



FOR THE WASHINGTON WRIG.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. Dr. Stein-Kopf, one of the secretaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society, dated at Stuttgart, Oct. 24, 1830.

At two in the morning I was called to attend the daughter of a British nobleman who was in a most alarming state of health. She was taken ill of a cold, which became a pleurisy, and she desired to see me. I cannot describe the impression which the conduct of this amiable & truly pious young lady produced on my mind. In the immediate prospect of death, she was calm, composed and serene. Her hope was steadily fixed on Christ the Rock of ages. She literally, triumphed in the God of her salvation, and offered up prayers for all her relations, friends and acquaintances. She seemed like a seraph, ready to take her celestial flight. One expression left a very powerful impression on my mind: "Blessed" said she, "are the sincere friends and promoters of the Bible society. Before the throne of God they will be met by thousands who owe their salvation, next to the blessing of God, to the Bible, which they have so zealously spread abroad in all the languages of the world. There they will reap what here they have sown, and receive an unfading crown of glory."

"Let them persevere in their sublime work, it will have its reward. I thank God, that my lot has fallen in such a glorious period. What should I now do without the consolations of the word of God?"

Those who are not satisfied with such a testimony in favor of Bible societies, would not be persuaded though one rose from the dead.

M.

Hudson, N. Y. May 20.

Counterfeiters.—On the 15th or 16th inst. Michael Bust, who lives near Middleburg, Schoharrie county, with three associates, was arrested for counterfeiting. Suspicion had been excited by Bust, who passed considerable quantities of this spurious money, by his uniformly saying to those whom he let have the notes, that if it was not good he would take it back again.

They had a copperplate printer's press concealed in the barn, and in the trunk or chest of Bust, a considerable amount of counterfeit money was found, and we understand engraved plates for notes on the bank of Catskill, on a Troy bank, on a Montreal bank, and on a bank in Rhode Island.

They had in their possession counterfeit bills of the following banks, and of the following denominations: 2's on the Farmers' bank, Maryland; 5's on the Mechanics' bank, in the city of New York; 5's State Bank, New Brunswick, N. J.; 5's Montreal bank. Bills of the above description, to the amount of 60 dollars, were found in possession of the gang, and a plate nearly completed for the purpose of forging 2 dollar bills on the bank of Troy was also discovered.

SUMMARY.

Mr Sheldon Clark, of Oxford, Con. has recently presented to the corporation of Yale College, the sum of 5,000 dollars.

At Darlington, Eng. in April last, a man devoured three pounds and a half of an old boar's head, which had hung three weeks in a butcher's shop; he ate it without vegetables or bread, and afterwards rinsed his throat with six quarts of home brew'd ale!

We are requested to state, says the New York Daily Advertiser, that the banks now receive pistereens at eighteen cents each, and not at twenty, as formerly.

A London paper affirms, that during the late stormy weather, 500 deer perished in the earl of Tankerville's park.

It is said that Mr. Canning, the British ambassador in this country, is about to return to England, on a visit, having leave of absence for a time.

The earthquakes at Aleppo, have entirely ceased, as well as the epidemic which succeeded them; and on the 8th of Dec. the people were allowed to return to their houses.

Lothrop Shurtliff, of Carver, Massachusetts has been convicted of an attempt to poison his two daughters by mixing arsenic with their coffee.

The Salem Messenger says two mad dogs were killed on the 4th inst. One in Upper Penn's Neck, and the other in Mannington.

Caution.—Yesterday we saw a note of the Bank of America altered from one to fifty dollars, and so well executed that those not particularly familiar with the different notes of this bank would not discover the fraud.—Gaz.

A good beginning.—James Haney, who lately killed Malachi P. Varian in a duel at Sackett's Harbor, has been convicted of man slaughter, and sentenced to ten years imprisonment. The parties were common soldiers, and no doubt, expected to come off as well as our 'gentlemen' who so freely visit the 'monument of honor' at Hoboken, viz. to have their names immortalised, in the newspapers and porter-houses. This conviction is either a high compliment upon the soldier, or a contempt for the officer, inasmuch as it would seem that the former are valuable and cannot be spared, & the latter worthless, & not worth an effort to save them.

A man by the name of Cole, was sentenced to confinement for four years and three months at hard labor, for killing another, at Portland, Me. in a boxing scuffle.

A revolutionary pensioner was lately tried and convicted of perjury at Portland, Maine, for endeavouring to elude the law by making over his property to his son, with a view of obtaining a pension from government for his services.

Suicide.—The Methodist church at St Petersburg, Va. was lately entered and robbed about the 10th inst. and several articles of considerable value stolen therefrom. As yet the thief has escaped detection.

In a letter to Dr. Bancroft, the ex-president Adams, gives the following severe rebuke to the spirit of intolerance yet cherished by too many of the clergy—"The most afflictive circumstances that I have witnessed in the lot of humanity, are the narrow views, the unsolid humors, the fastidious scorn, and repulsive temper of all denominations excepting one. I cannot conclude this letter without an anecdote. One of the zealous mendicants for the contribution to the funds of missionary societies, called on a gentleman in Haverhill, and requested his charity. The gentleman declined subscribing, but added that "there are in and about the town of —, nine clergymen, ministers of nine congregations, not one of whom lives on terms of civility with any other, will admit no other into his pulpit, nor be permitted to go into the pulpit of any other. Now if you will raise a fund to convert these nine clergymen to Christianity, I will contribute as much as any other man" I am, &c.

JOHN ADAMS."

We believe the evil of which the gentleman, mentioned in the above anecdote, complains, does more injury to the church of Christ than all the labours of all the missionaries now employed in all places do good. Sect-making and Christianity are two things. Where the good of souls is the great object, sectarian prejudices are abandoned.

During the present sitting of the Supreme Court in Trenton, Alexander Wurts, esq. of Hunterdon, was examined and admitted as counsellor at law; and John Smalley, esq. of Cumberland, was at the same time examined and admitted as attorney at law.

The editor of the Danville, Penn. Press, says, We have brought suits against a great many of our subscribers, for which we offer no apology. We have, independent of the notices in our paper, sent an agent with stated accounts to the amount of \$700, and after riding six days and paying his expenses, he collected ten dollars.—This needs no comment; we shall sue every man who owes us one cent. In nine cases out of ten where we have presented our accounts, our respectable patrons have disputed bills which they knew to be just."

A Fredericktown editor publishes all his subscribers who remove without paying their bills. There is one serious objection to this course—it would occupy too much room in the paper!

Flavius Waterman, of Washington city, notifies the public that he has invented a new method to propel boats, by the aid of men or women, which will be far cheaper than steam. He has, he says, tried the experiment on a small scale, that proved its utility—he has obtained a patent, & offers state-rights for sale.

In New York, a paper states that a large proportion of the milk sold, is composed of chalk and water; and it is proposed to permit the bakers to make their bread of sawdust and flour.

The horse Roman, purchased of the earl of Warwick, by Mr Charles Williams, of Boston, and imported into New York in the ship Maria, is said to be one of the finest and best horses ever seen in this country. He is a beautiful bay, with black legs, but not a white hair; and stands 15 hands two or three inches high.

At a militia muster near New Brunswick, Mr Cornelius Post, who was in the front rank, was shot in the hip by the discharge of a musket in the rear rank, which was not known to be loaded.

Professor Lindsley, who was lately elected president of Princeton college, has declined the appointment, and at a meeting of the board of trustees of the college, Dr. Carnaghan, of Georgetown, D. C. has been unanimously elected to that station. This is the third election since the resignation of Dr. Greene, we hope it will be successful.

Since writing the above, we learn that Dr Carnaghan has accepted the appointment, and will immediately enter upon the duties of the office.

At St. Louis, the Roman Catholic bishop Neille, has established a Lancasterian school.

The citizens of Adams county, Pa. have had a meeting, to nominate a candidate for the presidency. JOHN Q. ADAMS was the favorite, and they resolved "that taking into consideration the republican education and nurture, the long tried public services, the political and patriotic principles, the exemplary domestic virtues, and the unquestionable talents of John Quincy Adams, he be recommended to the people of Pennsylvania, for their support at the next election for President of the U. States."

The Rochester Telegraph of the 6th inst. says, ten thousand four hundred barrels Rochester flour were shipped on the canal from that village, during the last ten days. So much for "Clinton's big ditch."

Admiration to drunkards.—Whoever swallows two gills of distilled spirits daily, destroys twenty bushels of rye a year; for the want of which, many of his own posterity may eventually starve.

On the evening of last Thursday fortnight, the wife of Mr S. Snyder, of Greenville, Green co. was safely delivered of three fine boys, all of whom are healthy and likely to do well; being the second case of triplets in that place, all of whom are alive.

The improvements on the Schuylkill are in a rapid state of progress. Two thousand men are now employed on them.

In the month of December last, a cat belonging to Mr Woodhouse, a respectable farmer at Child's Ercall, in Shropshire, Eng. brought forth a litter of kittens, which were taken from her and drowned. Shortly after she was observed making frequent visits to the barn, and on following her to her retreat, she was found suckling eight young rats; the old rat at the same time was seen at a short distance.

Mr. Christine Clark has sued the corporation of the city of Washington, to whom the national lottery was granted, for his 100,000 dollar prize, as by his writ, declaration and dream on file, &c. The corporation plead that they did not assume and promise in manner and form as the plaintiff declares and dreams against them, and put themselves on the country for trial. The country, that is, their own city country, may give a verdict in their favor, but we think "the dream, and the interpretation thereof" will yet come to pass, as there will be an appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

On the 9th inst. a fellow named James Stephenson, stole a horse from the stable of Mr James Huntsman, near Elizabethtown, N. J. He was promptly pursued, overtaken, and secured in jail.

The New England Farmer says, scalded fowls are ill looking, and will not sell for so much as those that are picked, and soon spoil, often before market; otherwise the feather, altho' not the first quality, will amply repay for plucking. By scalding, poultry is deprived of its delicious flavor, is made insipid, often producing what is termed rising on the stomach.

To produce a yellow rose, without a thorn.—Take of genistella, or sweet broom; cut it down within two inches of the ground, engraft upon the centre stems, slips from the white rose bush, and if the process is properly managed, you will produce a rose without a thorn of the jonquil color, as yellow as the most brilliant jonquil. Am. Fur.

A rencounter took place in Tennessee late, between a Mr Jeffery, and some of his associates, and a gang of horse thieves. The thieves lodged themselves in ambush, and fired at Jeffery and his party who were in pursuit, by which Mr Jeffery was shot through the heart, and one of his party miserably wounded.

An experienced farmer in Connecticut, states, that pieces of cloth dipped in sulphur and grease, and placed upon poles about every ten rods through a cornfield, will effectually secure it from the ravages of crows. He has practised it the last seven years with success.

Gen. Joseph Bloomfield, of Burlington, N. J. has been appointed by the secretary at war, one of the visitors to superintend the examination of the cadets at West Point, on the first Monday in June.

Cure for the rheumatism.—It is said the tread-mills in the penitentiaries, by reason of the exercise they give the persons placed on them, are conducive to health, and an excellent cure for the rheumatism!

Presidential nomination.—At a large and respectable meeting of the citizens of Jefferson county, says the Louisville, Ky. Public Advertiser, held in the court house in Louisville, on the 25th ult. general ANDREW JACKSON was nominated a candidate for the Presidency of the United States by a majority of 170 to 160 votes. If Mr Clay fails in his own state where it was supposed the people were devoted to his interest, we are apprehensive he will not have much reason to congratulate himself in other sections of the Union. There appears to be changes in public choice as well as sentiment since this subject was first agitated—it is difficult to say at what point it will ultimately arrive.

The unnatural soli.—A certain farmer in Connecticut, possessing a small estate, was persuaded by his own son (who was married and lived with his father,) to give him a deed of the property. It was accordingly executed. Soon the father began to find himself neglected—next removed from the common table to a block in the chimney corner, to take the morsel of food reluctantly given him. At last, one day the unnatural son resolved to try once more to break the heart of his sire. He procured a block, and began to follow it. While at work, he was questioned by one of his children what he was doing. I am making a rough for your grand-father to eat out of, was the reply. Ah, says the child, and when you are as old as grand-father, shall I have to make a rough for you to eat out of? The instrument he was using fell from his hand—the block was cast on the fire—the old man's forgiveness asked, and he was restored to the situation his age and worth entitled him.

An old maid was telling her age which she said was just 36 years. A gentleman in company doubted the truth of her statement, but was corrected by her brother, who said it must be true, for she had told the same story for ten years.

Virgil was asked why he studied so much accuracy in the plan of his poems, the propriety of his characters, and the purity of his diction, he replied, 'I am writing for eternity.' What can be a more weighty consideration to justify and enforce the utmost vigilance and circumspection of life than this—I am living for eternity.

Difficulty of translation.—An unfortunate mistake occurred some time ago in translating the Scriptures into one of the eastern languages. To judge was understood in the sense of doing or rendering justice, and the sentence—judge not lest ye be judged, was translated, do not justify, lest justice be done unto you.

London paper.

To be disposed of reasonably, if applied for within ten days, a fine large dead cat, which has been lying for two days past in Nassau street, directly opposite the custom house. She has grown considerably since she has been in her present situation, and if the weather should continue warm through the ensuing week, she will probably grow to twice her ordinary size. For further particulars, enquire of those who have the oversight of street cleansing.

N. Y. Ad.

Anthony Dey, esq. of Newark, advertises Saplin Flaxseed, which he says, will, if the land on which it is sown is good, produce two tons of flax to the acre.

There are 38 cities, towns and townships, and 19 counties in the U. States, called Washington.

Judge Jeffries, of notorious memory, who was about to be tried, said,

there is a great rogue at the end of my cane. The man to whom he pointed, looking at him, said, at which end my lord?

Silk worm.—In a communication to the society for arts and manufactures, (vol. iv. p. 163,) it is stated by Miss Henriett Rhodes, that one line of the silk worm, when unwound, measured 404 yards, and when dry, weighed 3 grains. Hence it follows, that one pound avoirdupois of the thread, as spun by the worm, may be extended into a line 535 miles long, and that a thread which would encompass the earth would weigh no more than 47 pounds.

The sloop Humbird was run down on the 19th inst by a brig off Maiden Island, below fort Mifflin, when Jas. Flanagan, the owner, Nehemiah Andrews and Daniel St. John were drowned. The body of Mr Flanagan has been found and taken to Philadelphia; the others have not been found.

A Massachusetts agriculturalist states, that the 6th month (June.) is the best time to trim fruit trees, as in that month the wounds heal sooner than in the cooler season of the spring.

Fifty-two members of the senior class of Cambridge college, Massachusetts, have been dismissed, in consequence of a rebellion.

The congress of Mexico have banished Iturbide, their late emperor, to Italy, with a yearly salary of 25,000 dollars. It would appear from this, that the congress themselves feared the fallen monarch, or that he was not altogether deserted by friends whom his opponents have looked upon as formidable.

Fatal effect of intemperance.—The Woodbury Herald of the 20th inst. says that a man by the name of Forest, near Salem, in this state, in a fit of intoxication lately bent and bruised his daughter, a young girl, to that degree that she died immediately after of the wounds. He also beat and bruised his wife so that she is confined to her bed. The cause of provocation was, they had concealed his rum bottle. He is confined in Salem Jail to await his trial.

Prince Murat, son of the ex-king of Naples and nephew of the late Napoleon, arrived at New York on Tuesday, in the ship Daphne.

A young lady in Scotland lately made her escape by a window in the night; and ran off with her sweet-heart. This circumstance had such an effect upon her father, that he left his house on the following morning and drowned himself.

A recent earthquake has made great ravages at Mesina in Sicily.

The Spanish ambassadors in England have relinquished their salaries, to the cause of the Constitutionalists.

One hundred and eleven sturgeon were caught at one haul in the Delaware, by fishermen, opposite Tinicum Island.

An eruption of an earthquake in the Island of Java, in October last, destroyed 400 lives, and was attended with a loss of property.—Eighty buildings were destroyed.

Jolivi W. Green, formerly a manager of the Richmond and southern theatres, recently put a period to his existence by taking laudanum.

Water in which potatoes have been boiled, it is said, will protect cabbages, turnips and vines from the ravages of flies and bugs.

A school for the instruction of the deaf and dumb, has been established at Canajoharie, Montgomery county, N. Y. The institution is incorporated.

An English publication observes, that seeds when not sufficiently ripe, will swim, but when arrived at full maturity, they will be found uniformly to fall to the bottom; a fact that is said to be equally true of all seeds.

A dandy remarking one summer day, that the weather was so excessively hot, that when he put his head into a basin of water, it fairly boiled, received for reply, "then sir, you had calf's head soup at little expense."

Astonishing accumulation.—In England, a pound of crude iron costs halfpenny; it is converted into steel, that steel is made into watch springs, very one of which is sold for half a guinea, and weighs only the 10th of a grain; after deducting for waste, here are in a pound weight 7,000 grains—it therefore affords steel for 70,000 watch springs, the value of which, at half a guinea each is thirty-five thousand guineas.



