MIGHTY ones, Love and Death ! Ye are the strong in this world of ours, We meet at the banquets, ye strive midst the flow'rs -Which hath the Conqueror's wreath? Thou art the victor, Love! Thou art the peerless, the crown'd, the free-

The strength of the battle is given to thee, The spirit from above. Thou hast look'd on death and smiled! Thou hast buoy'd up the fragile and reed-like form Through the tide of the fight, through the rush

On field, and flood and wild. Thou hast stood on the scaffold alone: Thou hast watch'd by the wheel through the tortu-

rer's hour, And girt thy soul with a martyr's power Till the conflict hath been won.

No-thou art the victor, Death ! Thou comest-and where is that which spoke From the depths of the eye, when the bright soul —Gone with the flitting breath!

Thou comest-and what is left Of all that loved us, to say if aught Yet loves, yet answers the burning thought Of the spirit lorn and reft?

Silence is where thou art! Silently thou must kindred meet; No glance to cheer, and no voice to greet; No bounding of heart to heart!

Boast not thy victory, Death! It is but as the cloud's o'er the sunbeam's power-It is but as the winter's o'er leaf and flower, That slumber, the snow beneath.

It is but as a tyrant's reign B'er the look and the voice, which he bids be still -But the sleepless thought and the fiery will Are not for him to chain.

They shall soar his might above! And so with the root whence affection springs, Though buried, it is not of mortal things-Thou art the victor, Love

MEMOIR OF Robert Kaikes, Wsq.

THERE are few individuals who have left behind them a name more secure, or more deserving of immortality, than that of ROBERT RAIKES; nor is there one that will descend to posterity associated with more unfading Howard has acquired deathless denown by visiting hospitals, gaols, and lazarettos; Hanway has secured a miche in the temple of fame by his regard for the outcasts of society; and Fox, as the founder of the Sunday School Society, is enrolled among the philanthropists of his country. A station not less conspicuous, and not less honorable, is assigned to the subject of this arisen solely from the benevolence of those have the effects of his exertions attracted the attention of his countrymen, and contemporaries throughout the world; and, without the blast of the trumpet, or the roar of the cannon, they will command the admiration of future generations, unaccompanied with the groans of the dying, and untainished with the stains of blood

Mr. Raikes was born in the city of Gloucester on the 14th of September, 1736; but of his parentage, family connexions, education, and the events of his early years, very little is known. It is, however, but fair to infer, from the wise and generous actions which marked his mature age, that his youth was not wasted in idleness and dissipation. Having acquired a knowledge of the printing business, and being engaged in trade, this benevolent man, instead of devoting all his time and talents to the acquirement of ease and fortune, directed his attention to the condition of the wretched among his fellow creatures, and exerted himself to mitigate their sufferings, by relieving their necessities

Actuated by these views and feelings, we learn from the European Magazine for 1788. vol. xiv. p. 315, that "The first object which demanded his notice was the miserable state of the county Bridewell, within the city of Gloucester, which being part of the county gaol, the persons committed by the magistrate, out of sessions, for petty offences, were associated, through necessity, with felons of the worst description, with little or no means of subsistence from labor; with little, if any, allowance from the county; without either meat, drink, or clothing; dependant, chiefly, on the precarious charity of such as visited the prison, whether brought thither by business, curiosity, or compassion.

"To relieve these miserable and forlorn wretches, and to render their situation supportable at least, Mr. Raikes employed his pen, his influence, and his property to pro-

ceeding generations, if trained up in equal ig- which they themselves are entire strangers.' of public opinion.

beginning of 1782. The trial continued near- a set of little heathens. ly one year; towards the termination of which, on finding success attending his enterprise, plan. It is now about three years since we

Journal of November 3d, 1783: tion, which has hitherto been prostituted to church, a place into which neither they nor state of the younger class, who are allowed to which are held every morning at the cathedral, run wild on that day, free from every restraint. at seven o'clock. I believe there were near those parishes, where this plan has been adopt- have arisen, to make their complaint. The ed, we are assured that the behaviour of the great principle I inculcate is, to be kind and children is greatly civilized. The barbarous good natured to each other; not to provoke ignorance in which they had before lived, being one another; to be dutiful to their parents; in some degree dispelled, they begin to give not to offend God by cursing and swearing proofs that those persons are mistaken who and such little plain precepts as all may comconsider the lower orders of mankind incapa- prehend. As my profession is that of a prinble of improvement, and therefore think an ter, I have printed a little book, which I give attempt to reclaim them impracticable, or at umongst them: and some friends of mine, subleast not worth the trouble."

racter, was established in the beautiful vale distribute as rewards to the deserving. about seven miles from Gloucester, under the duced one or two of my friends to adopt the patronage of a benevolent Gentleman of the plan, and set up Sunday Schools in other parts name of WEBB, who then resided at Ebworth- of the city, and now a whole parish has taken School was certainly formed about the same the good effects will appear so conspicuous cles of apparel, were distributed among the most time to which Mr. Raikes refers the origin of that the plan will be generally adopted. memoir, the elevation of whose character has the Gloucester Schools, and was soon follow- "The number of children at present engag- clergymen gave their assistance, by going round to active and useful operation.

> hands of the community a powerful engine, have given me an ascendancy greater than rendered of universal application.

shire, who having seen the anonymous para- many years, it may please God, at some future Gloucester, requesting all the information he forth a plenteous harvest. could communicate on a subject which seem- "With regard to the rules adopted, I only ed fraught with sech momentous consequen- require that they come to the school on Sun-Townley's letter, immediately handed it to deterred because they wanted decent clothing;

day Schools:

Gloucester, Nov. 25, 1783. cure them the necessaries of life; and finding the Sunday Schools. The beginning of this you have on. The want of decent apparel, various districts throughout the kingdom. that ignorance was generally the principal scheme was entirely owing to accident. Some at first, kept great numbers at a distance; Early in 1785 the sensation reached London; and cause of those enormities which brought them business leading me one morning into the sub- but they now begin to grow wiser, and all are under the auspices of Mr. William Fox, the Sunday to become objects of his notice, he determined urbs of the city, where the lowest of the peo- pressing to learn. I have had the good luck School Society was called into existence at the close if possible, to procure them some moral and ple (who are-principally employed in the pin- to procure places for some that were deserv- of the year. From that period to the present, these religious instruction. In this he succeeded, manufactory) chiefly reside, I was struck with ing, which has been of great use. You will schools have been gradually increasing, and from by means of bounties and encouragement concern at seeing a group of children, wretch- understand, that these children are from six given to such of the prisoners as were able to edly ragged, at play in the street. I asked an years old to twelve or fourteen. read; and these, by being directed to proper inhabitant whether those children belonged to Boys and Girls above this age, who have midable opposition; but so appparent has been their books, improved both themselves and their that part of the town, and lamented their mise- been totally undisciplined, are generally too fellow prisoners, and afforded him great en- ry and idleness. 'Ah! Sir,' said the woman refractory for this government. A reformacouragement to persevere in the benevolent to whom I was speaking, 'could you take a tion in society seems to me only practicable States has been estimated at 5,901; teachers, 52,663; design. He then procured for them a supply view of this part of the town on a Sunday, you by establishing notions of duty, and practi-scholars, 349,202. With regard to some of these Sheffield, of work, to preclude every excuse and tempta- would be shocked indeed, for then the street cal habits of order and decorum, at an early children this is the only means of education with is filled with multitudes of these wretches, age. But whither am I running? I am asham- which they are favoured; and all of them probably GAGETOWN,

tion of those whom he found the inmates of said she, 'minister of our parish, who has put ed to have been called forth, as they were she blooms and the reflect with thankfulness on gaols had been totally neglected; that no in- some of them to school; but upon the Sabbath, suggested to me. struction had been imparted to their minds, they are all given up to follow their inclinations of the duties which they owed either to their without restraint, as their parents, totally abanneighbors, or to their God; and, as a natural doned themselves, have no idea of instilling consequence, he was led to infer, that suc- into the minds of their children principles to

ly vicious. On looking around him, he, how- it would be at least a harmless attempt, if it as my favorite object. Our Saviour takes particuever, perceived that the children of the poor were productive of no good, should some little lar pains to manifest that whatever tended to prowere engaged in labor at a very tender age, plan be formed to check this deplorable prowhich left them no time to receive instruction fanation of the Sabbath. I then inquired of during the days devoted to employment, and the woman if there were any decent well-dis-Sunday appeared to have been interdicted by posed women in the neighbourhood, who kept some years. But you will excuse me; my heart is prisoners, and who, on appealing to his mecommon consent. The barriers which thus en- schools for teaching to read. I presently was warm in the cause. I think this is the kind of recircled him on every side, left apparently no directed to four. To these I applied, and made formation most requisite in this kingdom. Let our space in which his benevolence could operate; an agreement with them, to receive as many patriots employ themselves in rescuing their counbut its native energy soon discovered an ample children as I should send upon the Sunday, trymen from that despotism which tyrannical pasfield. He saw that Sunday was devoted to whom they were to instruct in reading, and in sions, and vicious inclinations, exercise over them; wickedness, and very rationally concluded, the church catechism. For this I engaged to that if this could be repressed, by teaching the pay them each a shilling for their day's em- form in parliament. children on that sacred day their duties to God ployment. The women seemed pleased with Having reached these conclusions, Mr. ing round to the schools on a Sunday after-Raikes began to carry his plans into operation noon, to examine the progress that was made,

"This, sir, was the commencement of the

tablishing Sunday Schools for rendering the that I am astonished at it. Upon the Sunday given to the plan procured for Mr. Raikes a number the following inscription appears: Lord's-day subservient to the ends of instruc- afternoon the mistresses take their scholars to bad purposes. Farmers, and other inhabi- their ancestors ever entered with a view to the replies. From among these the following, though tants of the towns and villages, complain that glory of God. But what is yet more extraordilin some respects resembling the preceding, can By whom the Sabbath Schools were first instituted they receive more injury in their property on nary, within this month, these little ragamuf- hardly fail to gratify our readers. It was written the Sabbath, than all the week besides: this fins have, in great numbers, taken it into their in answer to an inquiry from Bradford, in Yorkshire, in a great measure proceeds from the lawless heads to frequent the early morning prayers, and is dated Gloucester, June 5, 1784 :-To remedy this evil, persons duly qualified are fifty this morning. They assemble at the house structing such children as I should send to them employed to instruct these that cannot read; of one of the mistresses, and walk before her every Sunday. The children were to come soon and those that may have learnt to read, are to church, two and two, in as much order as after ten in the morning, and stay till twelve; they taught the catechism, and conducted to church. a company of soldiers. I am generally at were then to go home, and return at one; and after By thus keeping their minds engaged, the day | church, and after service they all come round | reading a lesson, they were to be conducted to passes profitably, and not disagreeably. In me to make their bow, and, if any animosities church. After church they were to be employed scribers to the Society for promoting Christian It is understood that the first Sunday School, Knowledge, sometimes make me a present of remark, that if they were clad in a garb fit to apappearing in any thing like a parochial cha- a parcel of Bibles, Testaments, &c. which I pear in the streets, I should not think it improper of Shepscombe, in the Parish of Painswick, success that has attended this scheme has in- neglected. All that I required were clean faces, House in that Parish. The Shepscombe up the object, so that I flatter myself, in time, wards, such as books, combs, shoes, or some arti-

ed by one of the same description in the town ed on the Sabbath is between two and three schools on the Sunday afternoon, to hear the chilprinciples by which he was actuated. Already of Painswick; in which, as well as Sheps-hundred, and they are increasing every week, combe, the establishment, supported by volun- as the benefit is universally seen. I have entary contribution, has ever since continued in deavoured to engage the clergy of my acquaintance that reside in their parishes. One has their good behaviour with some little gratuity. From the Gloucester Journal, of which Mr. entered into the scheme with great fervor; and Raikes was himself the proprietor and publish- it was in order to excite others to follow the er, the preceding paragraph soon found its way example, that I inserted in my paper the painto the London and some provincial papers; ragraph which I suppose you saw copied into and from the novelty of the subject, it exci- the London papers. I cannot express to you The thunderbolt men of sect and par- genius and innate good dispositions, among ask pardon, and the offended is enjoined to forgive. ty saw the Sabbath violated, and launch- this little multitude. It is botanizing in hu- The happiness that must arise to all from a kind. ed their anathemas against the innovator; man nature. I have often, too, the satisfac- good-natured behaviour, is often inculcated. those who could merely read and write, per- tion of receiving thanks from parents, for the ceived the rites of their castes invaded; while reformation they perceive in their children .those who snored in aristocratic ignorance, Often have I given them kind admonitions, predicted convulsions that would unhinge the which I always do in the mildest and gentlest civilized world. The more enlightened, how- manner. The going among them, ding them ever, saw the subject in a very different little kindnesses, distributing trifling rewards, him whether he perceived any alteration in the poo light. They perceived that it put into the and ingratiating myself with them, I hear, children he employed. - 'Sir,' says he, 'the change possessing an energy which baffled all calcu- ever could have imagined; for I am told by nion, had they been transformed from the shape of lation, from its obvious capability of being their mistresses that they are very much afraid of my displeasure. If you ever pass through In this state of public feeling, numerous Gloucester, I shall be happy to pay my resletters were addressed to Mr. Raikes, con- pects to you, and to show you the effects of taining a due proportion of censure, of ap- this effort at civilization. If the glory of God literate creatures, they were before. When they plause, and of sincere inquiry. Among be promoted in any, even the smallest degree, have seen a superior come, and kindly instruct and those who appeared to have been been ac- society must reap some benefit. If good seed admonish them, and sometimes reward their good tuated by a spirit of benevolence was a be sown in the mind at an early period of hu- behaviour, they are anxious to gain his friendship Colonel Townley, a gentleman of Lanca- man life, though it shows itself not again for and good opinion. They are also become more graph, addressed a letter to the mayor of period, to cause it to spring up, and to bring formation so singular, could have been effected

The Mayor, on receiving Colonel day as clean as possible. Many were at first Mr. Raikes, who, in reply, furnished the but I could not undertake to supply this defect. from growing worse, which at present seems but following interesting particulars respecting I argue, therefore, if you can loiter about, too apparent. I am sir, &c. the occasion, origin, and character of Sun- without shoes, and in a ragged coat, you may as well come to school, and learn what may facturing towns in Yorkshire; in Leeds, about tend to your good, in that garb. I reject none 1800 poor children were speedily collected. In honored him with, inquiring into the nature of you have no clean shirt, come in that which 57 feet wide. Other places followed these laudable

for a mind constituted like that of Mr. Raikes, chuck, and cursing and swearing in a manner so plete idea of Sunday Schools was to be con- utility, that most of their enemies are either become and habituated to serious reflection, to trace horrid, as to convey to any serious mind an idea veyed to you by telling what first suggested silent, or have been converted into friends. this moral malady up to its primitive source. of hell rather than any other place. We have a the thought. The same sentiments would He discovered that, in early life, the educa- worthy clergyman, the REV. THOMES STOCK, have arisen in your mind, had they happen-

provement to be made on this plan. The minds of years prior to his death he was visited by the men have taken great hold on that prejudice that celebrated Joseph Lancaster, who, of that in-we are to do nothing on the Sabbath-day which terview, speaks as follows: may be deemed labor, and therefore we are to excused from all application of mind as well as body. norance, would, in all probability, prove equal- "This conversation suggested to me, that The rooting out this prejudice is the point I aim at

and they will find that true liberty and national welfare are more essentially promoted than by any re-

"As often as I have attempted to conclude, some and man, no law, either human or divine, the proposal. I then waited on the clergy- new idea has arisen, This is strange, as I am writwould be violated, and that the community man before mentioned, and imparted to him my ing to a person whom I never have, and perhaps would be amply compensated for the sacrifice plan. He was so much satisfied with the idea, never may see; but I have felt that we think alike; that he engaged to lend his assistance, by go- I shall therefore only add my ardent wishes that fully into my mind, without lifting up my hands your views of promoting the happiness of society and heart to heaven in gratitude to God. may be attended with every possible success, con- for having put such a thought into my scious that your own internal enjoyment will there- heart." towards the close of the year 1781, or in the and to enforce order and decorum among such by be considerably advanced. - I have the honor to be, sir, yours, &c.

"R. RAIKES." of applications from various quarters, soliciting further information on the regulations of the institution, to which he most readily furnished suitable

"Having found four persons who had been accustomed to instruct children in reading, I engaged to pay the sum they required for receiving and inin repeating the catechism till half past five, and then to be dismissed with an injunction to go home without making a noise, and by no means to play in the street. This was the general outline of the regulation.

"With regard to the parents, I went round to remonstrate with them on the melancholy consequences that must ensue from so fatal a neglect of their children's morals. They alleged that their poverty rendered them incapable of cleaning and clothing their children fit to appear either at school or at church; but this objection was obviated by a The for a school calculated to admit the poorest and most clean hands, and the hair combed. In other respects they were to come as their circumstances would admit. Many children began to show talents | following Articles, viz :--for learning, and a desire to be taught. Little rediligent; this excited an emulation. One or two dren in their catechism; this was of great conse- WOOD, Cords - - 50

"Another clergyman hears them in their catechism onee a quarter publicly in the church, and rewards

"They are frequently admonished to refrain from swearing; and certain boys, who are distinguished by their decent behaviour, are appointed to superintend the conduct of the rest, and make report of Troops and Departments in the Garrisons of St. John, those that swear, call names, or interrupt the com- Fredericton and Saint Andrews. fort of the other boys in their neighbourhood. When ted no small share of public attention. the pleasure I often receive in discovering quarrels have arisen, the aggressor is compelled to John, on or before the 24th June next, sixteen Barrels

"This mode of treatment has produced a wonderful change in the manners of these little savages I cannot give a more striking instance than received the other day from Mr. Church, a considerable manufacturer of hemp and flax, who emplovs great numbers of these children. I asked I could not have been more extraordinary, in my opi wolves and tigers to that of men. In temper, disposition, and manners, they could hardly be said to differ from the brute creation. But since the establishment of the Sunday Schools, they have seemed anxious to show that they are not the ignorant, ilvengeful. In short, I never conceived that a reamongst the set of untutored beings I employed.' " From this little sketch of the reformation which has taken place, there is teason to hope that a gene-

ral establishment of Sunday Schools would, in time, make some change in the morals of the lower class, R. RAIKES."

In 1784 the plan was adopted by several manu-SIR, My friend, the mayor, has just com- on that footing. All that I require are clean Stockport a spacious building was completed, for municated to me the letter which you have hands, clean face, and the hair combed; if the purpose of a Sunday School, 134 feet long, and examples, and Sunday Schools soon started up in

extending throughout Europe, they have found their way into every quarter of the globe.* In

The affinity being thus rendered obvious who, released on that day from employment, ed to see how much I have trespassed on thus receive instruction which they would not oth- Kingston, between vice and ignorance, it was natural spend their time in noise and riot, playing at your patience; but I thought the most com- erwise enjoy.—Boston Athenaum. HAMPTON,

witness the growing extension of Sunday "I have no doubt that you will find great im- attended his early endeavours. About three

"I was naturally desirous of gaining information and instruction from a venerable man of seventy-two, who had in a series of years superintended the education of 3000 children. mote the health and happiness of our fellow-crea- who had been actively engaged in visiting tures, were sacrifices peculiarly acceptable on that both the city and the county prisons, whereby he had gained an ample opportunity of know-"I do not think I have written so long a letter for ing if any of the scholars were brought in as mory, which, although at an advanced age, was strong and lively, could answer-'None.'"

Mr. Lancaster adds, that when Mr. Raikes was first revolving the subject of Sunday Schools in his thoughts, the word TRY was so powerfully impressed upon his mind, as to decide him at once to action; and he remarked to Mr. Lancaster-" I can never pass by the spot where the word 'TRY' came so power-

From 1809 to 1811, the health of Mr. Raikes was visibly on the decline; and he was occasionally visited with symptoms that indicated an approach-With the preceeding letter, which details with ing dissolution. On the evening of the 5th of April the following paragraph, which seems to be began, and I could wish you were here to make such admirable simplicity the birth and infancy of 1811, he experienced an oppression on the chest. the first that was ever printed respecting Sun- inquiry into the effect. A woman who lives highly delighted that at his request it was published. A physician was immediately called in; but he soon day Schools, was inserted in the Gloucester in a lane where I had fixed a school, told me in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1784, by which more than half an hour he breathed his last, in his some time ago that the place was quite a hea- means the subject of Sunday Schools was brought native city of Gloucester, in the 75th year of his age. Some of the clergy in different parts of ven upon Sundays, compared to what it used into public notice, and a knowledge of the methods His mortal remains were buried in the ancient this county, bent upon attempting a reform to be. The numbers who have learned to that had been adopted for their establishment, dif- church of St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester, and on a among the children of the lower class, are es- read and say their catechism, are so great, fused throughout the kingdom. The publicity thus monument, subjoined to an epitaph on his parents,

> ROBERT, Their Eldest Son, in this Place; and were also,

By his successful exertion and assiduity, Recommended to others. He died on the 5th of April, In the year of our Salvation 1811. of his Age 75."

While the names of warriors who have fought for their country, and spread devastation through the territories they have ravished and desolated, are recorded on splendid public monuments, this humble inscription is all that distinguishes the grave of this virtuous philanthropist and friend of mankind. But the most durable monument to the memory of Mr. Raikes, may be found in the numerous Sunday Schools now in active operation; which in England and Ireland alone contain upwards of a million of children, and above ninety thousand gratuitous teachers; and the best tribute of respect we can render to his memory is, a persevering imitation of the bright example he has set before us and bequeathed to posterity.

Assistant Commissary Generals Office, St. John, N. B. 30th March 1830, EALED Tenders will be received at this Office until Tuesday the 11th of May next, at noon, from persons disposed to enter into Contract to supply for the use of His Majesty's Troops in this Province, the

COAL, Chaldrons 350 For such quantities of best PORPOISE OIL and COTTON WICK, as may be required for one year from the 25th June next, at St John and Fredericton, to be issued to the Troops in detail by the Contractors. For such quantities of FRESH BEEF as may be required for one year from the 25th June next, for the

For supplying into the Commissariat Stores at St. of Prime Mess Irish Pork, warranted to keep good and sweet until the 24th June, 1831.

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