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January

1 Thur. Ther, at 9AM 43 Very

Stormy Wet day

Barometer at 4 PM. 28.29

at 8 PM. 28.40

2 Fri 8 AM 45.

A very wet Night and Stormy

Dry from the Morning

Barometer at 4 PM 29.5

3 Sat 9 AM 38½. Some

Slight showers

4 Sun Fine dark

dry day

5 Mon 9 AM 45. Pleasant

dark day

6 Tues 8½ AM 37 Some

trifling Showers

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January 1824

7 Wed Ther, at 8 AM. 32. Fine

Bright forenoon, with Ice

nearly half an inch thick

Afternoon it began to thaw

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|----|-----------|--------------------------|
| 8 | Thur, | 9 AM 45. Some |
| | | Showers |
| 9 | Fri | 8 AM. 48. Pleas |
| | | -ant dark day. Some Wet |
| | | at Night |
| 10 | Sat. | 8½ AM 43½. Some |
| | | Wet in the Morning. Fine |
| | | the Rest of the day |
| 11 | Sun | 9 AM 34 Very |
| | | White hoar frost, Fine |
| | | clear day |
| 12 | Mon | 8 AM. 39 Plea |
| | | sant dark day |
| 13 | Tues | 8 AM 40. Plea |
| | | sant dark day |
| 4 | | |
| 14 | Wed Ther, | at 8 AM 38 Plea |
| | | -sant dark day |
| 15 | Thur | 8½ AM 34 Fine |
| 16 | Fri | 8 AM 35 Dark |
| | | dry |
| 17 | Sat | 9 AM 37 Dark |
| | | dry |
| 18 | Sun | 9 AM 39. Dark |

dry day

19 Mon 8½ AM 45. Pleasant

day with some Sunshine

20 Tues 8 AM 41 Dry dark

21 Wed 8 AM 38. Pleasant

dry day

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January 1824

22 Thur, Ther, at 9 AM 39. Wet at

Night

23 Fri 9 AM 38. Plea

-sant day Wet at Night

24 Sat 9 AM 37. Wet

most part of the day. Windy

at Night

25 Sun 9 AM 45. Dry

Windy and Wet at Night

26 Mon 8 AM 53. Pleas

ant dry day

27 Tues 8 AM 40 Pleasant

28 Wed 8 AM 36½ Sleet

Showers

29 Thur 8 AM 38. Plea

-sant dry day

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January 1824

30 Fri Ther, at 8 AM 37. Dry

with a slight shower at Night

31 Sat 8 AM 46 Dark

dry day

Galanthus nivalis

February

1 Sun Ther, at 9 AM 45 Dry Dark

day

2 Mon 9½ AM 43 Fine

3 Tues 8 AM 40 Rain

4 Wed 8 AM 35. Some

Heavy Showers

5 Thur 8 AM 32 Snow

on the Mountains Dark

dry

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Read Mr. James Sheridan

Knowles New Tragedy of Gai

-us Gracchus.

Though this performance

creates a considerable por

-tion of interest, wherever

Gaius appears yet the

high and solemn digni-

-ty of the Roman Citizens

of that day is not pre-
-served, In the Dialogue
we have a little too much
of the flippancy of the
Modern Italians. The
Wife of Gaius has a little
too much gentle tender
-ness, and even Cornelia
falls much below her His-
-toric character. From the
recital

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recital of an early lesson we
are led to conclude that no
turn of adverse fate, could
bend her mind to female fears
and that fortitude was neces-
-sary to make the truly great
Man, as well as to enable a
Man to triumph over danger
Her recollection of the loss of
her Son Tiberius acts forcibly
on her imagination and
induces her to argue with
Gaius and produce argu

-ments to retain him from
joining his friends to oppose
the Patrician Despotism
Gaius struck with this ap-
-parent chang of opinion
reminds her of the sentiment
which she endeavoured to
impress on his mind.

And

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And should I therefore sink with the base
times?
What mother, what! Are the Gods also base?
Is virtue base? Is honour sunk? Is mankind
A thing contemptible?
Remember you Messina, mother?
Once from its promontory we beheld
A galley in a Storm; and, as the bark
Approached the fatal shore, could well
discern
The features of the crew with horror all
Aghast save one! Alone he strove to guide
The prow, erect amid the horrid war
Of winds and waters raging. With one hand
He undid the hopeless helm, - the other

strain'd

The fragment of a shiver'd sail, his bow

The while bent proudly on the scowling surge;

At which he scowl'd again. - The vessel

struck!

One man alone bestrode the wave, and rode

The foaming courser safe! Twas he the

same.

You

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You clasp'd your Gaius in your arms

and cried.

Look, Look, my Son! the brave man

ne'er despairs,

And lives where cowards die! "I would

but make

Due profit of your lesson."

After this the spirit of the Roman

Matron seems to die within her

and the remainder of the Scene

is a Dialogue rather too tame

to keep up the interest which

many parts of the prior Scenes

had raised, and preserve the

Character of Cornelia. For this

purpose the Scene might termi
nate thus ...

Yes my Son! It was the wish ever
nearest to my heart to excite in
your youthful mind an ardent
love of heroic virtue.

I was ambitious, and ye Gods
was it a crime, that my Sons should
be the first of the Romans.

That

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That their patriotic deeds
should be the admiration of the
world and that Fathers in
after ages should point to their
honoured graves, and tell their
Sons, here rest the Jewels of
of Cornelia, the scourge of Ty-
-rants and protectors of the
peoples rights. - Go my Gaius,
where your country calls Never
shall it be said, your mother
urged you to disobey the sum-
-mons.

Shouts without

This hour, the fickle people ap-
-plaud their friends. Feel all the
warmth of the nobleness of mind,
which liberty inspires. The next
crouch beneath the oppressors
rod, and kiss the chains that
bind them.

Dire forebodings, thrill through

my

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my heart, my aching eyes grow
dim, and all the Mother rises
in my soul in dreadful combat
with my principles.

Exit Cornelia

Gaius. Her love of virtue elevates
her soul, and raises her beyond
the ken of other mortals, but a
Mothers feelings bring her to
earth again.

In this fateful hour, am I to
forget her early precepts. Oh! Rome
am I not bound forever to thy
destinies. Thy fate may now
depend upon a single arm, that

may be mine. And when the
veil is torn from off the now delu
-ded peoples eyes. Citizens yet
unborn will bless Cornelias ever
honoured name

Exit Gaius

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Buonaparte speaking of Women
"Nothing" said he "more clearly
indicates rank, education, and
good breeding among them, than
evenness of temper and a constant
desire to please

Count de Las Cases Conver
salions of the Emperor Napo
-leon. Vol 1. part 2 p302

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[Two written inclusions on small pages]:

[Partially obscured see PDF 20 and PDF 23]:

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By what title to adress
you I am totally at a loss
My Dear ??? Sir is too cool it
expresses nothing, My dear
-ly beloved is again to warm

for my first expressions
to you of that tender feel
ing which occupies my
soul, and for months has
impeded the full flow
of my blood through its
customary channels.

Believe me did I not feel
the Divine fire of love
consuming my heart
I would never have made
known my admiration

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[Cutting]:

NOTICE.

THE slow recovery of the Editor from his late severe illness renders a further suspension of the Letterpress of the last and present Fasciculus unavoidable. The whole will delivered in a future Number.

NO.

718. TROPÆOLUM peregrinum

719. Tate's AMARYLLIS

720. CALANTHE veratrifolia. - Diminished Figure

Ditto.

721. Mr. Lambert's MIMOSA.

722. BRACHYSTELEMA.

723. CALCEOLARIA corymbosa.

724. Horticultural Society's AMARYLLIS.

[Written inclusion]

all transcendent charms your
of your cultivated un
-destanding,
your graceful manners
the benignity of your aspect
and enchanting voice
Ah you cannot conceive
how full I am of love
I can only compare it
as it bubbles and boils in

in my bowels to high
bottled Cider ready to
shoot out the Cork or
New Beer just about
to force out the Bung
Oh could I but hope that
I could inspire you with
equal warmth of affection
how happy would I be
and what relief would it
convey to my breaking
heart Believe me your

dying [name deliberately obscured]

25

February 1824

12 Thur Ther, at 8 AM 46 Some
Showers Stormy at Night

13 Fri 8 AM 37 Some
showers

14 Sat 8½ AM 40. Dry
Wind East

15 Sun 8 AM 33. Dry

16 Mon 8 AM 36 Dry
Wet at Night

Crocus Maesiacus Fl

17 Tues 8 AM 36 Moun
-tains covered with Snow
dropping day

18 Wed 8 AM 36 Wet
at Night. Wind Easterly

26

February 1824

19 Thur. Ther, at a 8 AM 42. Cold
Wind from the Eastward
but dry

20 Fri 8 AM 42. Plea
-sant day

- 21 Sat 8 AM 41. Pleas
ant
White *Mezereon* Fl.
- 22 Sun 8 AM 42 Pleas
-ant.
- 23 Mon 8 AM 41 Misty
rain from the East
- 24 Tues 8 AM. 42. Fine
Crocus versicolor Fl
- 25 Wed 8 AM 40 Dry cool
day
Received from Mr R Whittey
Tulipa Clusiana
Scilla bifolia
autumnalis

27

- 26 Thur Ther, at 8 AM 38. Fine
- 27 Fri 8 AM 38. Dry. Cold a
Easterly Wind
- 28 Sat. 8 AM 38. Dry, cold
Easterly Wind
- 29 Sun 8 AM 38 Dry. East
erly wind
Erythronium Dens Canis Fl

March

- 1 Mon 9 AM 42. Slight
shower. Pleasant but cold
in the Afternoon
- 2 Tues 8 AM 35 Ground
slightly covered with
snow. Melted by 10 AM
dry with some Sun
- 3 Wed 8 AM 36. Very
Stormy Night and Morning
with the Wind from the NW
and N. Calm at 2 PM

28

March 1824

- 4 Thur Ther, at 8 AM 33½ Windy
with some small rain
- 5 Fri 8 AM. 39. A
slight Shower Pleasant
Narcissus minor in Fl
- 6 Sat 8 AM 45. Dry
but rain and Windy at
Night
- 7 Sun 8 AM. 40 Plea
-sant day
- 8 Mon 8 AM 34 Ground

slightly covered with

Snow, Sleet falling Snow

and Stormy at Night

- 9 Tues 8 AM 34½ Ground
with a thin covering, but
the Mountain quite white
In the Evening snow all gone
in the lowlands, Mostly off the Moun
tains also

29

March 1824

- 10 Wed Ther, at 8 AM. 36. Pleasant
- 11 Thur 8 AM 39 Wet &
windy Morning Showery
day
- 12 Fri 8 AM 37. Snow
halfway down the Moun
-tain Windy with Sleet Show
-ers and Sunshine
- 13 Sat 8½ AM 34 Ground
White Snow, which remain
-ed mostly all day, and fre
-quent Snow Showers
- 14 Sun 8 AM 36 Snow
still some on the ground

Pleasant day.

15 Mon 8 AM 45 Has been
a very wet Night. Rather a
a Wet day

30

16 Tues Ther at 8 AM 47 Some
Rain

17 Wed 9 AM 42½ Some
slight Rain

18 Thur. 8½ AM. 51. Fine
Double Daffodils Flow

19 Fri 8 AM 43. Fine
but darkish day

20 Sat 8 AM 49 Some
Slight Showers

21 Sun 8½ AM 45. Fine
Mr John Montgomery mention
ed his having received a specimen
of the *Anas nigra* & *Shic brachuceros* [??]

22 Mon 8 AM 36 Some
Showers
Mountain tops white

31

March 1824

23 Tues, Ther, at 8 AM 40 Dry

- 24 Wed 8 AM 43 Some
Rain in the Morning
Saw a Woodcock in the Garden
- 25 Thur 8 AM 40 Dry
NE Wind
- 26 Fri 8 AM 43 Dark dry
day Wind N.E.
- 27 Sat 8 AM 40 Dry
Wind N.E.
- 28 Sun 9 AM 39 Fine
Wind N.E.
- 29 Mon 8 AM 41 A trifling
shower at Night
- 30 Tues 8 AM 41 Dry cool
day
- 31 Wed 8 AM 35. Ice
Some slight Snow Shor.

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April 1824

- 1 Thur. Ther, at 8 AM 37. Snow
and Sleet most of the day
Stormy at Night
- 2 Fri 8 AM. 41
- 3 Sat Some
heavy Rain after 12

- 4 Sun 9 AM 43. Wet
in the Morning Dry day
- 5 Mon 8 AM 46 Dry
- 6 Tues 8 AM 45. Fine
- 7 Wed 8 AM 48. Fine
but dark day
- 8 Thur 8 AM 48 Fine
- 9 Fri 8 AM 46. Dry
but Cool and Breezy

33

April 1824

- 10 Sat. Ther, at 8 AM 40 Hail
and Snow Showers which
made the ground White
- 11 Sun 8½ AM 38 Some
parts of the ground still
white this morning
- 12 Mon Hail Show
-ers so heavy as to whiten
the ground for some time
- 13 Tues 8 AM. 39. Fine
- Gentiana verna* }
- Viola canina* } Fl.
- Caltha palustris* }
- Willow Wren Come

14 Wed 8 AM 38. Fine

15 Thur 8 AM 45. Fine

16 Fri 8 AM 42. Fine

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April 1824

17 Sat Ther, at 8 AM 42½ Fine

18 Sun 8 AM 45 Fine

19 Mon 9 AM 48½. Some

Rain but very slight

and the Wind got South

-erly.

Some *Cardamine pra*

-tensis flowering

20 Tues 8 AM 50 Fine

Several plants of *Chae*

-rophyllum Sylvestre in

Flower

21 Wed 8 AM 53 Dry

SE Wind

Motacilla Trochilus

singing

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April 1824

22 Thur, Ther, at 8½ AM 54.

Windy Night and Morning

with some showers

- 23 Fri 8 AM 49. Some
slight show
-ers
- 24 Sat 8 AM 50 Some
slight Showers
- 25 Sun 8½ AM 52 Some
Showers
Spartium scoparium
Wild plums in full
blow
- 26 Mon 8½ AM. 53
Some Showers but slight
although we had a great
deal of Thunder

27

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April 1824

- 27 Tues, Ther, at 8 AM. 50. Some
heavy showers
Swallows & Martins at Shaws Bridge
Received the following
plants by Mr Wm. Stokes
from Mr. Murray

1 *Medeola Virginica*

- 2 *Neottia pubescens*
- 3 *Prenanthes racemosus?*
- 4 *Dalibarda violacea*
- 5 *Nuttalia digitata*
- 6 *Pyrola asarifolia*
- 7 *umbellata*
- 8 *Epigea repens*
- 9 *Androsace villosa*
- 10 *Trifolium uniflorum*
- 11 *Primula Scotica*
- 12 *Claytonia virginica*
- 13 *Fumaria tenuifolia*
- 14 *Orobus hirsutus*
- 15 *Coronilla Iberica*
- 16 *Asplenium ebum*

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April 1824

- 28 Wed, Ther, at 8 AM 53½ Rain
 most of the day
- 29 Thur 8½ AM 52½ A
 windy and Wet day
- 30 Fri 8 AM 54. Some
 Heavy Showers

May

1 Sat 8 AM. 52 Some
showers

Rail and

Cuculus Canorus Calling

Papilio Cardaminus

appeared today

Stellaria Holostea } Fl

Lychnis Diurna }

2 Sun 8 AM 52½. Fine

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May 1824

3 Mon Ther, at 8 AM 51. Fine

4 Tues 8 AM 50 Fine

5 Wed 8 AM 47 Fine

6 Thur 8 AM 50 Fine

Azalea Pontica Fl.

This Evening at 6 PM

Mr John Thomson of

Jinnymount Died

In him was conjoined two very
opposite characters. A haughtiness a rough

-ness, and unfeelingness, and im

-placable resentment, which

involved him in many dis-

-agreeable quarrels, and more

than once in
some unpleasant Lawsuits.
The other side of his Charac-
-ter exhibited a strong attach-
-ment to his children and im-
mediate companions:

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May 1824

- 7 Fri Ther, at 8 AM. 51. Fine
- 8 Sat 8 AM 51½ Fine
I think I heard a White throat
this evening
- 9 Sun 9 AM 50. Fine
Veronica Chamaedrys Fl
Some of the Apple trees
in Flower
- 10 Mon 8½ AM. 57. Fine
- 11 Tues 8 AM 51½. Fine
- 12 Wed 8 AM. 49 Fine
Heard *Montacilla Salicaria*
- 13 Thur 8 AM 47 Fine
Hottoria palustris } Fl
[Indistinct] *trifoliata* }

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May 1824

[14-23 May missing]

- 24 Mon Ther at 8 AM. Fine
but cool Northerly Wind
- 25 Tues 8 AM. 59. at 2 PM
66½
Fine
- 26 Wed 8 AM 55½ Fine
Wind North
Went to see Mr Livingston as
-cend in his Balloon, but ow-
-ing to it being torn by acci-
-dent he did not ascend
- 27 Thur 8 AM 58. Fine
day
Rhododendron ferrugineum
Ponticum
- 28 Fri 8 AM 60 at 2 PM 68
Fine
Paeonia Moutan
hybrida
- 29 Sat 9 AM 61½ Cloudy
with the wind S. Easterly
- 30 Sun Ther, at 9 AM 61. Some

slight Showers

31 Mon. 8 AM 55. Some
soft rain

June

1 Tues Ther, at 8 AM 58. Fine

Lychnis alpina Fl.

2 Wed 8½ AM 61. Fine

3 Thur 8 AM Fine

4 Fri 8 AM 65. Fine

5 Sat 8 AM 58. Fine

6 Sun 9 AM 59. Fine

7 Mon 8 AM 62. Fine

Went

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Went to town, and at 8 PM saw Mr
Livingston ascend in his Balloon
from the Barrack yard. The
Balloon rose only to about twice
the height of the Cave Hill, and
descended at Parkmount, about
two miles distance. This extraordinary
exhibition of the Mental pow-
ers of Man, in turning the
elements to his will, induces

a series of speculations, as to
what new powers the present
spirit of Philosophic enquiry
may yet develope
to enable him to penetrate in
-to the secrets of nature, and
acquire new advantages, and
still further power over created
matter. The number of spectators
was very great, some say 30.000,
and this vast multitude exhibited
some peculiar traits on the oc
-casion. They put up, with the
repeated

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repeated disappointments, which
unavoidably took place, with
the most perfect good humour
But the most astonishing
display of the feeling of the
multitude, was the silence
which prevailed, when Mr
Livingstone ascended. A faint
shout of approbation mar
ked the moment when the Balloon parted

from the ground, but soon all were
fixed in mute astonishment
Silent with upturned eyes unbreath
-ing crowds
Pursue the floating wonder to the
clouds;
And flush'd with transport or benumbed
with fear,
Watch, as it rises, the diminish'd
sphere.

Darwins Bot. Garden

Canto 2. line 31.

To those who have never been
present, when a Balloon was as
-cending it is impossible to convey
any idea of the sensation

ex-

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experienced, when I was asked
did I see it, it required an exer-
-tion to say yes, and it was some
time before I could speak without breaking
my words, and hesitating before
I uttered them, and that this
was more or less the manner

which thousands of the
spectators was affected, I have
great reason to believe.
Matilda who saw it, said that
at first, she was in fear for his coming
tumbling down, but when she
observed him going along so smooth-
-ly, she wished very much to
have been with him. Another
little girl of about 9 or 10 also
expressed herself as being affected
in a nearly similar manner.
Upon the whole everyone seemed
highly delighted, and the gentle
descent of the Balloon within
sight

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sight of the Spectators, made the
conclusion equally pleasant
as the beginning, and when
about an hour afterwards, Mr
Livingston appeared in Belfast,
he was conducted by the joyous
Nobility, with sincere pleasure,
though not without a little

noise, to his lodgings.

For some additional remarks

which I formerly wrote see

the Belfast Monthly Magazine

Vol 1 - p 212.

8 Tues Ther, at 8 AM 69 at 4 PM 77

A Very Fine day

9 Wed 8 AM 63 Wind East

a gentle breeze. Darkish

but Fine

10 Thur 8 AM 57. Fine

Wind Easterly

11 Fri 8 AM 54. Fine

Wind Northerly

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June 1824

12 Sat Ther, at 8 AM. 58. Fine

Rosa alba

canina with a White }

flower and inside of }

the External Perianthe } Fl

-um downy }

Lilium bulbiferum }

13 Sun 9 AM 56. Dark

Some slight rain in the

Evening

14 Mon 9 AM. 55. Several

gentle showers through the

day

15 Tues 8 AM 50. Heavy

rain this Morning,

And Mrs. Templeton went

for Dublin, in the Mor

-ning Coach, in order to

see Robert who from Mis

-taking a word in his last

letter we thought very un

well

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-well, but which another

letter that I received

today in great part dis-

-sipated my uneasiness

16 Wed. Ther, at 8 AM 53. Some

slight showers with Sun-

shine.

17 Thur 8 AM 55 Some

slight Showers

18 Fri 8 AM. 60. Fine

Philadelphus coronarius

19 Sat 8 AM 55 Rain
most part of the day

20 Sun 10 AM 53. Some
Showers

21 Mon 8 AM 58 Very
Fine

Lonicera Periclymenum Fl

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June 1824

22 Tues Ther, at 8 AM 56 Fine

23 Wed 8 AM 57. Fine

24 Ther 8 AM 58 Fine

but dark

Went up the Canal

25 Fri 9 AM 54 Fine

Mrs. Templeton and

Robert returned from

Dublin

26 Sat 9 AM. 62. Fine

27 Sun 9 AM 54 Some

gentle Rain

Phlox maculata Fl.

28 Mon 8½ AM 60. Fine

without Sun.

June 1824

- 29 Tues Ther, at 8½ AM. 57. Some
rain
- 30 Wed 8 AM 57½ Some
showers.

July

- 1 Thur. Ther, at 8 AM 56. Some
showers
- 2 Fri 8 AM 56 Some
showers
- 3 Sat 8 AM 57
- 4 Sun 57
- 5 Mon 56 Some
slight showers
- 6 Tues 8 AM 54 Some
slight rain in the Morning

Legustrum Vulgares Fl

July 1824

- 7 Wed Ther, at 8 AM 58 Some
slight Rain
- 8 Thur 8 AM. 64. A
slight shower or two

- 9 Fri 8 AM. Some
heavy showers
- 10 Sat 8 AM. 58 Some
heavy showers
Papilio Atalanta
Phaloema Bergmani
- 11 Sun 8½ AM 58. Seve
-ral heavy showers
- 12 Mon. 8 AM. 64. Some
showers
- 13 Tues 8 AM 61 Some
long Showers

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[Newspaper cutting]:

To the Editor of the NORTHERN WHIG.
SIR,- I am induced to present you with an extract from an American Paper, which lately came to my hand, in consequence of Mr. M'Clure, one of those estimable individuals mentioned in it, having come to spend a few days in Belfast, previous to his going to see our celebrated Giant's Causeway.

It must certainly be pleasing to the benevolent to see, that while the press of Britain is filled with details of brutal combats, which shock every humane mind, and seem to mark a retrograding of civilisation, the press of the United States of America is exerting itself in procuring whatever can exhibit Man in the most exalted station, as a patriot and virtuous citizen, and in whatever situation he can afford the brightest

example to his countrymen, and rouse the useful mind to admiration of truly great actions. Britain may boast of her warriors who march over suffering humanity to obtain what they call glory, and the applause of an unthinking multitude, who perceive not in the triumph of their hero the source of their own degradation, an increase of their own burdens, an increase of labour, without additional enjoyment. - Yes, it is pleasing to see, that one part of the world is advancing in whatever can embellish and administer to the comforts of society; and that citizens who have accumulated riches, instead of extending their superfluous wealth at horse races, boxing matches, &c. &c. are conveying those hoards of knowledge, which have adorned the libraries and museums of Europe, to enrich their native or now adopted country. Successful exertions have been made to introduce whatever animals or vegetables might be useful to the country. The Lama and Vicuna of South America now conceive themselves at home; and many plants, which were formerly supposed to admit only of successful cultivation in a southern climate, are now cultivated in the neighbourhood of Philadelphia. With such citizens, and a government ever attentive to the welfare of the people, starvation cannot show its horrid aspect.

July 7, 1824.

J. Templeton [Signed by hand]

ANNALS OF BENEFIENCE.

No. 1

"On eagles wings, immortal, scandals fly,

"While virtuous actions are but born and die."

The powerful influence of example in impelling mankind to good or ill, can scarcely escape the notice of the most superficial

observer. Numerous cases, in proof, present themselves daily. It is therefore immensely important to the virtue and happiness of a community, to have instances of laudable actions brought

forward as conspicuously and in as strong relief as possible, in order to arouse and perpetuate a noble emulation in the career of virtue. It is to be regretted that scarcely any attention is paid to this important point, a neglect which has given rise to the mortifying sentiment expressed in my motto. Any atrocious act, perpetuated in any corner of the United States, is immediately detailed with all its enormity in the newspapers, and travels from New Hampshire to Georgia, and from the Atlantic to the Mississippi; and, as if this were not enough, we have too often detailed in our newspapers the enormities of Europe.

Whereas, the knowledge of actions deserving of immortality is frequently confined to the very neighbourhood in which they are "*born and die*". This is lamentable and pernicious. Mankind are too generally torpid and indolent, and prone to centre their regards and cares in self. They require potent stimula to elevate their minds to great and glorious actions. Those who have watched the salutary effect, in the elevation of mind and noble disinterestedness inspired in youth, by the perusal of the Grecian and Roman histories, which abound in instances of all the great heroic virtues of patriotism, public spirit, magnanimity, courage, generosity, &c. will unhesitatingly coincide in these opinions. This was well understood by some of the ancient Lawgivers, who decreed public rewards to persons distinguished for their virtues.

Under this impression, I shall occasionally submit to the public examples of beneficence, benevolence, patriotism, magnanimity, heroism, and generosity, in the fond hope of exciting to imitation, not merely the rising generation, but those who are far advanced in their career towards "that country, from whose bourne no traveller returns." The examples, I trust,

cannot fail to produce salutary effects. Should but one wealthy individual - and I would gladly flatter myself that there will be many - who now hoards his riches with the grasp of death, be induced to part with a portion of them towards building a bridge - founding an hospital - establishing or enlarging a public library - cutting a canal - relieving merit suffering under distress - patronising promising but depressed talents in the arts or sciences - or towards any of the laudable objects in which some of the persons whose cases I shall cite, have displayed their munificence, I shall rest satisfied that my labours are fully rewarded. But, should my expectations be disappointed, I shall at least enjoy the satisfaction of having made an effort to excite a spirit which unfortunately is too rare at present.* I shall not confine myself to instances on this side of the Atlantic, but shall occasionally range over a wider sphere, and exhibit some select cases from Great Britain and Ireland, where, particularly in the former, they abound to an extent truly honourable to that country.

An eloquent preacher in Boston, whose congregation comprises some of the wealthiest citizens of that place, lately made a feeling address to them, which deserves the most serious attention of every wealthy man in the world. - "My dearly beloved brethren," says he, " some of you have income of 10,000,

* Boston stands proudly pre-eminent in this noble career over the rest of the Union. Many of her wealthy citizens have displayed a princely munificence in the support of public establishments, and promotion of objects of great utility. Individuals in that city have contributed as much in a single instance for such purposes as all our very wealthy men united in ten years. With very few exceptions, ours have no ambition for making such use of their wealth. Their motto seems to be

"Mihi plaudo,

Ipsa domi simul ac nummos contemplor in arca."

Very nearly all the patronage that the arts and sciences and literature receive in Philadelphia, is from the gentlemen of the learned professions, and those in the middle walks of life.

"Pudet haec approbia nobis

Et dici potuisse - et non potuisse refelli."

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some 20,000, some 30,000, and some 40,000 dollars per annum. If you were to devote 4, 5, 6, or 7000 dollars per annum, to religious, charitable, or philosophical purposes, *you would still retain fortune enough to enable your children to ruin themselves.*" What a field for reflection this opens to a contemplative mind! What a lesson to men of wealth, who are amassing treasures in countless heaps for the destruction of their children! If we look round, in every direction, we shall find numbers of young men who gave the highest promise of great usefulness in early life, but have been actually ruined in fame and fortune merely by the exorbitant wealth bequeathed them by their parents, which tempted them into the indulgence of every species of vice and folly. Those misguided parents might have immortalised themselves by devoting, during their lives, a part of their fortunes to charitable or generous purposes - and by the remainder, secured happiness here, and probably hereafter, to their children. What they hoarded with such tenacious grasp, there heirs squander away with prodigal hand.

I.-GENERAL VAN RENSSELAER, of the State of New York, appropriated five hundred dollars per annum, for three years, towards making geological surveys in his neighbourhood. The three years having expired lately, he extended his liberal donation for three years more. To his honour, various other instances of liberality are recorded of him.

II.-SAMUEL A. ELLIOT, Esq. of Boston, lately purchased the library of D. B. Warden, Esq. formerly American Consul at Paris, which he presented to the Harvard University. This

collection contains about 1300 volumes chiefly on American history, and 300 maps. I do not know the amount of the purchase, but believe it was a very considerable sum - as the owner, when they were first offered for sale, estimated them at an exorbitant rate.

III.-ISRAEL THORNDIKE, Esq. of Boston, some years since, purchased and presented to the same University, the very valuable library of C. D. Ebeling, Professor at Hamburg, collected with the most extraordinary care, attention, and liberality, and directed chiefly towards enabling Mr E. to write a history of this country, in which he spent the greater part of his life. His history of Pennsylvania is acknowledged to be far superior to any account of this State published in the English language.

IV.-GODFREY HAGA, Esq. a respectable German, about seventy-six years of age, for half a century a citizen of Philadelphia, made his will some years since, in which he bequeathed 5000 dollars to the Moravian Society, of which he is a worthy member. The Society, about two years ago, having determined on rebuilding their church, he cancelled the item in his will, and presented them with the full sum above specified. What a laudable example, and how worthy of the imitation of those who are rolling in wealth!

V.- Of all the citizens who have done honour to Philadelphia, none ever more truly deserved the character of a Mecenas, than WILLIAM M'CLURE, Esq. a native of Scotland, but long a resident in this city, formerly of the firm of M'Clure and Robertson. He made a handsome fortune by commerce; and, being ardently devoted to the promotion of the arts and sciences, was one of the principal founders of the Academy of Natural Sciences in this city, - an institution whose reputation stands deservedly high in Europe. To this Society, Mr. M'CLURE has presented numerous and splendid collections of books, purchased at various times on the continent of Europe,

containing many of the most valuable works extant, on natural philosophy, geology, mineralogy, chemistry, and botany. The whole number of volumes is about ten thousand, which, with the valuable philosophical apparatus, and numerous specimens of minerals, cost ten or twelve thousand dollars.

Being an enthusiastic admirer of the Pestlozzian system of Education, he sent Mr. Neff, and one or two other gentlemen, at a great expense, to this country, to open academies on this plan; and, I have reason to believe, contributed largely to their support *for some time after their arrival*. The project failed, whether for want of patronage,- a radical unsoundness in the system,- or the incapacity of the gentleman sent here, to carry M. Pestalozzi's views into operation, I cannot determine. But the failure does not detract an iota from the great merit of this estimable citizen, in making his wealth subservient to the great cause of, what he presumed to be, the promotion of the illumination and happiness of his fellow-men.

"Go - and do thou likewise."

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Philadelphia, Oct. 16th 1823

It appears rather enigmatical, that the Pestalozzi mode of education has not succeeded with the boys, when some late accounts mention that the lady employed has succeeded completely in instructing females by that method.

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|----|----------------------|-----------|
| 14 | Wed Ther, at 8 AM 69 | Very |
| | Fine | |
| 15 | Thur | 8 AM 65½. |

Some Showers

16 Fri 8½ AM 61 A slight

Shower

17 Sat 8 AM 60 A

slight shower or two

55

July 1824

18 Sun. Ther, at 9½ AM 61. Fine

19 Mon 8 AM 58. Fine

20 Tues 8 AM 62. Fine

21 Wed 8 AM 62. A show

-er.

22 Thur 8 AM 65. Fine

23 Fri 8 AM 61

24 Sat Some

heavy Showers

Went up the Canal with

the other Directors

25 Sun 8 AM 61. Dry

56

July 1824

26 Mon Ther at 8 AM. 61. Fine

27 Tues 8½ AM. 61. Fine

28 Wed 8 AM 60

Fine day

- 29 Thur 8 AM 62 A slight
Shower at 9 AM Fine af
terwards
Calla palustris in
flower
- 30 Fri 8 AM 63 Dark
dry day
- 31 Sat 8 AM 57. Dark
dry day

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August 1824

- 1 Sun, Ther, at 8 AM 60. Fine
- 2 Mon 8 AM 60½ Some
Showers
- 3 Tues 8 AM 60 Fine
- 4 Wed 9 AM 60. Some
Rain
- 5 Thur 8 AM 57. Some
Showers
- 6 Fri Fine
- 7 Sat 9 AM 63 Some
- 8 Sun 9 AM 64. Some
showers
- 9 Mon 8 AM 59. A
slight Shower

August 1824

- 10 Tues Ther, at 9 AM 60 Some
trifling Showers
- 11 Wed 8 AM 54. Some
very heavy Showers
- 12 Thur 8 AM 53. Some
Showers and Thunder
heard at a distance
Rudbeckia purpurea Fl
- 13 Fri 8 AM 53 Some
showers
- 14 Sat 9 AM 57 Some
showers a very heavy
one at Night
- 15 Sun 8 AM 59. Some
showers

August 1824

- 16 Mon. Ther, at 8AM 55. Some
slight showers
- 17 Tues 8 AM 58. Seve
ral very heavy Showers
- 18 Wed 8 AM 52. Seve
ral heavy showers

Finished cleaning the Pond

- 19 Thur 8 AM 54½ Fine
in the Orchard
- 20 Fri 8½ AM 56 Some
very heavy showers
- 21 Sat 8½ AM 59. Some
heavy Showers
Began to reap Oats
- 22 Sun 9 AM 57 Dry
- 23 Mon 8 AM 55. Fine
with a slight shower in
the Evening

60

August 1824

- 24 Tues Ther, at 8 AM 58. Some
slight rain in the Morning
- 25 Wed 8 AM 60 Fine
- 26 Thur 8 AM 60 Fine
- 27 Fri 8 AM 61. Fine
but mostly cloudy, and a
dense mist on 2 parts of Mr. McCleane
field
- 28 Sat 8 AM 60 Fine
but mostly Cloudy
- 29 Sun 8 AM 60 Fine

but mostly dark

30 Mon 8 AM 59 Cloudy

most of the day, some Rain

at Night

31 Tues 9 AM 60 Fine

61

September 1824

1 Wed. Ther, at 8 AM 62. Some

slight rain

2 Thur 8 AM 63 Fine

3 Fri 8 AM 65 Fine

Lilium superbum Fl

4 Sat 9 AM 59. The

appearance this Morning

of having been a shower

Fine day

5 Sun 9 AM 54½ Fine

6 Mon 9 AM 56. Some

slight rain

7 Tues 9 AM 54 Some

heavy Rain

62

September 1824

8 Wed Ther, at 9 AM. 58 Some

heavy showers

- 9 Thur 9 AM 50 A
Shower
- 10 Fri 9 AM 56½
A very slight shower, ap-
-parently very heavy rain
in the C. Down
Put in a Link of Oats
- 11 Sat 8 AM 57 Wet
most of the day
Went in Mr Tennents Coach
to Mr Harveys.
Got from Mr Harvey a
plant of *Chelone obliqua*
and *Phlox stolonifera*

63

- 12 Sun. Ther, at 9½ AM 57.
Some showers
- 13 Mon 9 AM 58 Heavy
Showers
- 14 Tues 8½ AM 58 Wet Morn
-ing
- 15 Wed 8 AM 57 Some
heavy showers
Robert returned home
this evening after being

absent and causing
me much uneasiness
since the Evening of
the 3d.

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September 1824

16 Thur. Ther, at 9½ AM 64

Dry

17 Fri 8½ AM 16. Fine

18 Sat 9 AM 59. Some

heavy showers

19 Sun 9 AM 50. Dry

Parnasia Caroliniana Fl [*Parnassia caroliniana* Carolina grass of Parnassus]

20 Mon 9 AM 54. Dry

21 Tues 8 AM. 53 Some

heavy Rain

22 Wed 8½ AM 60. Dry

23 Thur 8½ AM 54½. Dry

North Wind

65

September 1824

24 Fri. Ther, at 8½ AM 55. Fine

Last of the Oats in the Stackyard

25 Sat 9 AM. 54 Fine

but with a trifling shower

- 26 Sun 8½ AM 47 Fine
- 27 Mon 9 AM 43½ Some
Showers which made the
Mountain top white
- 28 Tues 8½ AM 42 Dry
cold day
- 29 Wed 9 AM. 50. Had been
much rain in the Night
Dry from 9 AM
- 30 Thur 9 AM 58 Heavy
rain in the afternoon

66

October

- 1 Fri Ther, at 8 AM. 52. Wet
most of the day
- 2 Sat 9 AM 51 Very
heavy Showers during the
forenoon
- 3 Sun 9 AM 54 Dry
- 4 Mon 9 AM 54. Dry
- 5 Tues 9 AM 56. Dry
- 6 Wed Slight
Rain most of the day
Received from Mr Cowper
Tamarix germanica [Tamarisk Salt Cedar *Myricaria germanica*]

Lobelia siphilitica [Blue cardinal flower]

Daphne alpina

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- 7 Thur. Ther, at 8 AM 56. Dry
- 8 Fri 8 AM 57. Dry
- 9 Sat 9 AM 52. Wet Morn
-ing and most of the day
- 10 Sun 8½ AM 43 Very Wet
and Windy afternoon with the
wind from the East
- 11 Mon 9 AM 45. Stormy
and Wet from the East
- 12 Tues 9 AM 44 Windy
from the East, with several
large hail showers
- 13 Wed 8 AM 35½ 9 AM 39
Cold but fine day
- 14 Thur 9 AM 37½ Dry
Redwings come
- 15 Fri 8½ AM 40 Dry
bright

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- 16 Sat .Ther, at 8½ AM 40 Some
slight Showers
- 17 Sun 9 AM 39 Fine

- 18 Mon 9 AM 45 Fine
a slight Shower at
the Evening
- 19 Tues 9 AM 46 Fine
- 20 Wed 8½ AM 49 Fine
Rain at Night
- 21 Thur 9 AM 51. Wet most
of the day
Robt left us this Morning
to go to Edinburgh
- 22 Fri 9 AM 59 A Wet
Night and a flood in the
Meadows
- 69**
- October 1824
- 23 Sat Ther, at 8½ AM 54 Fine
but mostly dark day
- 24 Sun 8 AM 55 at 9 AM
55½ Wet at Night
- 25 Mon 9 AM 54. Wet
Morning - and same during
the day
- 26 Tues 9 AM 47 Wet
Morning dry day
- 27 Wed 8 AM 41½ Fine

until night then Wet

28 Thur 9 AM 45. Wet

Morning, dry day

29 Fri 8½ AM 45. Wet

Morning Dry day.

30 Sat 8½ AM 43 Wet

Morning Dry day

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This evening heard of the
Death of Francis Laird to whom
in the days of my youth I was
much attached, but different
pursuits divided us, he went
abroad and for some years
roamed I may say in quest of
adventures in different countries
and among strangers while I
remained at home, enjoying
my peaceful groves, and the
society of less ambitious friends
Francis Laird early exhibited
more than common abilities in
acquiring literary and some
scientific Knowledge, but un-
-fortunately for him, the parti

-ality of some of his friends, saw
his acquirements, and estimated
them too highly, raising in the
breast of my friend, too high an
opinion

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opinion of his own merits.
Which finally produced a
total change in his opinions
and manners, and the serious
scholar was metamorphosed
into a gay thoughtless, and seem-
-ingly unprincipled being, who
assumed the appearance of
being vicious rather than not
be talked of. Unfortunately how-
-ever what was at first fiction
became the confirmed character
of the Man, and he longed for a
more enlarged stage, whereonto
strut and act his part. This pre-
-sented itself, on an Uncle of his
taking him to visit Mr David
Kerr of Portavo who procured him
an appointment in an East India

ship, for which he soon qualified himself, after having made a voyage, on his return nothing

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nothing in Belfast, London was the only place to enjoy life, It so happened however that he was induced to stay so long in Belfast, that his situation in the Indiaman was filled up and the vessel sailed before he reached London, in this dilemma, his name along with my own having been entered on the Navy book he claimed his station as a Midshipman and entered on the Quarter Deck of the Boyne a ship afterwards accidentally burned at Spithead, of which occurrence he wrote home a splendid account, not forgetting a minute detail of the intrepidity he displayed on the occasion

He next joined Admiral Duck
worths squadron on the West
Indian

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Indian station, and being appoin
-ted to bring a small prize home
he met with an enemys ship
ordinarily equal force, which
after some time he obliged
to leave him to pursue his
course. In the midst of this
career of Glory, he was un
-fortunately seen drunk on
the quarter Deck, a heinous
offence against the regu
-lations of the Navy, which
ultimately obliged him
to retire from this path*
to Fame, and amidst the
smoke of London to pursue
the steps of the celebrated
Johnson and after spending
all his patrimonial property
earn his livelihood by his
pen which afforded such a

small supply to his wants

that

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that he was glad to accept
of the kind invitation of Mr
Robt. Jameson a Gentleman
who had taught Arithmetic
in Belfast, from which town
he went to commence Mer-
chant Broker in London, in
Mr Jamesons house he always
met a hearty welcome until
by Mercantile misfortunes
that Gentlemans affairs be-
-came less prosperous, when
Francis was obliged to depend
altogether upon his own re-
-sources and these when ex-
-erted seem to have procured
him if not affluence yet in-
-dependence. He long conducted
as Editor
a Journal which has held a
respectable situation among
its contemporaries for a long time

Under the fictitious name of

Clarke

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Clarke. He caught the popular attention by a life of Lord Wellington, which by those who are admirers of his Lordships character is said to be a creditable performance. Since the period of that publication I understand he had been engaged along with some other Gentleman in compiling a Statistical Work, for this there is little doubt he was well fitted, if we may judge from the indefatigable zeal which he once exhibited in pursuing the Genealogical history of the Legg family to which his Mother belonged. Of him we may say he had a considerably great versatility of Genius, a large portion of Historical and other Literary knowledge, but all these advantages were cast aside in

pursuit of False fame, and in
the thoughtless enjoyment of
what he called life.

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October 1824

31 Sun Ther, at 9 AM. 45. Wet Morn
ing dry day

November

1 Mon. Ther, at 8½ AM. 49.
2 Tues 9 AM 56. Very Windy
forenoon
3 Wed 8 AM. 42. Some show
-ers
4 Thur. 9 AM. 36 Some
heavy showers
5 Fri 8½ AM. 35. Dry
6 Sat. 9 AM. 32. at 2
PM. 44. Raining at 2¼.
7 Sun 9 AM. 55. Several
Misty showers with a breeze
8 Mon 9 AM 48. Plea
-sant dry day

- 9 Tues Thur, at 9 AM 40. Very Wet
& Stormy from 12 AM
Today heard of the death of
Mrs. John Thomson
- 10 Wed 9 AM. 54 Wet and
Windy
- 11 Thur Mild
pleasant with a few drops
of Rain
- 12 Fri 9 AM 41. Some
Showers
- 13 Sat 9 AM for 48. Very Stor
-my day and Night, with
some Showers
Received a letter from Robert
mentioning his intention of returning from Edinburgh
to Dublin

- November 1824
- 14 Sun Ther, at 9 AM. 43½
Great Squalls with heavy
showers and some hail
- 15 Mon 8½ AM 38. Some
showers and Windy

- 16 Tues 9 AM 46 Some
showers and a Stormy af-
-ternoon
- 17 Wed 9 AM 55. Stormy
through the night, mostly
dry from the Morning
- 18 Thur. 9 AM 37 Snow
on the Mountains down
to the falls road. Heavy
rain or Sleet through the
Night. Dark but dry
- 19 Fri 9 AM 36. Fine
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- November 1824
- 20 Sat. Ther, at 9 AM. 41 Wet
afternoon
- 21 Sun 9 AM 42. Dry
- 22 Mon 9 AM. 35 Misty
damp
- 23 Tues 9 AM 44 Misty
damp most of the day
- 24 Wed 9 AM 43 Some
slight Rain
- 25 Thur 9 AM 40 Fine
- 26 Fri 9 AM 34 Fine

27 Sat 9 AM 40 Fine
28 Sun 9 AM 51 Wet most
of the day

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November 1824

29 Mon Ther, at 9 AM. 43 Some
Showers
30 Tues 9 AM 34. Fields
with shallow Snow, Snow
lay all day Misty and Snow
ing at Night

December

1 Wed Ther, at 9 AM 31½ A
Little more Snow on the Ground
Some Snow
2 Thur 9 AM 28. Snow
unmelted
3 Fri 9 AM 30. Snow
still lying
4 Sat 9 AM 30. Snow
still lying

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5 Sun Ther, at 9 AM 24½ Clear
Frosty day at Night the

wind changed, and blew

a Storm through the

Night.

- 6 Mon 9½ AM 42. Snow
very much gone. Showers
Windy at Night
- 7 Tues 9 AM 36 Some
slight rain in the Morning
- 8 Wed 9 AM 40 Some
slight Showers
- 9 Thur 9 AM 35 Dry
- 10 Fri 9 AM 30 Pleasant
- 11 Sat 9 AM 47 Pleasant

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December 1824

- 12 Sun Ther, at 9 AM. 50. Pleasant
dark day with a breeze
- 13 Mon 9 AM 50 Some
slight showers
- 14 Tues 9 AM 48. Pleasant
dark day
- 15 Wed 9 AM 50 Some
slight Showers
- 16 Thur 9 AM. 35½
Cool dark day

- 17 Fri 9 AM 40 Some
slight rain
- 18 Sat 9 AM 48. Some
slight Rain
- 19 Sun 9 AM 52. Some
Rain

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December 1824

- 20 Mon Ther, at 9 AM. 35.
Some rain and Snow
showers Mountains White
- 21 Tues 9 AM 35 Wet
most of the day
- 22 Wed 8½ AM 40 Very
Stormy Wind East wet forenoon, and
great tide in Belfast
- 23 Thur Ground
covered with a shallow
Snow
- 24 Fri 9 AM 39 Mostly
dry
- 25 Sat 9 AM 51. Stormy
Morning, Stormy day
- 26 Sun 9 AM 35 Stormy
Night Windy most of the day

- 27 Mon Ther, at 9 AM 50 Stormy
forenoon Wet at Night
and Calm
- 28 Tues 9 AM 39. Dry
cool day
- 29 Wed 9 AM 30 Very Stor
my at Night, Ground white this
Morning
- 30 Thur 9 AM 37 Mostly
dry, Stormy at Night
- 31 Fri 9 AM 40 Windy
day Stormy at Night
Some drops of Rain during
the forenoon

[FOR "THE IRISHMAN."]

Died, at her house at Lamberg, near Lisburn, on the 25th December last, Mrs Barclay, widow of the late Mr John Barclay.

I conceive it right that this individual, though her march was in the middle ranks of society, should not pass away unnoticed, nor the memory of her virtues sink into oblivion. What is here written may be considered as an uninbellished delineation of a benevolent mind, and to soothe the feelings of regret for loss of an always kind friend; for that ear, which was always delighted to hear well-merited praise con-

ferred on another, now sleeps in the silent tomb, alike unconscious either of adulation or of censure. We have enough of heroes, whose path is marked by human misery. What is wanted are portraiture of those who have endeavoured to mitigate the ills of humanity, and diffused happiness around them; such characters may lead some from first admiring finally to imitation. And truly may it be said, that the after age of those is happy, whose youthful mind has been led to look with enthusiasm on those esteemed for their talents and their virtues. In contemplating the constitution of society, we are led to conceive, that it is ordained by the All-governing Power of the Universe, that superior minds should appear, who, by their influence, develop genius and give an impulse to the minds that circulate around them. The Court of Lorenzo de Medici cherished with princely munificence the languishing Artists and Literati of that period; and that of the Sax Weimer nurtured and was the means of displaying, on a more enlarged field, the literary powers of the minds of Weiland Goethe and Schiller. Happily, however, it is not to splendid Courts alone, that genius, talent, and taste is confined; it may sometimes be met with, sheltered under the humble roof, when the possessor, actuated by the Divine pleasure of diffusing happiness, encourages and promotes the free interchange of thought, and gives energy to conversation by occasional scintillations from their own cultivated mind. Such a mind Lambeg possessed in Mrs. Barclay, who, as a presiding genius, inspired the social circle with all those feelings which elevate the civilised being above the man of the wilderness. How pleasant the society that frequented her house was, some still living can

declare; many others who once enjoyed and added to the festive scene, are now gone to the dark and narrow house, to which Time, with unvarying pace, is leading the remaining few. Around her fireside might have been seen, at the same time, Members of the Senate, the Bar, and the Pulpit, enjoying and eliciting those sparks of genius and brilliant sentiments, which, matured by reflection, afterwards fixed the attention and charmed an admiring audience.- From this social circle none were excluded but the illiberal politician and religious bigot, and they excluded themselves, for never was there a person who made greater allowances for prejudice and variation of opinion; her mode of excusing for difference in modes of thinking, was, that all people will never see the same object in the same point of view, and therefore that they will never all think alike. This charity for the mind was extended to the sufferings of the body; she commiserated the distressed and administered to their wants, and her assistance to the sufferers was only limited by her means of alleviating their distress, and whether it was the human species or the inferior animals, her benevolence was ever active.- The blackbirds, chaffinches, and sparrows flocked around when she walked in her garden, and contended who should be nearest to her to partake of her bounty, and even a rat was accustomed to visit her window daily to receive of the refuse of the breakfast table. With truth it may be said, she had a feeling heart, and all her actions were characterised by a rigid adherence to the most direct line of rectitude. Her expenses, by means of due attention to oeconomy, so met her income that her benevolent feeling could be freely gratified, and a proper portion reserved to

meet every other demand on her purse, and she would have blushed to have turned from her door the tradesman with his unpaid bill, and her rest would have been disturbed by conceiving that by withholding from him the money he was justly entitled to receive, he and his family went supperless to bed. Thus did she pass her days, enjoying life and administering comfort to the distressed; and, reader, if you wish to pass through life without regretting the days that are passed, follow the example of her who was so generally esteemed while living, and whose good deeds will long be remembered by those who partook of her beneficence. C.

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her own sex to the degree she deserved, urged the mother to take refuge nightly in the theatre. Daily and hourly seeing, hearing, and talking of little else but the theatre, as might have been expected, a wish to become an actress got possession of her mind. She went on her husband's stage just as her innocent child was becoming open to impressions; and thus Maria Foote, the present subject of public sympathy, was initiated, with the most innocent feelings, to undervalue those modest proprieties and delicacies of female character, which add an irresistible charm to the most beautiful, and they grace and soften the most abandoned woman. When Maria was 12 years of age, her mother was so far lost to all delicacy of mind, and her father so utterly insensible to all the duties of a father, that he suffered this only daughter to act *Juliet* to the *Romeo* of his wife! The town was disgusted – thoroughly disgusted – and whatever claims he had before to the notice of some private friends, they were now considered forfeited for ever. From this moment, a sort of

reckless indifference seem to possess the whole family. Nothing came amiss, so that money was the consequence; and under the impression of making it, Foote, who was brought up a gentleman, and whose wife had been educated as a lady, took a public inn, lost his wife's fortune, became the dupe of villains, and was ruined. Maria was at this time a most fascinating girl, and having succeeded in an experiment on a London audience, obtained an engagement at Covent-garden theatre.

To those who know nothing of a theatre, it may be new to tell them, that an interesting girl is in the jaws of ruin who enters it as an actress, unless watched and protected by her family and friends with the scrutiny of Argus, without his disposition to fall asleep. Constantly exposed to the gaze of men, – inflaming a hundred heads and agitating a thousand hearts, if she be as Maria was, fascinating and amiable, – surrounded by old wretches as dressers, who are the constant conveyors of letters, and sonnets, and notes and flattery, – dazzled by the thunders of public applause, and softened by the incense of a thousand sighs, breathed audibly from the front of the pit or the stage-boxes, – associating in the green-room with licensed married strumpets, because she must not be affected! or supping on the stage, after the curtain is dropped, with titled infamy or gray-headed lechery! – let the reader fancy an innocent girl from a country town, plunged at once into this furnace of depravity, – let him fancy her father sanctioning her by his indifference, or helping her by his example, and then let him say, if she be ultimately seduced and abandoned, whether it ought not to be a wonder she was innocent so long. In spite of an education that never cherished the best feelings of a child, Maria has a sounder understanding than her parents; and it is the conviction of the writer, that she will

by its exercise regain at last her station in society. It is manifest, from her letters, that she begins to perceive that selfishness, ingratitude, hypocrisy; indifference to the opinion of the best part of society, and base desertion of old friends when the most has been made of them, – a love of dash and splendour, in preference to virtue and quiet, are not, after all, the surest, or the more certain, or the most honourable methods of obtaining the respect of oneself or of society, and generally inflict on the practisers a double portion of disgrace and suffering.

For her seducer's heartless treatment of her during her distressing pregnancy, no punishment can ever be a sufficient infliction. A most passionate, ardent, endeared lover, certainly, to stay from his beloved nine months out of every year during the five she was his! – that is, 45 months out of 60 – thus spending, out of 60 months, 15 in her arms. Noble creature! *Romeo* was a log to such a lover! With respect to what, it is said, "weighs heavily against Maria," her calling Hayne "dearest Hayne;" it is easily accounted for, Hayne's generosity, contrasted with the parsimony of Saint Berkeley, – his desire at once to marry her, in contrast again with the Saint's procrastination, might have gone so thoroughly to her wounded spirit, that she might really feel him as "dearest," especially as she was going to live with him for ever.

Maria has ever been the victim of her affections – her affection for, and confidence in Saint Berkeley, – her affection for her worthy parent; and the vacuum her heart felt at the Saint's treachery would naturally make her feel directly the want of an object to lean upon. However severely people may censure her for this, a knowledge of the female heart may account for it all. To those who are acquainted with the conduct of the old gentleman for the last thirty years in Devonshire, the history of the pul-

monary complaint, the Manton gun, the six weeks at Tixall the meanness, the heartless ingratitude to Hayne, were exceedingly entertaining. There is scarcely a friend living, or a family dead, that he has not treated with the dirtiest selfishness, whatever were his obligations – spunging till he was insulted, lying till he was discovered, puffing till he was the butt of the town. The people of Plymouth can relate a thousand instances of this description. Berkeley's shrewdness soon saw that he should have no

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Climb, Climb who will the slippery height
That leads to Royal smiles and power
My heart let gentle peace delight
Let conscience cheer my parting hour.
So let me when my day have flown
To Cities, Courts and Camps unknown
Composedly must an humble grave
No wealth to loose no power to leave
Man to his long misconduct blind
Arms the dread king with all his danger
Lives known too well to all mankind
Dies to himself – a wretched stranger

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