

CLASSIC POETRY. Oxford Prize Poem, for 1823.

STONEHENGE.

Wrapt in the veil of Time's unbroken gloom, Obscure as death as silent as the tomb, Where cold obtivion holds her dusky reign, Frowns the dark pile on Sarum's lonely plain.

Yet think not here with classic eye to trace Corinthian beauty, or Ionian grace; No pillar'd lines with sculptured foliage crown'd, No floted remnants deck the hallowed ground : Firm, as implanted by some Titan's might, Each rugged stone uprears its giant height, Whence the pois'd fragment tottering seems to throw A trembling shadow on the plain below.

Here oft, when evening sheds her twilight ray, And gilds with fainter beam departing day, With breathless gaze, and cheek with terror pale, The lingering shepherd startles at the tale, How, at deep midnight, by the moon's chill glance, Unearthly forms prolong the viewless dance; While on each whisp'ring breeze that marmers by, His busied fancy hears the hollow sigh.

Rise from thy haunt, dread genius of the clime, Rise, magic spirit of forgotten time !

Tis thine to burst the mantling clouds of age, And fling new radiance on Tradition's page: See, at thy call, from Fable's varied store. In shadowy train the mingled visions pour; Here the wild Briton, 'mid his wilder reign, Spurns the proud yoke, and scorns the oppressor's

Here wizard Merlin, where the mighty fell, Waves the dark wand, and chants the thrilling spell. Hark ! 'tis the bardic lyre whose harrowing strain Wakes the rude echoes of the slumbering plain; Lo! 'tis the Draid pomp, whose lengthening line In lowliest homage bends before the shrine. He comes--the priest-amid the sullen blaze His snow, white robe in spectral lustre plays; Dim gleam the torches through the circling night, Dark curl the vapors round the altar s light; O'er the black scene of death each conscious star, In lurid glory, rolls its silent car.

'Tis gone! e'eu now the mystic horrors fade From Sarum's loneliness, and Mona's glade; Hush'd is each note of Taliesin's lyre, Sheathed the fell blade, and quenched the fatal fire, On wings of light Hope's angel form appears, Smiles on the past and points to happier years; Points, with uplifted hand, and raptured eye, To you pure dawn that floods the opening sky; And views, at length, the Sun of Judah pour One cloudless noon o'er Albion's rescued shore.

MONSTERS OF THE DEEP, Oct. 30.

FROM THE NEW YORK EVENING POST.

The enormous marine animal now exhibiting in Broadway, New York, called " the Vampire of the is certainly one of the most extraordinary productions of the deep, and gives some degree of probability to the many accounts we have in books of travels and others, of the existence of those vast sea animals. The Vampire is so singular in its formation, that it would take more space to describe it than our limits will allow; but some idea may be entertained of its bulk when we mention that it weighs upwards of five tons. The resistance it made when caught was so great, that by a slight turn of its body, it snapped off the head of the harpoon with which it was struck, with as much ease as if it had been a tobacco pipe.

In captain Von Kotzebue's recent voyage, we find a notice of a gigantic species of polypus, bearing a striking resemblance to the terrific description given of the Kraken by bishop Pontopiddon. He says that " the Aleutians speak of a polypus with arms twice as thick as those of a strong man, which it once threw round one of their baydaus, and would have carried it into the abyss, if the Aleutian had not had the presence of mind to cut through, with his knife, the fleshy arm of the monster, which was furnished with large suckers. The polypus remains with his body fast at the bottom of the sea, and ge. nerally chooses a place from which it can reach the surface with its arms." In the last supplement to Horsburgh's Indian Directory, we have an account, extracted from the log'book of the Hercules East Indiaman, under date of June, 1816, of the discovery, on her outward bound passage from England, of two large marine animals which at first were taken for rocks on 'the Sot Van Cappelle shoal.' One of them being right ahead of the vessel, " we were in the act of hauling away from it, when we observed it disappear all at once, showing an immense fish's tail as it went below the surface of the sea. The ship, no doubt, had disturbed it as it lay without motion before it got close, the sea making a small break on the head or fore part of the body, which was about sixteen feet above water, and a. bout 80 feet in circumference, of a white grey colour, covered with a mixture of barnacle and sea weed, like a wreck that had been long in the wa-The length could not be determined but we think It must have been great by the appearance of the discoloured water over the animal. not got so suddenly close to it, we should positively have declared that we had seen the rocks above water about a mile distant from each other, as these animals lay without motion, part of them sixteen feet above water, and the sea breaking over them."

However incredulous many may be as to the ex. istence of the sea serpent, Kriukor's description of a sea animal, which lately pursued him at Behring's Island, is very remarkable, and goes far to remove the prevailing doubts. "It was very fortunate for ns, says he, that we were so near land, or else the monster would have swallowed us. It stretched its head far above the water, looked about for prey, and vanished. The head soon appeared again, and that considerably nearer; we rowed with all our might, and were happy to have reached the shore, before the serpent. The sea lions were so terrified at the sight, that some rushed into the wa. ter, and others hid themselves on the shore." Til.

loch, in a late number of the Philosophical Maga. I zine observes on this account, that " if a sea ser. pent really has been seen on the coast of North America, it may have been one of this frightful

Considering the immense extent and depth of the ocean, it is surely no way unreasonable to be-lieve that it is inhabited by animals of a much grea. ter bulk than those we are accustomed to see. existence of the Mammoth and of the Maestricht was long doubted, until the discovery of their bones in different parts of the world demonstrated the fact. Even in England, there were many who disbelieved in the latter so late as the year 1821, although it was well known that the remains of one had been found in St. Peter's Mountains, near Maestricht, in Germany. The discovery of three vertebiæ in the chalk of Lewis dissipated all incredulity. Having the concurring testimony of so many disinterested persons to the existence of the Sea Serpent and other enormous marine animals. and having now before our eyes one of no ordinary bulk, the vampire of the ocean, which certainly exceeds in magnitude any thing of the kindlever seen in this country, it would be carrying increduli. ty too far to persist in denying that the sea may contain others of an equal and even of a larger size, and a species totally different from any with which we have been hitherto familiar.

REWARDS OF VIRTUE.

The French Accademy have instituted annual prizes for virtuous actions. Five of these were a. warded, on the 25th ult. (St. Louis day,) to five individuals of the lower classes of society, for acts or habits of virtue. The first prize, of the value of 1,500 francs, was decreed to Joseph Becard, an oldclothes man, and the following is the account that the Bishop of Hermopolis gave of the invincible pa. tience and numerous sacrifices which drew down upon him the award of Baron de Montyou's boun. ty:-This man, formerly the servant of the Mar. quis of Stinfort, who died at Arras at the commence. ment of the revolution, had witnessed in the prison of that city, during this disastrous period, the generous devotedness of Madame de Chavillac to her husband, who was thrown into the same dungeon. Deprived of all support after the death of her bus-band, in 1812, Madame de Chavillac came to Paris to solicit payment of some money which was due to him. She understood very little of the French language; and not succeeding in the object of her journey, was reduced to the last degree of want, when she accidentally met Becard, to whom, being of the same province, and speaking the same dialect, she communicated the account of her distress. Becard was deeply affected with her change of condition, and rendered her immediately all the assistance in his power, by selling for her, at a profitable rate, those articles which she was obliged to dispose of for her immediate subsistence, This small fund was soon exhausted; and the uubappy lady, in des. pair, passed whole nights and days in tears, struggling to conceal the distress which oppressed her .-Becard, being himself reduced to straits, endea voured to aid her with his feeble means; and as she was ashamed to inscribe her came at the board of charity, he placed his there in her stead, eating filmself the coarse bread which he received, and buying fine bread for Madame de Chavillac, who had become blind from the excess of her afflictions. Nay, conquering his natural feelings of shame, he even submitted to beg alms in the street for her sake; and not succeeding in his object by all the humiliations of his new calling, tried afterwards the trade of an old clothes man. About the end of last De. cember, this unfortunate woman became ill, and Becard, after going about during the day to gain a pittance for her support, watched her sick bed dur. ng the night on a chair. It was only after three months' watching that he could be prevailed upon to accept of a mattrass from one of the neighbours, resisting the offer so long, on the ground that he might thus fall asleep while his patient required his assistance. His charity did not diminish as the progress of Madame de Chavillac's illness render. ed his services more painful. He never addressed her but with the respect of a servant, executing her most trifling wishes without a murmer, though con. tinued suffering had soured her temper, and render. ed her peevish and morose. She sometimes com. plained of his leaving her during the day. He on. ly answered her by saying, that if they could have the means of support without his labour, he would never leave her bed side. Ten days before her death, he in fact ceased to go out on his usual oc. cupation. She died about the middle of May last. Becard rendered her the last services of humanity, accompanied her body to the grave, and carried to the Curé of the parish five francs which remained of the succour which that Cure had sent her, for the purpose of obtaining prayers for her soul .-Faithful to her memory, he made with his own hands a small wooden cross, and placed it, with her name inscribed, on the grave where her remains were interred. Such is the course of action which has secured for this faithful friend of misfortune a gold medal, and an honourable mention among as. sembled academicians. If there is any romance in the return of the five francs, and the erection of the monument, it must be ascribed to the bishop who gave the details.

LONDON.

FEMALE FASHIONS FOR OCTOBER.

MORNING DRESS.

High dress of mazereen green gros de Naples, made plain, and fastened behind; ornamented on each side of the bust with a corded satin trimming of double points, through the centre of which a plaited stem is interwoven: it nearly meets at the waist, but extends as it advances to fhe shoulders. Long sleeve, nearly tight, edged with satin, and ornamented at the wrist with a triplet of satin trian. gles, crossed by folded circlets in the centre: full epaulette, separated into bouffants by satin orna. ments: broad band, edged with satin round the waist, and a rosette of corded leaves behind. Satin rouleau at the bottom of the skirt, and two rows of twisted satin cord above, at equal distances: rich. ly worked Vandyke muslin ruff, and narrow work.

Cap of white tulle or Paris net, buund with pink satin, having four borders of double crape lisse, ei her twined one within the other, or else laid on in waves of alternate pink and white; straight in front, and full at the sides: the crown has a white satin corded ornament, divided into five points; between the upper part of each is a puffing of net, and a white satiu star, whose radii are composed of small tolds, spread over the top: clusters of

roses and major convolvuluses are placed in the front and side. Jonquil colour kid gloves. BALL DRESS.

Dress of pink lama gauze: the corsage plain, bound with pink satin, and ornamented at equal distances with large pearls and a festoon of silver lace, supported in front with a diamond brooch. Bouquets of Sicilian flowers are tastefully disposed on the bust and sleeves, which are short and very full, festooned with silver lace, and set in a satin band round the arm; sash of the same materials as the dress. The petticoat has a very deep border of plaited tulle, confined at the too and bottom with a double rouleau of pink satin, divided in the centre by a narrower; a branch of satin crosses, torming half diamonds: at the points are satin bows, and sometimes flowers are added.

Head dress, a pearl band and tiara, tastened by bows of pearl on the left side: very little bair on the forehead; and the hind hair is drawn high, and confined in a bunch by a cord of twisted pearl. Earrings, necklace, and bracelets of pearl, with pink topage snaps. White kid gloves and white salin shoes.

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