SELECTED POETRY.

Should the following lines fall under the eye of any venerable single gentleman, it is but reasonable to hope they may have a very useful and happy effect; though it may perhaps be said, they are not of a very captivating nature, yet it cannot be denied but that they breath a portion of the life and spirit of an antiquated single lady.—*N H. S.*

OLD BACHELORS.

BY AN OLD MAID.

OLD BACHELORS are hateful things,
Which ought to be despis'd;
With hearts like broken fiddle strings,
And just as little priz'd.

Untun'd to love's soft thrilling touch,
No pleasure do they know;
They feel not and they taste not much
Of happiness below.

The joys of wedlock which they spurn,
With all its numerous cares—
Ev'n for a year should love's lamp burn,
Are worth an age of their's.

Was it, for them, the human race
Would soon be swept away;
And even earth, to their disgrace,
Would tumble to decay.

The social bond—that bond so sweet,
Where heart and soul unite;
Where friendship, love and union meet,
Would sink in endless night.

But 'tis in vain for me to prate,
I cannot make them clever;
Old bachelors I always hate,
And must and shall forever.

From Bell's Weekly Messenger.

FROM THE FRENCH PAPERS.

THE INTERESTING AFFAIR OF FUALDES.
ASSIZES OF ALBI, APRIL 6.

The principal witness this day was Bousquier, a person whom the prisoner Bax had employed to remove the body of the deceased from the house of Bancal to the river. He gave a circumstantial account of Bax's employing him to convey a bale of smuggled tobacco, as he said, to a certain place, at which work, he told him, he should have frequent jobs. It was on the night of the fair at Rhodez, in March, 1817, when Bax brought him into the kitchen of Bancal's house, in the Rue des Hebdomadiers, where he saw Bancal. Baptiste, the female Bancal, Missoniere, and another girl. He soon saw it was a corpse that he was to assist in carrying, instead of a bale of tobacco. He hesitated at first, on which Bastide presented a gun to his breast, and said, "If he stirred, he should be *a dead man!*" The body was enveloped in a wollen coverlet, corded tightly. Collard, Bancal, Bastide, and himself, carried it to the banks of the Aveyron, and threw it into the river. The death-porters then separated, save Bax, who went home and lay at the witness's that night. He remunerated the latter with five francs for his job.

This witness, as may be expected, underwent a long cross examination, chiefly through interrogations and contradictions, by the several prisoners. He persisted that he saw Bastide, Baptiste, Missoniere, Bancal, and his woman, and Anne Benoit, at the house, but he could not positively aver that Jausion was there at the time.

The female accusers burst into frequent exclamations at his averments. The witness said he was tampered with after he was put into prison, with a view to induce him to retract what he knew of the affair, and was offered large bribes; but he refued them. The prisoners endeavoured to involve Bousquier in contradictions with respect to some parts of his circumstantial narrative, but without effect.

Two females, who were brought forward as witnesses this day, stated briefly a few circumstances in the way of corroboration. One of these, Rose Solannet, stated she saw, about ten o'clock at night, a man, near Bancal's door, with a gun in his hand. This girl, being questioned by Fualdes, jun. said her mother had been offered fifty louis to keep back her (the daughter's) testimony, but it was rejected. Another witness stated a fact, connecting the girl Missoniere with the party, on which she exclaimed, "He lies! he lies! he is a shocking liar!"—The Court then adjourned.

(The proceedings of three previous days in this trial, will be found in the second page.)

The following are additional Particulars which we extract from the Journal des Debats, April 15.

A new and important witness has now come forward in this shocking affair, whose evidence throws great light upon the mysterious business.

After many witnesses, who advanced nothing new, M. France de Lorne was introduced. His deposition is very interesting. The Sunday after the decree of arrest (said this witness) Messrs. Dessuffriam, Henry and Augustus Debonald, Fraysinet de Valady, Adolphus Dubose, and I, had the curiosity to visit Bancal's child. These are the particulars I have received from her:—On the evening of the 19th of March her mother made her sleep in a room on the second story, and where seldom any body slept. In the evening, before she went to bed, she was joined by some gentlemen, who had supped and drank together. When she was in her room, she heard a great noise in street, which frightened her; she went down stairs in her shift, without shoes, and got into the bed, which is at the door of the kitchen. She saw through a hole in the curtain some men dragging in a Gentleman. She recognised among them Bastide, whom she knew before, and also Jausion, who was named by a woman, who, together with another woman, was shutting the door; one of these women was taller and more robust than Madame Manson, and wore a white hat with green feathers. When the door was shut she became unwell—they gave her some brandy, and made them both go out of the window, which is nearly even with the street. They then sat the gentleman near the table, and presented him with bills to sign, saying, "*You must sign these bills, and then die.*" It was Bastide and Jausion who presented the bills. They then laid him on the table, and with a large sheath knife, (such as they kill pigs with) which Bastide brought under his cloak, they killed him. Jausion struck the first blow, but was horror-struck, and retired.—Bastide continued, and at last Missoniere gave him several blows. Collard and Bancal held the feet, Anne Benoit the bucket, and the wife of Bancal stirred the blood with her hand as fast as it fell. (A sensation of horror prevailed in the Council Chamber.) A lame man held the light. As soon as the crime was perpetrated, Bastide heard a noise in the closet at the end of the kitchen; he asked "if any one was there?" Bancal's wife replied, "a woman." Bastide said she must be murdered. Madame Manson came out, and threw herself on her knees before him. Bastide wished to see if any one was in the bed; little Madeleine pretended to be asleep—Bastide said to Bancal's wife that she must rid herself of that child; she consented for the sum of four hundred francs. The plan was, to carry the murdered gentleman to his bed, and place a razor on his throat. Bastide, Jausion, &c. went out to consult on this plan. They came back, saying that it was impossible, for some one was at the window. They then determined to throw him in the river. Bancal's wife then washed the table, and every thing which might be stained with blood. Bancal did not return that night. Bancal's wife sent little Madeleine next day to her father in the fields with some soup, and desired her to tell her father to do he knew what. She found him digging a hole; she thought it was intended for her; she discharged her commission; her father kissed her, saying "No, be a good girl, go."

M. Dubernard rose, and objected to Madeleine Bancal's evidence, as it was contrary to her written deposition, which he desired might be read.

The Procureur-General objected to this, and the Court having deliberated, resolved that it should not be read.

M. Dubernard.—Allow me to shew that Madame Manson and Bancal's child manifestly contradict each other. Madame Manson declares that she was dressed at Bancal's as a man; Madeleine, on the contrary, that she was dressed in woman's clothes with a black veil.

Madame Manson.—You have read my answers, and yet it seems the most essential has escaped you. *I shall speak the truth at Albi.*

M. Dubernard.—If you have spoken the truth, little Madeline does not know what she says, and this is just what I wanted to prove.

M. Combettes de Caumont.—Cannot you, Madame, repeat your declarations, that we may see if they coincide with the child's?

Madame Manson.—I think I have said enough; the trial has already been too long.

The Court adjoured till to-morrow.

CONTINUATION OF THE AFFAIR OF FUALDES.

Extract of a Letter from Paris.

"You may remember that Jausion (an opulent proprietor of Rhodez) struck the first blow (as had probably been agreed upon) when the wretched victim was extended on the table. Bastide, preceiving that his countenance grew pale, and that his hand faltered, seized himself the knife, exclaiming, '*Tiens! tu ne sais pas tuer laisse moi l'achever.*'—"You know not how to slaughter, let me finish him." Jausion, horror-struck at his own crime, fled from the house and regained his abode, where his wife was expecting him to supper. All his efforts to assume apparent tranquility were unavailing; he ate nothing, nor replied to the questions put to him. About an hour afterwards a knocking was heard at the door; he went himself and inquired who was there? he was answered, 'Fualdes;' and under the influence of terror, which it would be impossible to describe, he opened the door, and saw Missoniere, I believe, and another 'You have left the work undone, but it is too late to retract; if you, refuse sharing our perils, we shall deposit the body of Fualdes at your door to dispose of as you may judge best.' Jausion had no alternative; he took his hat, and quitted, as he hoped, the house, unperceived by any one.

But Madame Jausion, whose jealousy was proverbial at Rhodez, was inattentive to the proceedings of her husband; she conceived he was engaged in an affair of gallantry, and followed him and his companions at a distance. On seeing them enter into the Maison Bancal (which appears to have been of shameful celebrity to all classes at Rhodez), her suspicions were converted into certainty, and she sought after a stone to beat against the door. In the mean time Jausion was in the kitchen, in the midst of the assassins, and Madame Manson was just discovered, and dragged into the room from the cabinet she had been hid in. Bastide was furiously urging her murder, when Madame Jausion knocked loudly at the door in calling out Veynac, her husband's Christian name. Jausion recognised her voice, and Bastide was for refusing her admission, but Jausion declared he knew her character so well, that if the door was not opened, she would rouse the whole street. On this representation she was let in, in the view of conducting her to an adjoining closet, and pacifying her by her husband's exertions; but she instantly precipitated herself into the chamber, where she heard voices; and you may judge of her dismay, when she found herself in presence of a group of assassins—of the corpse fresh murdered on the table—of her husband and Bastide struggling with each other for Madame Manson, who was lying senseless on the ground, with her pantaloons crimsoned with the blood collected in the pail."

The Sitting of the 15th inst. was rendered some what interesting by the appearance of the pretty Rose Pierret in Court as a witness. She totally denied all knowledge of the murder, or that she had on the evening of its perpetration, been present in Bancal's infamous house. Madame Manson, to sustain the credit of her memoirs, persisted in her original assertion, and the ladies being confronted, surprised the Court by the firmness of their respective affirmations and denials. Madame Manson says she could prove her assertion, but adds, in her usually mysterious manner, that circumstances prevent her.

On examining the plan of Rhodez, observes a Parisian Journalist, we have been struck with a circumstance, that, none of the journals have hitherto noticed.—The house of M. Fualdes and that of Bancal, though situated in different streets, unite behind, a partition wall is all that intervenes; and on the corresponding floor of each house, are the apartment of Colard, and the cabinet generally occupied by M. Fualdes, and in which the crime received, as it were, its last consumation.

NOTICES.

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.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of PETER BROWN, late of the Parish of Ludlow, deceased, are requested to render their accounts duly attested, within nine months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

LOT HOSMORE, } Administrators.
WILLIAM FISH, }
Ludlow, 17th February 1818. 3mp.

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MARY P. WOLHAUPTER.
Administratrix.
JAMES M'INDOE, Junr.
Administrator.
Fredericton, 5th May, 1818.

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DAVID FLETCHER, Adm'r.
Nashwalk, 14th April, 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 just demands against the Estate of the late JOHN M'KEEN, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within twelve calendar months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

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, 1st 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.

ALL Persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late JONATHAN SHERWOOD, *deceased. are requested to render 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*

MARY SHERWOOD, *Administratrix.*
DAVID NEWMAN, *Administrator.*
Miramichi, 27th February, 1818. *tf.*

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JOHN WOLHAUPTER.
Fredericton, 12th May, 1818.

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