

The garrison of Dublin was never before left to so small an entry force as three regiments—84th, 86th, and 99th. A procession of the Irish teetotellers in Glasgow took place on 4th. The numbers of Irish who have taken the pledge in that city is stated to be 10,000. The late Lord Holland has left the Wiltshire estate to his son, Lord Fox, who married Lady Mary Fitzclarence, one of the daughters of the late King. We are happy to hear that our army is to be increased to the extent of 10,000 men. There is also a rumour (how true I know not) that an addition is to be made to the Marines.—Brighton Gazette. The last accounts from Syria mention the death of Lieut. Col. Walker, C. B., commanding the royal marine forces at Acre, which took place on the 9th December, occasioned by the fever the Country, which is now prevailing to a great extent in that district. By Col Walker's death, the service has lost a gallant and distinguished officer; he was interred with military honours. Irish officers of equal rank acting as pall-bearers. United Gazette. It is said that the Turkish fleet will be escorted to Constantinople by the British squadron, and that the Sultan proposes to seek an opportunity of conferring a decoration on all our superior officers, in acknowledgment of the important services they have rendered him. The termination of the Eastern Question has resulted in the restoration of Mehemet Ali to the hereditary Pashalic of Egypt, and the restoration of the Turkish fleet to the rightful owner. The French Chamber of Deputies have adopted, by a large majority, the bill of Fortification. Daniel Brent, Esq., Consul of the United States of America for this, and Agent for the American claims, died at Paris on the evening of the 31st January, in the 63th year of his age. The steamer Thames, belonging to the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, was totally wrecked on a dreadful reef of rocks called the "Jolly Rocks," on her passage from Dublin to London. Captain, crew and passengers all lost except three females. A description has been set on foot for the benefit of the sufferers, to which her Majesty, with her usual benevolence, has been graciously pleased to contribute £30. During the past year the Wesleyan Methodists have erected 30 chapels, at the cost of £29,000, a larger number than in any other year during their existence as a body.

the body lay was trodden down by the horses, as if they had remained by him for some time; there were no tracks to be seen on the Marsh but those made by the unfortunate man and the horses he had with him. On examining the body the neck was found dislocated, a severe contusion over the left eye, the cheek quite livid and the eyelid slightly cut. The Jury returned a Verdict, that the said John Macdonald was found dead on a certain marsh, called Mackenzie's Marsh, with several wounds and contusions which occasioned his death, but how or by what means, or by whom they were inflicted, no evidence thereof appears. The deceased has left eight children. After the Verdict had been recorded, the Jury stated to the Coroner, that they felt satisfied the deceased had been thrown from his horse and his neck dislocated by the fall, as his track could not be traced nearer to where he lay than thirty or forty yards, which convinced them that he had remounted his horse, and that the horse was known to be a vicious one. The Annual Meeting of the Charlottetown Temperance Society was held on Friday evening in the National School. A Report of the Managing Committee for the past year was submitted and a number of resolutions adopted, among which was one resolving the Charlottetown Temperance Society into the Prince Edward Island Auxiliary Temperance Society—whereupon the pledge and rules of said Auxiliary being submitted, were signed by many who were present. The meeting then having resolved itself into the Auxiliary Society, Office-bearers were chosen as follows:— Rev. J. Waddell, President. Rev. R. Douglas and Rev. J. Knox, Vice-Presidents. Mr. George Moore, Recording Secretary. Rev. J. Knox, Corresponding Secretary. COMMITTEE.—Messrs. Isaac Smith, C. Cross, G. Beer, jun. J. Boyver, J. B. Cooper, John Passmore. MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Hon. Charles Young (the President) delivered, to a crowded audience, last Wednesday evening, an interesting lecture upon Public Speaking, and afterwards favoured his audience with several specimens of ancient and modern oratory. The learned lecturer said, that the ancient orators principally excelled in exciting the passions and swaying the multitude to their will, while the modern orators endeavoured chiefly to persuade, and to carry conviction to the minds of their auditory;—that the one style of speaking was that of passion, the other that of reason, and therefore the more superior and effective. The Rev. Mr. Patterson will lecture next Wednesday Evening upon Philosophy, its history—ancient and modern systems of philosophy contrasted.—Com. AMATEUR THEATRE.—This resort of amusement was opened on Tuesday evening last. The Parquet and Gallery were both crowded to excess, by an audience, most of whom attended more in expectation of being amused with the mistakes of the Amateurs, than of being gratified by the style of their performance. But they were vastly disappointed, if such were their object, for the acting was highly creditable to the spirited young men who have undertaken this enterprise. Where all did so well, it would not, perhaps, be invidious to mention the excellent acting of the Warlock, in the Melo-drama, and of Simon, in the Farce—two characters directly opposite in their natures, but yet performed by the same individual to the life. Also, the superior style of acting of Andrew, and of Smart, whose Jolly Beggar was sung with much spirit, and well conceived. Sandie and Quake did also well, and played both the Highland lout and the old man with good effect. The ladies appeared to be much more at home in the Farce than in the Drama. But let them persevere, and they may yet rival a Siddons or a Foote. The Theatre was fitted up very tastefully, and the Scenery was really beautifully executed, and did great credit to the painter, Mr. G. Miller. The music was the best we have heard here for some years. When the curtain dropped, the audience dispersed to their respective homes, agreeably disappointed and highly gratified with every thing they had seen and heard.—Communicated. 11 (1841) Daily

there, which serve to lull and to pacify the conscience. All these circumstances conspire to spread over the theatre a dangerous fascination. Under all this show of harmless mirth and innocent gratification, however, are concealed the most destructive evils—the most deadly poison. This mixture of a little good with much evil—the interspersing of a few correct sentiments with that mass of moral poison whose only effect can be to call into active exercise the depravity of the heart, together with the countenance and support of a few estimable, and, as far as worldly virtue goes, excellent persons; all this but serves as a lure to draw many to the theatre, who could not otherwise have been persuaded to enter it, and also as an apology to their consciences when they are there; it furnishes a plausible argument to the advocates of the stage, and is employed to sanction and to sanctify all the abominable things with which it is connected. These few remarks, Sir, have not been made with any acerbity of spirit, neither have I described evils which exist only in my imagination. I have witnessed them—I have deplored them—I know their power—I have felt their fascination—and I deem it my duty to the public, and more especially to the young, to lift up a warning voice against them. Possibly you may hear further from me on the subject. In the mean time, I am, Sir, your obedient servant, Vigil. P. S.—Will Churchmen or Roman Catholics sanction such exhibitions during Lent—that solemn season upon which we have now entered, and which is intended to prepare the mind for a deeper and holier contemplation of the Saviour's sufferings? Harried. On Thursday last, by the Rev. Angus Macintyre, Mr. Angus McInnis, of Brackley Point Road, to Miss Flora McInnis, of the same place. Ship News. LONDON, Feb. 1.—Loading, Queen, for Miramichi; John Craig, for P. E. Island; Prince George, Princess Royal, and Neptune, for Halifax. BIDEFORD, Jan. 13.—Arrived, the Em. B. Heard, 31 days. WATERFORD, Jan. 7.—The Eliza, Roberts, from P. E. Island, has been assisted in her by one of our Pilot boats, with loss of foremast-head, topmast, jib-boom, sails, &c., and is leaky. INTELLIGENCE OFFICE. THE Subscriber begs most respectfully to inform the Inhabitants of Charlottetown, that he has this day opened an INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, at his new Store, Kent Street, where he offers to procure Servants for Families, at the shortest notice possible. JOHN TYBRING. N. B.—Families in want of Servants, and Servants in want of places, will please call as above. Charlottetown, February 26th, 1841. FOR SALE. THE Leasehold Interest of the FARM, comprising 144 acres of excellent Land, 50 of which are in a high state of cultivation. About 30 acres more may be made ready for the plough at a small expense, and the remainder is well wooded. There is an excellent Mill-site on the Farm; the shore furnishes a supply of sea manure, and Lime may be obtained at a moderate rate from a Kiln adjoining the premises. The dwelling-house, to which is attached a Shop or Store, has recently been thoroughly repaired and considerably enlarged, so as to afford every convenience for the accommodation of a respectable family. It has a frost-proof cellar underneath, and a never-failing well of water at the door. These premises—pleasantly situated, on the banks of the river Westmorland, in the midst of a thriving and populous settlement, and within 15 chains of the public Wharf—afford an opportunity for investment, both for agricultural and commercial purposes, seldom to be met with. For Terms of Sale, and other particulars, apply to Mr. John Davis, jr., Merchant, Charlottetown, or to the Subscriber, on the premises, who is about to leave the Island. ROBERT CRANFORD. N. B.—A new Barn, 50 ft. by 24 ft. has just been completed. FREEHOLD FARM FOR SALE. TO BE SOLD, that beautiful FARM, situate within one mile of Charlottetown, known as the property of the Subscriber. It consists of about Forty Acres of excellent Land, and from its eligible and convenient situation, is well worth the attention of any person of capital, desirous to obtain a retired and pleasant residence. A Barn, 36 feet by 26 feet, together with other Out-houses, have lately been erected on the premises. A Collar has been dug and walled up, ready to receive a Building, 30 feet by 24 feet—the Scantling and other materials necessary for such Building are now on the premises. A Well has also been dug, which affords a constant supply of excellent water. For further particulars, apply to the proprietor, W. W. BAGNALL. February 26th, 1841. TO BE LET, and IMMEDIATE POSSESSION given, ONE-HALF of the STORE and CELLAR occupied by Messrs. Cooper & Bremner, Printers, together with a YARD fronting on Water Street. For particulars, apply to Mr. George Clark, on the premises, or to B. SCOTT. Lot Forty-nine, Feb. 25th, 1841. Hoops, Staves, and Two Coopers Wanted. THE Subscriber will pay the highest price for 20,000 Merchantable Barrel STAVES, of Pine, or Fir, and 10,000 do. Hoop Poles, delivered on or before the 17th day of March next, at his residence—where he continues to keep on hand a supply of almost every article in the Coopering line, and at his usual low prices. HE OFFERS FOR SALE 100 bushels of Salt, in barrels, ready for the Fishery. 30 second hand Oil Casks. 40 do. Water Casks, Hhds. and Puncheons. Also, the following valuable Property. That commodious WELLING HOUSE, opposite Coles' Brewery, yielding a Rent of £25 per annum. Also, a House, and Lot No. 6, 2d Range, Letter A, about 100 yards from the Queen's Wharf, in Georgetown. Also, a Building Lot, in the Market Square of said town. Also, Pasture Lot No. 18, about half a mile from Georgetown; all of which property he will sell on the most reasonable terms. JAMES KELLY, Cooper and Lumber Surveyor. Charlottetown, Queen's Square, } February 13th, 1841. N. B.—J. K. further begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that he has fitted up his House and Stable for TEMPERANCE LODGINGS, where, by strict attention and sobriety he will warrant comfort and security to all who may please to visit him. To the Tenants on Township Forty-Three. TAKE NOTICE, that by Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing date respectively, the 24th and 25th days of April, 1815, the Release being made between William Townsend, Esq. deceased, and Flora, his wife, of the one part, and Edmund Waters and Alexander Birnie, both then resident in London, Merchants, of the other part—All Lot or Township Number Forty-three, in Prince Edward Island, were conveyed and assured to them the said Edmund Waters and Alexander Birnie, for securing the payment of £335, lawful money of the said Island, and Interest, by the said William Townsend to the said Edmund Waters and Alexander Birnie, and now past; and a certain portion of the said sum of £335, with a large arrear of Interest thereon, is still due and unpaid—and the said Edmund Waters and Alexander Birnie have both duly assigned to me the said Mortgage, and all their right, title and interest therein: I do, therefore, hereby give notice, not to pay any rent, now due, or hereafter to become due, from you for the said land and premises, to any other person except to me, or to such person or persons as I shall duly authorize to receive the same. GEORGE BIRNIE. Charlottetown, February 9, 1841. BLANK Bills of Exchange, Charter Parties, Seamen's Articles, Bills of Lading, Manifests, Powers of Attorney, Court Subpoenas, Apprentices' Indentures, a variety of Magistrates' Blanks, &c. for sale at the Office of the Colonial Herald.

Treasurer's Office, Dec. 12th, 1840. WARRANTS to No. 11, of January, 1840, will be paid at the Treasury together with the Interest due thereon. J. SPENCER SMITH, Treasurer. Parties holding Warrants, which come within the meaning of the above advertisement, are particularly requested to present the same for payment. Office hours, from 10 till 2.

Treasurer's Office, Dec. 12th, 1840. ON the 8th day of November, 1838, it was ordered by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that in future all BONDS be enforced within One Month after they become due. In obedience thereto, I hereby notify all persons having Bonds in the Treasury, which come within the meaning of the above Order in Council, that unless their amounts be forthwith paid, they will, without distinction, be placed in the hands of the Attorney General, to proceed thereon for recovery. J. SPENCER SMITH, Treasurer.

FIRE INSURANCE. IS still continued to be effected by the Subscriber at moderate rates, for the ALLIANCE Company of London, which, in point of capital and stability, is second to none in the United Kingdom, and gives to the assured, for five years successively, a share of the entire profits, amounting, on the last division, to twenty per cent. of the premium paid in. The subscriber is empowered in all ordinary cases to settle losses instanter without reference to the Board in London. CHARLES YOUNG, Agent. Charlottetown, Oct. 13, 1840.

Saint Margaret's Agricultural Society GRAIN SHOW. THE following PREMIUMS, for the best samples of GRAIN, will be awarded on the 17th of March next, at the House of the Secretary. Show to commence at the hour of 10 o'clock. For the best Wheat, 0 15 0 Second best do. 0 10 0 Third best do. 0 5 0 For the best Barley, 0 15 0 Second best do. 0 10 0 Third best do. 0 5 0 For the best Oats (Black), 0 15 0 Second best do. 0 10 0 Third best do. 0 5 0 To be paid out of the Goods in Store. By Order of the Committee, JOHN McEACHEN, Secretary. N. B.—Each Sack to contain Two Bushels, and to be the growth of 1840. The following gentlemen are appointed judges:— Mr. John Macdonald (James's Son, West River); Mr. James McEachen, Lot 4; and Mr. Donald Macdonald, Naufrage, Lot 43. Big Bush, 12th Feb., 1841.

BEDEQUE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. THE Society offers the following PREMIUMS for Grain and Seeds, to be exhibited on Thursday the 25th March next, at 12 o'clock: For the best Wheat (2 bushels), 1 set Plough Mounting, 12s. 6d. Second best do. (do.), 1 set Horse Traces, 8s. Third best do. (do.), 1 Hay Knife, 5s. 6d. For the best four rowed Barley (2 bushels), 1 set Plough Mounting, 12s. 6d. Second best do. (do.), 1 set Horse Traces, 8s. Third best do. (do.), 1 Hay Knife, 5s. 6d. For the best Black Oats (2 bushels), 1 set Plough Mounting, 12s. 6d. Second best do. (do.), 1 set Horse Traces, 8s. Third best do. (do.), 1 Hay Knife, 5s. 6d. For the best Timothy Seed (1 bushel), 1 Scythe, 6s. Second best do. (do.), 1 piece Scrap Iron, 3s. 10d. The Grain to be left at the House of Mr. Thomas Hooper the day previous to exhibition, and none but Members are allowed to compete. The Secretary will attend and receive the Grain from 10 o'clock until four in the afternoon, and none will be received after that hour. One bushel of the Rohan Potato will be divided among the Members of the Society immediately after the Grain Show. JOHN CRAIG, Secretary. Bedeque, February 15th, 1841.

FRANKLIN STOVES. A FEW PARLOUR STOVES, of a very superior description, Glasgow manufacture, may be had low, by immediate application to ALEXANDER DAVIDSON, No. 1, Queen Street.

IRON. ON SALE by the Subscriber, Twenty-nine Tons assorted Iron. BENJ. DAVIES. 6th Nov., 1840.

THE Subscriber hereby intimates to those Merchants in Charlottetown from whom he purchased some articles on the 9th inst., that some one committed a mistake, by overpaying him when receiving change; but he is unconscious from whom he received it.—Therefore, whoever claims it, and will attest to its amount, will receive it, upon paying charges, by applying to JOHN JOHNSTON. New London, February 11th, 1841.

APPRENTICES WANTED. FROM 10 to 12 steady active young Men, from 15 to 16 years of age, who are desirous of becoming Apprentices to the Shipbuilding Business, will hear of good and liberal terms, in a first rate establishment, on application to the subscriber. JOHN DAVIS, jun. Charlottetown, 18th February, 1841.

ONE or TWO APPRENTICES WANTED to the Pump and Blockmaking business. Apply to WATSON DUCHEMIN. February 19th, 1841. FOUND, on the St. Peter's Road, a short distance from Charlottetown, a few days since, a Gentleman's CLOAK. Inquire at the Herald Office. Feb. 19.

THE Subscriber wishes to inform all persons who are indebted to him, that their accounts must be settled immediately, in order to save trouble and expense, as he intends to hand over to his Attorney, for collection, all accounts not settled by the 1st April next. JOHN PASSMORE. J. P. has a lot of prime English Sole Leather, which he is now working up; also, a large stock of ready made Boots and Shoes, well adapted for the Spring—warranted best quality. Charlottetown, February 13th, 1841.

CAUTION TO LUMBERERS. NOTICE is hereby given, that all persons found trespassing on that part of Lot 49, mortgaged by the late Mr. J. Cambridge to Haythorne & Wright, Bankers, Bristol, will be prosecuted. EDWARD C. HAYTHORNE. Charlottetown, 16th Nov. 1840. N. B.—The Boundaries of the above property having been defined by the Commissioners appointed for establishing the Boundary Lines, the Subscriber is determined to punish all persons in detected so doing.

JUST RECEIVED, and for Sale by the Subscriber— 14 Tons assorted IRON, 2000 Bushels SALT, 100 Barrels prime Nova Scotia HERRINGS. D. WILSON. 24th October, 1840.

Wanted, 4000 bushels Wheat. THE Subscriber will purchase the above quantity of Wheat, of good quality, free from rust or smut—for which cash will be paid on delivery. JOHN DAVIS, jun. Charlottetown, 18th February, 1841.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1841.

The Courier left Cape Tormentine yesterday morning, and arrived here the same night, about half-past nine o'clock, with the English February Mail, the Britannia Steamer with her mails having arrived at Halifax on the 20th inst. after a passage of fifteen days and a half from Liverpool. The latest London dates are to the 4th February. The news is not of much political importance. There is nothing later from China. Mehemet Ali had been installed Hereditary Pacha of Egypt, and had delivered up the Turkish fleet, so that that question may be considered settled. The dispute between Spain and Portugal was expected to terminate amicably, through the intervention of the Queen of England. Parliament was opened by Her Majesty in person on the 26th January.

A Proclamation was issued by the Governor General, on the 10th inst. announcing that the Canadas were, from that day re-united into one Province. The first Legislative Assembly of the United Province was to meet at Kingston.

Major General Sir JOHN HARVEY is, we understand, shortly to be succeeded by Sir W. G. COLEBROOKE, a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Royal Artillery, and at present the Governor of the Leeward Islands.—Nova Scotia Gazette.

The House of Assembly has decided on again trying the Council with the Fishery Reserves Bill of last Session. It will be recollected that the Bill has already been twice sent to the Council, who passed it indeed, but coupled with so many amendments as to materially alter its nature, and such as the House refused to agree to. The House have adopted a Resolution, on the expediency of appointing a Colony Agent in England; and that Joseph Hume, Esq., M. P. be requested to accept the office. The Bill for regulating the letting of the Stalls in Charlottetown Market House, has been lost in the Council.

BEDEQUE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. The Annual Meeting of the Bedeque Agricultural Society took place on Wednesday the 20th ult., at the house of Mr. Thomas Hooper.—Stephen Wright, Esq. Vice President, in the chair—when the annexed statement of the affairs of the Society was presented by the Secretary, and being read, it was Resolved— 1. That the statement of the affairs of the Society, as now read, be adopted by the meeting, and published. 2. That the thanks of the Society be given to the President, Secretary and Committee, for their attention to the affairs of the Society during the past year. 3. That the sum of Four Pounds be expended in Premiums for the exhibition of Grain; and a further sum of Two Pounds Five Shillings, for a Ploughing Match, under the direction of the Committee; and that one month's notice be given in the Newspapers. 4. That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. P. Macgowan, for his kindness in furnishing them with two Rohan Potatoes last year. The Secretary then came forward, and stated, that he had handed over the potatoes alluded to in the last Resolution to his worthy friend, Alexander Anderson, sen., Esq., and begged leave to call the attention of the Meeting to the very satisfactory account he had received from that gentleman of the productiveness of these potatoes. Mr. Anderson had obtained no less than 26 sets from the two potatoes; 21 of these he planted in old land, and the remaining 5 he planted in burnt land. An equal proportion of blue potatoes he likewise planted in the same ground—which last yielded one peck more than the first, but it took double the quantity of potatoes to make up the same number of sets—the former yielding 1 bushel and 1 peck—the latter 1 bushel and a-half.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, when the following persons were chosen:— Hon. Joseph Pope, President (re-elected). Stephen Wright, Esq. Vice President (do.) John Craig, Esq., Secretary & Treasurer (do.) Committee—Messrs. John McCallum, Thomas Hooper, Richard Cole, William Anderson, and Joseph Black.

General Statement of the Affairs of the Bedeque Agricultural Society, 20th January, 1841. Dr. Balance in Treasurer's hands, 1840, £37 16 0 Proceeds of Sales of Stores, 30 12 6 Amount of Stores on hand, 40 10 0 £108 18 6 Cr. Paid for Seeds and incidental expenses, £27 19 5 Due Central Society, 44 18 10 Balance in favour of the Society, 36 0 3 £108 18 6

CORONER'S INQUEST.—An Inquest was held before Daniel Hodgson, Esq., Coroner, on Thursday last, at St. Peter's Bay, on view of the body of John Macdonald, of Lot 56, Farmer—from the evidence taken before the Coroner, it appeared that the unfortunate deceased had left the Store of Mr. Angus Sutherland on the Tuesday evening previous, about the hour of 7 o'clock, P. M. As Macdonald was mounting his horse, Mr. Sutherland remarked to him, that as he was riding and had to lead a horse, he would find great difficulty to keep the road, as it was dark and stormy, and he had better remain all night. Macdonald refused and rode away in the direction of his own house; the next day he was accidentally found dead by two boys, on Mackenzie's Marsh, a distance of three hundred yards from Sutherland's. On examining the spot, the tracks of the deceased, and those of his horses, could be traced on the snow in several directions, as if he had become bewildered in the storm, and had dismounted to search for the road; the snow all round where

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COLONIAL HERALD.

Sir; As an old inhabitant of Charlottetown, and the father of a numerous family—for whose immortal welfare I am earnestly solicitous—it was with no small degree of pain that I read, in one of the papers, an announcement that a Theatre was shortly to be opened in this place. My dissatisfaction has not been at all lessened, by a perusal of the first play bill, for I naturally concluded that if the revivors of this species of amusement here, had been left to themselves, the whole affair would have fallen to the ground; but under respectable patronage it may survive long enough to entail much mischief upon the youthful members of our community. I do not hesitate to say, Sir—and will undertake to prove—that no consistent Christian can possibly sanction the theatre with his presence. I do not fear to assert, Sir, that if any individual, possessing spiritual feelings and heavenly desires, were to attend the theatre, its direct and sure effect would be, to deaden and destroy those feelings. What, I would ask, is the peculiar gratification of the stage—its own proper pleasure? The mind is powerfully affected by some creation of a vain fancy—the feelings are roused—the passions stimulated—the imagination heated; and during this paroxysm of mental excitement, life is transformed into a dream, and is embellished with various impracticable and unattainable pleasures, and the scenes which are spread before the ardent and youthful mind, are as flattering as they are false; and when this morbid excitement subsides, it leaves the mind relaxed—weakened—wearied—unfitted for ordinary employments, and sick of sober realities, and like an appetite vitiated by highly seasoned food, requiring a constant succession of stimulants; and hence follows that ardent and insatiable thirst for novels, plays, romances, and every other kind of composition which is calculated to please and pamper the imagination. Notwithstanding the specious advocacy which it has already received in this place, I do not fear to affirm, Sir, that the main business of the stage is, to "make a mock at sin." Sin is there treated lightly and in jest. The sacred name of God—the profane oath—the impure allusion—are all uttered as flippantly and as unscrupulously as though it were no crime to take God's name in vain—to trifle with matters of the most serious moment, and to corrupt and defile the imagination. And are not these blasphemies and impurities listened to with gay and careless indifference, if not with applause and admiration? What can these things mean, but either that sin is not that abominable thing which God hateth, or that He will not require it, or that he hath forgotten, and hideth his face, and will never see it? What, Sir, must be the effect of such scenes, but to familiarize the mind to the thought and practice of sin?—to weaken the sense of its deformity and danger—to break down the remaining scruples—to sear the conscience—and to embolden the hesitating youth to commit it with daring presumption and with a high hand? It is the sure tendency of the theatre to cause sin to be considered rather as a thing to be laughed at, than as a great and dreadful evil, to be constantly bated, and feared, and fled from. Nor is this the whole, or the worst—sin is not only made a mock of, it is gloried in, and especially the sin of licentious profligacy. I will not sully your columns with proofs, Sir; but this I say, that no man who is conversant with modern dramatic literature can deny the fact. Were these evils, indeed, to appear in all their naked, undisguised, and palpable deformity, there might be less danger. But the theatre conceals its mischief under a specious and imposing mask. It seems to offer nothing but harmless entertainment;—it comes with very plausible pretences; it makes very fair professions; it is one of those wiles of the devil, in which he has discovered, in a peculiar manner, his "subtlety." In these amusements there is much to entice and entrap; much to excite the tenderest feelings; much to interest the cultivated mind; there is every thing of outward decoration and beauty of language, to catch and to gratify the eye and the ear; and, together with all this, moral lessons and virtuous sentiments are interspersed here and