POETRY.

From the American Watchman.

"THERE IS AN HOUR."

"There is an hour," an hour of joy,
That sends its thrillings to the soul,
When pleasure beams without alloy;
When fancy roams without control.

'Tis when the rosy blush of morn,
Gaily deck'd in golden vest,
Does first the azure arch adorn,
And gives to natures God behest!

'Tis when the lark on altry wings.
In gladness tunes his roundelay,
And whilst he nature's beauties sing,
Sends forth his thanks for coming day.

'Tis when the soul is rais'd to heaven,
And pines not at affliction's rod,
When all is tranquil, smooth and even,
And every thought is fix'd on God.

An old Epigram—newly versified.

WILLY WAG went to see CHARLEY QUIRK,
More fam'd for his books than his knowledge,
In order to borrow a work
Which he'd sought for in vain over college.

But Charley replied, "My dear friend,
"You know I have sworn and agreed
"My books from my room not to lend;
"But you may sit by my fire and read."

Now it happen'd by chance on the morrow,
That Quirk with a cold quiv'ring air,
Came his neighbour Will's *bellows* to borrow,
For his own they were out of repair.

But Willy replied, "My dear friend,
"I have sworn and agreed, you must know,
"That my bellows I never will lend,
"*But you may sit by my fire and blow.*"

HOPE.

AMID the storms of life, encircled by misfortune and all the ills incident to humanity, why is it that mankind still prize existence, and dread the approach of death? In the season of youth, ere the fancy partakes of the sable hues of affliction, when pleasure, in every alluring form, courts the attention and points to future years of unmixed felicity, it is natural that the predominant feeling of the heart should be a desire to prolong such delightful moments—But when old age approaches, when the heart "lost to fame and dead to love," becomes a prey to misfortune and anguish; when apathy has usurped the seat, vacated by all the soft and social feelings, still the dread of death continues unabated. What is it that thus, in every situation, makes us so enamoured of life? 'Tis *hope*; the liberator of the captive, the friend to the children of sorrow, the support of the indigent and the smoother of the thorny paths of life. She, by the aid of her magic lanthorn, discloses to view years of pleasure, more than amply repay every affliction; nor does the dear delusion leave us till the pulse of life beats slow and feebly, the last throb of expiring nature—O hope! thou gift of the Almighty to preserve his creatures from despair, when sinking under the extremes of anguish, all nature owns thy influence! Thou gildest the calm current of felicity, by thy assurance of its continuance; but 'tis in scenes of distress that they power is chiefly felt and acknowledged.—Then the bosom is despoiled of present happiness. The heart, vacant and sad, chides the tedious moment for their tardiness, and the phantom hope, cheating anguish of her woe, steals upon the heart by imperceptible degrees, and heals the wounds inflicted by misfortune.

A man who wanted employment as a school master was asked if he was acquainted with mathematics. The would be school master, supposing some great literary character was meant, assuming an air of importance quickly replied—"Matthew Mattocks, Sir? No Sir, am not acquainted with Matthew, but I know his brother Tom very well."

A Canadian, attached to the military post on Governor's Island, N. York, being on the sick list, was found by the surgeon of that garrison, to be strangely afflicted, and unsusceptible of the immediate power of medicine. Being in danger of losing his life, the patient was bro't to confess, that he had been in the habit of swallowing jack-knives, but on a late occasion, he was induced to add to the knives, a number of cents, which appeared to operate unfavourably, as the copper did not agree with his stomach: suitable drugs were applied, and the fellow restored to health, promising to swallow no more articles of the kind, but remarking at the same time, that he should have done very well but for the copper coin.

POWER OF CONSCIENCE.

How irresistible is the power of conscience. It is a viper, which twines itself round the heart, and cannot be shook off. It lays fast hold of us: it lies down with us, and stings us in our sleep; it rises with us, and preys upon our vitals.—Hence ancient moralist compared an evil conscience to a vulture, feeding upon our liver, and the pangs that are felt by the one to the throes of the other; supposing, at the same time, the vulture's hunger to be insatiable, and this entrail to be most exquisitely sensible of pain, and to grow as fast as it is devoured. What can be a stronger representation of the most lingering, most acute corporeal pains? Yet, strong as it is, it falls greatly short of the anguish of a guilty concience.—Imagination, when at rest, cannot conceive the horrors which, when troubled, it can excite, or the tortures to which it can give birth.

What must have been the state of the mind of Bessus, a native of Pelonia, in Greece, when he disclosed the following authenticated fact?

His neighbours seeing him one day extremely earnest in pulling down some birds nests, and passionately destroying their young, could not help taking notice of it, and upbraided him with his ill nature and cruelty to poor creatures, that, by nesting so near him, seemed to court his protection and hospitality; he replied, that their voice was to him insufferable, as they never ceased twitting him with the murder of his father.

This execrable villany had been concealed many years, and never been suspected. In all probability it never would have come to light, had not the avenging fury of conscience drawn, by these extraordinary means, a public acknowledgment of it from the parricide's own mouth.

Bessus is not the only person who has stood self-convicted. Though the discovery has not been distinguished by such a circumstance, many have made a voluntary confession, and sought for a refuge from the torments of conscience in death. What a lesson for all men to keep a conscience void of offence.

NOTICE.

THAT on Sunday the 9th day of May last, was discovered by the Pilot Boats while cruizing off Point Escuminac, a Schooner, about 15 miles distant, and bearing E.N.E. from Escuminac; and upon coming up alongside of her, was found to be a Vessel of about 60 tons burthen, having no person on board, water logged, no sails nor rigging of any description, nor spars, except the two lower masts and bowsprit. The water being discharged, three Pilot Boats towed her in from sea, and up Miramichi River about two miles above the Custom-House, where she now lays on the beach in safety—no person appearing as yet to claim her—no name JAMES M'CULLON.

Miramichi, 26th June, 1819.

£10 Reward.

STOLEN or Strayed from the owners, at Ludlow, a dark brown HORSE, black mane and tail, (very short.) Whoever returns him to the Subscribers will receive ten pounds reward.

JAMES & JOHN DONALD.

Ludlow, 2d Sept. 1819.

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.

RAGS! RAGS! RAGS!

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

NOTICES.

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, 14th Feb. 1819.

ALL persons having just demands against the Estate, of JOSEPH WILLISTON, deceased, late of the Parish of Glenelg in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, are requesid to render the same duly attested within twelve months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

ALCEY WILLISTON, Ex'rx.
RICHARD SIMONDS, Ex'r.

Miramichi, 19th Jan. 1819.

ALL those indebted or having accounts unsettled with the estate of the late *John M'Leod*, are requested to call on Mr. *Robert Eggar*, (he being appointed to adjust them). Those indebted to the said Estate are particularly requested to pay their Accounts, otherwise they will be put in the hands of an Attorney to collect.

Jedediah Slason, | Execu-
Mark Needham, | tors.

Fredericton, 23d Jan. 1819.

ALL Persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing Notes of Hand against JONATHAN HARTT and WILLIAM KNOX, in favour of GEORGE HUME of Gage-Town, as there was no value received for said Notes.

JONATHAN HARTT.

Gage-Town, 2d Dec. 1818.

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's.
A. FRASER, Senr. }

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 to, within *twelve months* from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

JOHN MORGAN, Jun. *Admr.*

Fredericton, 10th August, 1819.

ALL PERSONS

INDEBTED to the Subscriber on Note or Book Account, up to 24th June last, are requested to call and settle the same without delay.

E. B. WILLIAMS.

Fredericton, 24th Aug. 1819. 3m.

Deputy-Surveyors

ARE requested to send their appointments to the *Surveyor-General's* office; and those desirous of having their authority renewed, will submit to an inspection their Surveying Instruments, and themselves to an examination touching their qualifications.

A. LOCKWOOD,
Surveyor-Gen.

Fredericton, 9th August, 1819.

JUST RECEIVED

By the Subscriber per the *Protector* from Greenock, the *Broth* from Liverpool, and the *Joseph & Jane*, the *Joseph & Mary*, and *Prince of Waterloo* from London, and now opening for sale, an extensive assortment of

MERCHANDIZE,

Among which are the following articles:—CLOTHS and Kerseymeres, Flannels, Blankets, Tartan Plaid, Cuffs, Carpetting, India and British Cottons, Muslins, Cambrics, Callicos, Handkerchiefs and Shawls, Cotton Checks, Striped Cotton, Shirting do. Scotch Homespun, Irish Linens, Sheeting of various discriptions, Flax and Tow Osnabergs, India black Silk and Bandannoe Handkerchiefs, Persian Taffenes, changeable Lustrings, Florentine, Parisnett, Slops assorted, Britannia metal & Block-tin Tea-pots, Iron Tea-kettles, Nails of all sorts, Knives and Forks, Scythes, Scotch Augers, Watches, & Watch Chains, China Snuff-boxes, and gold Rings. Saddles & bridles. A variety of Book and writing Paper, Parchment, Quills, Sealing Wax and Wafers. Ladies and Gentlemens' Beaver Hats, plated and Wool do. Window Glass, Glass and Crockery Ware assorted.

COGNIAC BRANDY,
HOLLANDS GIN, WINES,
White Wine VINEGAR,
SOAP, and CANDLES,

Loaf-Sugar, Paints and Oil, Spirits of Turpentine, Allum, Brimstone, black Lead, black Pepper, shelled & Pearl Barley, and a variety of other articles too tedious to mention.

LIKEWISE FOR SALE,

FLOUR, CORN, RUM, SUGAR, MOLASSES and SALT. All which will be sold low for Cash or approved Credit by

JEDEDIAH SLASON.

Fredericton, 31st May, 1819.

FRESH GOODS.

MARK NEEDHAM

HAS just received by the MARS from *Greenock*; VESTAL, from *London*, and KINGSTON, from *Liverpool*, a Supply suitable for the season,—which will be disposed of at his usual low prices.

Fredericton, 20th July, 1819.

NOTICE.

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.

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.

EZEKIEL SLOOT & Co. request all persons having accounts with them unsettled to the 1st July last, to come forward and settle them without delay, to save unnecessary expences.

Fredericton, 23d August, 1819.

FOR SALE AT THE ROYAL GAZETTE OFFICE

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 Inkpowder; 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

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