the said deceased, which Real Estate is situated and described as follows, viz:

All that Lot of Land, known as Lot No 10, in the Grant to the late Wm Davidson, Esq. situate on the north side of the North-west, in the parish of Northesk, aforesaid, being the lot on which the said John Fraser lately resided.

Also, that part of the North-west Meadows known as Lot No 15, containing 200 Acres, bounded westerly by the Glebe Lot, and easterly by a lot granted to the late William Martin.

Likewise the upper half of the lot on the Peninsula, known as Lot No 2, in the Grant thereof, to Richard Lawrence.

Terms of Sale, and other particulars will be made known by applying to either of the Subscribers, or to Messrs. STREET & KERR.

ALEXANDER FRASER } Administrators.
WILLIAM MATCHETT,
Miramichi, 5th January, 1831.

DANCING SCHOOL.

Mr. McLEAN grateful for the very liberal support he received last season in Miramichi, begs to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen, that he intends opening his WINTER CLASSES for teaching the above elegant accomplishment in all its various branches as soon as the Navigation closes. He has lately received from Europe a large collection of Fashionable French Quadrilles and Six Drilles, and do Walzes.

The terms as usual and places of attendance the same as last year.

November 15.

CABINET MAKING, UPHOLSTERY, &c. &c.

JAMES COMBIE, Cabinet Maker, and Upholsterer, from ABERDEEN, respectfully intimates to the Inhabitants of Miramichi, that he carries on work in these branches of Business in the neatest and most approved taste—and will be enabled to execute work substantially and handsomely to those, who may be pleased to honor him with their employment, and to whom it will be his most earnest study to give all desirable satisfaction.

In the Upholstery branches of the business he will be able to complete work in Window and Bed Curtains, Sofas, Chairs and all kinds of stuffed work—and in putting up Paper Hangings, in such tasteful and fashionable style as may accord with the newest patterns with which he will be furnished from time to time.

N. B.—Funerals conducted on reasonable terms.

All orders from a distance punctually attended to; the smallest favor thankfully received.

Chatham, Miramichi, 25th November, 1830.

A CARD.

MR. VARNAL, respectfully informs the Public, that he has decided on performing every MONDAY EVENING, positively, at seven o'clock. He would also intimate that private parties wishing any particular performance, may be accommodated by giving two day's notice. The performance will vary as much as possible, and no pains will be spared to render the House comfortable.

On Monday next, will be presented for the second time, the Tragedy of PIZARRO, or the Death of Rollo.

Tickets to be had at the Royal Hotel, where a plan of the Dress-Box, will be left for inspection; at Mr. J. White's and at the place of performance. Price of Admission—Upper and Lower Dress Circle, 3s. Pit 2s.

Doors to be opened at 6 o'clock, and performance to commence at 7 o'clock.

SHERIFF SALES.

On the 2d Tuesday in February next, at Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 in the afternoon, will be sold at Public Auction.

ALL the REAL ESTATE of James Wilson, in the County of Northumberland, taken by virtue of an Execution in F. issued out of the Supreme Court at the suit of Patrick Henderson.

Sheriff's Office, Oct. 16.

To be sold by Public Auction on the 2d Tuesday in February next, between the hours of 12 and 5 of the clock of the same day, at Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle.

ALL the REAL ESTATE of Parker, Harriman and Joseph Sanders, situate, lying and being in the County of Northumberland, taken by me, by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court of this Province, at the suit of Jesse Blin, against the said Parker, Harriman and Joseph Sanders.

Sheriff's Office, Chatham, Aug. 10, 1830.

R. S. CLARKE, SHERIFF.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-Office, December, 1830.

Concluded.

Murphy, Mrs Sarah A	Perley Dudley
M'Artha John S West	Rully Catherine widow
M'Neal Roderick N West	Robins Rufus
M'Grath James	Ritchie Wm care of W
M'Lean Hugh	Hamilton
McColl Donald Blk River	Russel V
McInosh James	Roberts Robert 2
M'Lean John N West	Renald Susan Ludlow
Mathews Donald do	Russell Elizabeth Inn Keeper
M'Quinland Michael	Rogers George Chatham
M'Kay Thomas care of J	Robins Rufus Forks
Nesbet	Rowland Wm
M'Hoy J care of Dock,	Ready James
Esq	Rafter Wm Inn Keeper
Morse James	Robinson J Chatham
N Neal Roderick	do Thomas
Montgomery Peter	Sutherland Alex Cooper
M'Cew Michael Nelson	Simpson Henry Newcastle
M'Intire John	do Joseph mason
Maddy Phelim Chatham	Scott James care of Wm
M'Donald Alex Bay du	Rafers
Vin	Sack John for J Bell
M'Kay Hugh	thea Wm Chatham
M'Cormick Alex Newca-	Sullivan Patt Chatham
stle	Savage Mary do
M'Innis Duncan	Stewart Mathew
Martin George	Stephen Smith
Marshall & Stewart Tailors	Simpson John
Mear Thomas	Scott John
M'Donald Angus Apple	Seward Donald Chatham
Valley	Shawe Sally widow
M'Kenzie James Chatham	Sallis Brig Wm Saper
M'Ilvarth James care of J	Simpson James
Johnstone	Smith Rev James
M'Laughlan Nelson	Twobig Patrick
M'Kinzie James Chatham	Towse Charles or Jared do
M'Grigor Austen	Tompson Robert
Moore John Ludlow	Taylor Alex plasterer
Murphy John Newcastle	Towser James care of T H
Mitchell A Inn Keeper	Peters
M'Kenzie James Chatham	Tompson Wm
M'Koy Thomas care of Mr.	Troy David
Titus	Temmens Thomas Irish Town
Muir Wm Bark Romolous	Trott Joshua Chatham
Noonan Patt or John	Vany Thomas Ludlow
Newland Margaret Mrs	Urquhart Wm
Nelson James	Weatherby John S
Navin James	Whealan Wm
Neal Cornelius	Wish Peter
Ness Wm	Wright N S p Northum-
Naimy Thomas	berland
O'Brian Wm S West	Weed Robert Black River
O'Connor Edmond Chatham	Wood Edmard
O'Brien M or Kennaady	Wilson Andrew
Omahor John Chatham	Wain John
O'Neal Cornelius	Wood Robert
O'Brian Phelix	Walker John
O'Donnell Mary care of T	Wiken Charles
Drinau	Wason James Burst Church
Patterson Andrew Pilot	Wood E Rev Missionary
Pearson Wm	Wilson John
Pickett Bridge Chatham	White James care of J John-
Pollock Wm Newcastle	stone
Porteous John Taylo	Wosson Betsey
Patterson Jas. plasterer	Whitmore Mary Ann
Paten John	South West

All Letters not called for within Three Months from this date, will be sent to the General Post Office as 'Dead Letters.'

JAMES CAIE, Postmaster.