

LADIES' CORNER.

PASSAGES FROM A POET'S LETTERS
TO HIS BELOVED.

ORIGINAL, NO. II.

FAITH.

He calls me, you say, a dreamer and a rhapsodist, and enquires tauntingly, "what is *faith*?" I will speak to him directly. I will say, Sir, *faith* is a diviner reason, inducing sublime conviction without the necessity for the production of proof; it is the eye of the *soul*, as reason is that of the mind; it is the staff with which the spiritual man walks uprightly, as reason is that of the mortal portion. Do not therefore deride, because I am unable to prove; the light must be *within thyself*, poured into thine immortal soul by the "Father of light;" it must shine within thy spirit, like the sun in the midst of our system, like the fountain of light in the centre of His universe. Then will the puny light of reason be absorbed in the divine effulgence of *faith*—then will links of the most subtle and forcible reasoning be as the spider's web compared with the adamant beams and golden chains of the convictions of *faith*. I cannot prove to thy satisfaction either by a process of inductive or syllogistic reasoning that I have a soul; but what can divest me of the intense belief, of the exalted joy of the conviction? Man would indeed be a discord in the midst of harmony, were he merely "of the earth, earthy;" he would be an anomaly in nature, a reproach to the every where perceived wisdom of the Creator. Can I believe that the being whom I so love, that her pure heart, profoundly intelligent yet innocently simple mind, her confiding faith, her abounding love, her charity which extends itself over the whole of sentient nature, that these shall terminate in the same "loathsomeness and ruin" to which her mortal is doomed? and that we shall not in a better world, in a loftier existence, perfect that love which unites us here? No, no! steep me in misery to the very lips; madden me with guilty horror, make me a reproach among men, and bitterer still, infamous in my own sight; but deprive me not of the "hope that is within me," of the abounding joy, of the sublime conviction.

POESY.

And let him not undervalue poesy; it has been well defined as "*impassioned truth*," it is the voice of the soul, the articulate breathing of our spiritual nature, and among men of refined minds and undeviated hearts it will ever be estimated highly. From the earliest periods of human history it has exercised a mighty influence over man; it has raised, purified, spiritualised, christianised his nature; in its high tones have deeds of undying love, of heroic courage, of unsullied faith, of matchless piety, of patriotic devotion, been unperishably recorded; through its gentle numbers has instruction reached our infant hearts, breathed by lips on which the finger of death has placed the seal of silence for ever; oh! no, not for ever; even now, sainted spirit, do I hear thy voice, music over summer waters was never so sweet; I do hear thy voice cheering me on in the pursuit of virtue, comforting me in my sorrows, and over my joys casting gleams of a purer and diviner happiness. Blessed spirit! dost thou not from the bosom of thy God look down with maternal pity on my earthly struggles? and is it not permitted thee by the God of all mercy to influence me by thy sweet advising, which in the hours of sleep and in the busy moments of day pass over my soul like sun beams? Away, away, ye cold hearted ones, who call me a dreamer and a rhapsodist! *ye dream*, for darkness is around you. *I walk* in the sun's light, which bathes my spirit in poesy and faith. *I tread* on the supporting air, which bouys me up with divine hope. Scoff not at poesy! How many a wearied head, how many an aching heart, have the ever verdant pages of Shakspeare charmed and comforted! How many a lofty sentiment has the diviner page of Milton inspired or supported! And even among the

writings of lowlier children, how much may you find to purify and exalt! Call it not a dream then; it is truth, "impassioned truth," the voice of the soul, the articulate breathing of our spiritual nature. E.

MR. EDITOR,—I have pleasure in forwarding for the "Temperance Advocate," the subjoined poetry, written in days long past by one in whom was combined all admirable qualities of head and heart. Even in this far land there may be those who remember Dr. Drennan, of Belfast, Ireland; and who revere, as I do, the memory of a patriot, an orator, and a poet, "who illustrated his native town by a character distinguished for private worth, consistent public spirit, much elegant accomplishment, and high professional reputation. In the following poem all will feel that Dr. Drennan was the gifted advocate of a good cause. E. H. D.

Wollombi, Dec. 1840.

THE WORM OF THE STILL.

I have found what the learned seem'd so puzzled to tell—

The true shape of the devil, and where is his hell;
Into serpents of old, crept the Author of Ill,
But Satan works now as the Worm of the Still.

Of all his migrations, this last he likes best;
How the arrogant reptile here raises his crest!
His head winding up from the tail of his plan,
Till the *worm* stands erect o'er the prostrated man.

Here, he joys to transform, by his magical spell,
The sweet milk of the earth to an essence of hell;
Fermented our food, and corrupted our grain
To famish the stomach, and madden the brain.

By his water of life what distraction and fear,
By the gleam of its light what pale spectres appear;

A demon keeps tune on his fiddle, finance,
While the passions spring up in a horrible dance!

Then prone on the earth, they adore in the dust,
A man's baser half rais'd in room of his bust.
Such orgies the nights of the drunkard appear,
But how black with ennui, how benighted his day!

With drams it begins, and with drams must it end,
A dram is his country, his mistress, his friend;
Till the ossify'd heart hates itself at last,
And the dram nerves the hand for a death dealing blast.

Mark that mother, that monster, that shame, and that curse!

See the babe hang dead drunk at the breast of his nurse!

As it drops from her arm, mark her stupify'd stare!

Then she wakes with a yell and a shriek of despair.

My ruin, no track of a viper is seen,
To stain thy pure surface of Emerald green;
But the serpent can never want poison to kill,
While the wealth of your fields feeds 'THE WORM OF THE STILL!'

Belfast, March 17, 1815.

W. DRENNAN.

EXCELLENCIES OF KNOWLEDGE.—There are in knowledge these two excellencies: first that it offers to every man, the most selfish and the most exalted, his peculiar inducement to good. It says to the former, "Serve mankind, and you serve yourself;" to the latter, "In choosing the best means to secure your own happiness, you will have the sublime inducement of promoting the happiness of mankind." The second excellence of knowledge is, that even the selfish man, when he has once begun to love virtue from little motives, loses the motives as he increases the love, and at last worships the Deity, where before he only coveted gold upon its altar.—*E. L. Bulwer.*

HAPPINESS.—That state of life is most happy, where superfluities are not required and necessities are not wanting.—*Plutarch.*

AMERICA.

The Journal of the American Temperance Union for May has just come to hand, in which is much intelligence of an interesting nature. We subjoin some in a condensed form:—

The Massachusetts Temperance Union have set on foot a system of operations which promises to put into every family of the state their journal, tracts, and almanac.

Petitions, with six thousand six hundred signatures, have been presented to the board of aldermen in Boston, praying that the sale of intoxicating liquors may not be sanctioned by the city authorities.

The mayor and aldermen of Boston have determined to license no victualling shops—[*we scarcely understand what is meant, but the paper speaks of them as*] the worst kind of drinking establishments.

The grand jurors in and for the County of Genessee, New York, have presented the traffic in and use of intoxicating drinks as a public and private detriment and nuisance, which ought to be abated.

The boards of excise of Johnsburgh and Warrensburgh have refused, the former to license any to sell ardent spirits, the latter *any grocer or storekeeper.*

Emigrants from Ireland are now constantly arriving with the Temperance medals hanging on their necks, and the teetotal abstinence certificate, signed by Theobald Mathew, carefully carried in a little handkerchief, or a bit of a pocket-book. From one who called on us recently we took the following print. [Here a neat woodcut of the certificate is subjoined, and the article adds] This certificate is an excellent passport at the intelligence office. But we tremble for the bearer coming into this city of temptation [New York.] Nothing but a general advocacy of the cause among their brethren will save the poor emigrants.

There is evidently a waking up of the subject amongst the Irish throughout this country. The Catholic papers, we are happy to see, present faithfully the progress in Ireland. In Hartford, Connecticut, an Irishman recently murdered his wife. The subject was brought up in the Catholic church next Sabbath, the duty of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors was strongly urged, and a large majority assented to the Temperance pledge. In Augusta, Maine, at the celebration of St. Patrick's day, wine was on the table, but very sparingly used. During the entertainment, on announcing a sentiment to the honor of Father Mathew, the gentleman who presided (Mr. O. Reiley) very appropriately requested that the *glasses might not be filled.*

In Boston a large meeting was to be held on the 12th instant, (April) in the basement of the cathedral. The meeting was composed of persons from the various congregations of the city and vicinity, and from Lowell. A Society was formed, called the Boston Roman Catholic Confraternity, and a constitution was adopted, with a pledge "to abstain from the use of all distilled spirituous liquors, as an article of drink or traffic, and to discountenance the use and sale thereof by others; and not to frequent, or partake of any intoxicating liquor in, those places where ardent spirits are publicly exposed for sale as an article of common drink or refreshment." The New York city pledge, which only goes against ardent spirits, was proposed, as also a teetotal pledge, and the latter was introduced in addition.

DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE.—The strong barriers which confined the stores of wisdom have been thrown down, and a flood overspreads the earth: old establishments are adapting themselves to the spirit of the age; new establishments are rising; the inferior schools are introducing improved systems of instruction, and good books are rendering every man's fireside a school. From all these causes there is growing up an enlightened public opinion, which quickens and directs the progress of every art and science, and through the medium of a free press, although overlooked by many, is now rapidly becoming the governing influence in all the affairs of man.—*Dr. Arnott.*

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

The six bushrangers apprehended on the Hunter, were safely lodged in Sydney Goal yesterday morning.—The operatives of Sydney, have presented to Mr. Duncan of the 'Australization Chronicle,' a valuable gold medal for his advocacy of their interests in opposition to the Masters' and Servants' Bill.—Mr. T. B. Curtis has been appointed clerk of the George-street Market.—Although the 'Marmion' left Manilla nearly a month after our last arrivals, the only authentic intelligence we obtain is, that there was no truth in the report that the Chinese had retaken Chusan and burnt H. M. S. 'Wellesley.'—Mr. Justice Burton is expected to arrive early in February.—The Attorney-General is to be honored by an invitation to a public dinner previous to his leaving the colony in the 'Kelso.'—A Muster of the Sydney Police under Capt. Innis took place on Christmas Day in the Police yard when the Chief constable, the assistant ditto, the four inspectors, twelve sergeants, and sixty-seven constables, appeared on the ground dressed in their new clothing and armed with their batons of office—the whole were afterwards marched to Government-house. The Water-Police were also mustered at the same place, under Captain Brown, appearing in all to be twenty strong, including the two inspectors and the coxswain.—A few evenings ago, Mr. Stubbs held an evening auction for the sale of various valuable properties, at which coffee was introduced in lieu of intoxicating drinks, and, we understand, nearly 300 cups of this delicious beverage, was drunk by a large and respectable audience, who testified their approbation of the change by spirited and generous biddings. *Nil Desperandum*.—A cricket match is to be played on New Year's day between the Australian and Victoria clubs.—On Christmas Morning the shop of Mr. Bennett, shoemaker, George-street, was entered by means of a false key, and a considerable quantity of property stolen. Some persons are in custody connected in the robbery.—The number of drunkards on the police list on Saturday morning was only twenty-six, being a far less number than has been known for many years past at Christmas.—Six persons, viz. two men, two women, and two children, were drowned in the lower Hawkesbury, last week. It seems they had been to Windsor to purchase supplies for the Christmas festivities; they became intoxicated, and the issue was fatal to all.

THE TEETOTAL FESTIVAL.

As we anticipated, this Festival came off on Monday last, with a degree of quiet and peaceable order befitting the principles the Society represents, and arguing the immense amount of good which the community would derive, were teetotalism universal, especially amongst the productive classes. The procession—to which objections had been started, not only by some persons friendly, and by others averse to Temperance Societies, but also by some of the members themselves, as appeared by their not joining its ranks—was headed by a train of boys and girls, two of the boys bearing flags, on which was inscribed respectively "Train up a child in the way he should go," and "Taste not, lest you fill a drunkard's grave." After these came the two standard flags of Teetotalism, followed by the Town Band, which continued to send forth popular and appropriate airs, during the march through the town. The President and the officers of the Institution succeeded, heading a long line of men and women, decorated with white sashes, rosettes, &c. Having perambulated the principal streets of the Town, according to previous arrangement, the procession halted at the centre Market House, the interior of which was beautifully decorated with flowers and boughs of evergreens, "This is not the cause of party," was the motto placed over the entrance gate; and within, peeping from the luxuriousness of "Nature's drapery," there appeared banners of various devices, having upon them sundry aphorisms, indicating the virtues and advantages of the system; among them we noted the following—"Union is strength"—"Touch not, taste

not, handle not"—"Peace on earth, good will to men"—"Plenty the fruit of sobriety"—"Moderation a failure!!"—"Teetotalism efficient"—"Be thou faithful unto death." The dinner consisting of substantial joints, with a plentiful supply of sallads, was managed as well as from the hurry and bustle of the occasion, could be expected; and the abundant whole was solemnly irrigated with the moistening and fertilizing element from Nature's limpid stream. Mr. Jarrett presided at the dinner, during which the band played at intervals. At its conclusion, a temporary platform was erected and the Treasurer, Mr. Neale, called to the chair: He opened the meeting by a few apposite and laconic observations; and was followed by Mrs. Jarratt, Walker, Reed, Davis, White, &c, all of whom advocated the cause with considerable ability, and evinced an enthusiastic attachment to the growing principles of Total Abstinence. We have not heard that their Worship at the Police Office, have been troubled with any cases of "disorderly conduct," Drunken spree, in conclusion of the procession; or that the "stocks" or the "cells" are likely to be inhabited by any who formed a part in its order and decorum. "Make men leave off drunkenness, and join Temperance Societies" were the memorable words of Capt. Innis, at the last half-yearly Meeting of the Temperance Society, "and you send us (Police Magistrates) to the right-about; there would be nothing for us to do."

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Births.

At her residence, Park Cottage, Elizabeth-street, on the 25th inst., the wife of Mr. James Browne, of a son and heir.

At her residence, on the Surry Hills, on the 25th instant, Mrs. Henry Burton Bradley, of a daughter.

On Monday December 21st instant, at the Parochial School, Parish of St. Lawrence, Sydney, Mrs. P. M'Donnel, of her third daughter.

On Tuesday December 1st, the wife of Mr. Jones, of the Royal Hotel, Kororaraka, of a son.

On Sunday, the 20th instant, at Liverpool, Mrs. Crawley, of a son.

Marriages.

On Monday week, by Special License, at St. James's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. W. West Simpson, M. A., Mr. George Clark, late of Montrose, Scotland, to Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Fuller, Kent-street, Sydney.

On the 17th instant, by the Rev. Dr. M'Garvie, Mr. Alexander M'Lean, of the Immigration Office, to Miss Mary Jane Brady, daughter of Lieutenant W. E. Brady, of the second regiment of the East India Company's Service.

Deaths.

On Wednesday the 16th instant, at P. Ramatta, Catherine, the widow of the late Captain Thomas Meyrick, of H. M. 39th Regiment.

At Sydney, at his residence, in Bridge-street, Mr. Robert Russell, Engineer, aged 55 years. The deceased was a native of Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, Scotland; he emigrated to Van Dieman's Land in 1831, and was established seven years in business in that colony, and for the last three years in New South Wales. Mr. R. was respected as a sincere and pious Christian, and a highly useful member of society, and died regretted by the circle of his friends. He has left a numerous and promising family and widow to lament his loss.

On the 22nd December, in Fort-street, aged seven months, Florence Georgina Katherina, daughter of Francis Hartwell Henslowe, Esq.

On the Morning of the 21st instant, at Hursley, on the River Hastings, Fanny Caswell, eldest daughter of Thomas Caswell Esq., aged twelve years and three months after, a short illness from dysentery.

At his residence, Liverpool on Thursday, the 24th instant, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, Thomas Moore Esq., J. P. Mr. Moore was one of our oldest Colonists and much esteemed for his piety and charity.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrivals.

December 23rd.—'Christina,' Birkinshaw master, from Port Phillip, the 13th inst., with flour, &c. 'Prince George,' revenue cutter, Moore master, from Port Phillip, the 18th inst. 'Rover's Bride,' Heskett master, from Port Phillip, 16th inst., with sundries. H. M. S. 'Beagle,' John Wickham, Esq., commander, from Adelaide, the 6th inst.

24th.—'Hope,' Gaunson master, from Valparaiso, October 26th, with 10± horses.

26th.—'Portenia,' Morris master, from Kiapara, New Zealand, the 19th inst., with sundries. 'Sultan,' Poole master, from London, Aug. 5th, with merchandise. 'Morley,' Stephens master, from Valparaiso September 17th, via Port Nicholson, 13th inst., with wheat. 'Cicely,' M'Leod master, from New York, with merchandise. 'Platina,' Wycherley master, from Hokianga, the 15th inst., with timber. 'Marmion,' Dyet master, from Manilla, October 10th, with sugar, &c. 'William,' High master, from Manilla, with tea, sugar, and flour. 'William Stoveld,' Davidson master, from the whale fisheries, out twenty-four months, with 1,130 barrels of sperm and 300 of black oil.

27th.—'Perfect,' Snell, master, from Port Phillip, the 16th inst., with passengers and sundries. 'Caroline,' Williamson master, from the whale fisheries, left Sydney, the 13th April, 1839, with 900 barrels sperm oil. Passengers—Captain Nicholson, Mr. E. T. Aldridge, and the crew of the brig 'Melrose.'

Departures.

December 23rd.—'Marian Watson,' Richards master, for Hobart Town, with sundries.

24th.—'Velox,' Falconer master, for the Mauritius, with sundries. 'Pekoe,' Keen master, for Guam, in ballast. 'Rapid,' Devlin, master, for China, with sundries. 'Augustus,' Stephenson master, for Port Phillip, with sundries. 'Adventure,' Cumberland master, for Hobart Town, with sundries.

26th.—'Martha,' Powell master, for New Zealand, in ballast.

27th.—'Curlew,' Pringle master, for New Zealand, with sundries. 'Lady Leith,' Greaves master for London, with Colonial produce.

28th.—'Rob Roy,' M'Lean master, for the South Sea Islands.

The brig 'Melrose,' from Sydney to the Indian Islands, was wrecked on an unknown reef near the Island of Malanta, in November last. The crew were afraid of the natives, and did not land, but took to their boats, and after thirteen days suffering they were picked up by the 'Caroline' whaler, by which vessel they were brought into Sydney on Sunday night.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The article giving an account of the First Wesleyan Missionary steaming on the Hunter, being unsuited to our columns, we handed it to the Editor of the HERALD, in which paper it appeared yesterday. Our friends will bear in mind, that in matters of religion and politics the TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE takes no part.

E. F. on "Temperance Ships," and Figaro's notions of a drunken man," in our next.

TO THE UP-COUNTRY SETTLERS.

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MR. ROBERT S. MEACHERN begs leave to announce that he has purchased THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL and its Printing Establishment, and that he intends to continue the said Newspaper under the title of THE FREE PRESS AND COMMERCIAL JOURNAL. The first number of the new series will be published on Wednesday, the 5th of January next, at No. 5, Bridge-street.

The Editorial management of this paper will be conducted by Mr. James M'Eachern, present Editor of THE COLONIST, who relinquishes his connexion with that Paper at the expiration of the year. An efficient corps of Reporters and subsidiary writers have also been retained by the Proprietor; and he trusts that nothing will be wanting on his part, or that of his literary employes, to render THE FREE PRESS AND COMMERCIAL JOURNAL in all respects worthy the attention and patronage of a liberal and enlightened public. To the humblest of its readers it may descend in the simplicity and plainness of its style, or the practical nature and tendency of its disquisitions, but in no respect will it ever descend to pander to tastes or prejudices that are incompatible with good sense, and inimical to either private or public virtue. THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL has already a wide circulation among the middle-classes and trades-people of the Colony: on their support therefore, as the first constituency of THE FREE PRESS, Mr. M'Eachern sets a high value; but he would consider, that he was offering them a gratuitous insult, if he were even to suppose, that they would be satisfied with any vulgar garbage that might be dished up to them in the shape of a newspaper, or doubt that they would rather appreciate and support a Paper conducted on sound and liberal principles, and with a respectable degree of talent, intelligence, and skill.

As to the political principles of THE FREE PRESS, it may simply be stated, that they will be regulated by the mere wishes and views of no party or faction whatsoever; it will pin neither its religious faith or political creed to the sleeve of any man; but taking common sense and sound reason as its guides, and making independence and impartiality its rule, it will endeavour, with critical scrupulosity, to investigate the merits of every question or measure that may concern the public, unbiassed by any consideration as to the party, whether Tory, Whig, or Radical, with whom it may originate. Of all corruption and abuse in Church or State it will be the vigilant exposé and uncompromising assailant: of financial economy, taken in connexion with the legitimate appropriation of the revenues of the Colony, together with every liberal measure of reformation and improvement, it will approve itself the firm and zealous advocate.

And now that the period is at hand when this Colony will be blest with a free constitution; when the very humblest of its free population will most probably be invested not only with a political but a municipal franchise; it will be found that the conscious possession of political rights will excite a deep interest in the minds of all classes of the community; conflicting or rival interests will, of course, developé party feeling, and that will call into play much of the yet dormant energies and occult talent of the Colony; and then, at length, will the people feel their own importance, and appreciate the value of a Newspaper conducted on liberal and honest principles, devoted to the defence of their interests, and the special advocacy of their rights. On these grounds, therefore, it is hoped, and with some degree of confidence too, that the middle classes and reputable trades people of Sydney, and of the other towns and hamlets of the Colony, will adopt and rally round THE FREE PRESS as their own Organ and Advocate, and give it that encouragement and support which will render it powerful and successful in their cause.

With respect to the matter of which THE FREE PRESS will be composed, the limits of this prospectus will not admit of going into particulars: suffice it to say, however, that besides leading comments on the politics of the day, it will

contain regular reports of the proceedings of the Legislative Council, and the Courts of Law and Police in Sydney, together with numerous periodical communications from correspondents in the various districts of the Colony. As a Newspaper, therefore, it is trusted, that THE FREE PRESS will be found behind none of its contemporaries in the amount and quality of its matter and intelligence; and as a COMMERCIAL JOURNAL, arrangements have been made to render it deserving of that name, by securing to it the special advantage of an authentic PRICE CURRENT, and regular Commercial Reports. In this, as well as in all other respects, it is hoped that THE FREE PRESS AND COMMERCIAL JOURNAL will merit the general attention of the mercantile community, and the patronage of the public at large.

For the first quarter, until the arrangements of the Office and Paper be properly organised, it will only be published twice a-week, on the days already mentioned; and, considering the improvements which are proposed, and that the matter will be set up in smaller type, in order to increase the quantity of reading and information to be contained in the Paper, the proprietor conceives that the slight augmentation of price which he has found it necessary to make will not be complained of.

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His Honor the Chief Justice Sir James Dowling has consented to take the chair, and the following gentlemen to act as Stewards:

Hon. E. D. Thomson, Esq.
Captain Hunter.
J. E. Manning, Esq.
W. a'Beckett, Esq.
Colonel Breton
J. Moore Dillon, Esq.
R. Therry, Esq.
Captain Westmacott
Captain O'Connell
J. Lord, Esq.
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Supreme Court, Sydney, Dec. 26, 1840.

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THE Public are respectfully informed that a BAZAAR for the sale of useful and ornamental articles, in aid of the Building Fund of the above institution, will be held in the Sydney College Hall, on WEDNESDAY January 6, 1841, from 11 till 4 o'clock. A large and pleasing variety of the articles were sent out from England, specially for the above object; some of them have been presented by ladies and gentlemen of Australia; and any further contributions will be thankfully received, if sent, on or before the Monday preceding the sale, to Mrs. Hum. Jamison-street; Mrs. Alfred Saunders, George-street; or Miss Crook, opposite the Flag-staff, Fort-street.

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King-street East, Sydney. }

E. HUNT having made an alteration, his friends are invited to enter in at the gate written on, "HUNT & CO'S. CABINET FACTORY," adjoining his former Ware-room. The upper and principal ware-room contains a variety of Modern Furniture, warranted to be made of the best materials and in the best manner.

Floor-cloth for large rooms.

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N.B.—Funerals as usual.

NOTICE.

A. McNish, late from Everington's, Ludgate-hill, London, begs leave to acquaint the ladies of Australia that in compliance with the numerous requests of his friends, he has, in conjunction with his Millinery establishment, added that of

DRESSMAKING,

in all its branches; and feels confident, from his knowledge of the parties he has engaged, they having recently arrived, he will be enabled to execute whatever orders may be conferred upon him in such a manner as may be equalled, but not surpassed, by any house, whether in Britain or France.

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BONNETS.

TUSCAN and DUNSTABLE of the latest fashions. Artificial Bonnet and Cap flowers. A most splendid assortment of rich fancy Scarfs, Handkerchiefs, and Veils, Infants', Boys' and Men's Cloth and velvet Caps.

J. THOMPSON & SON.

No. 84, Pitt-street.

NOTICE.—SYDNEY BANKING COMPANY.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Proprietors will be held at their Banking House, George-street, on FRIDAY, the 15th day of January next, at One o'clock precisely, for the purpose of declaring a DIVIDEND for the year ending the 31st December; also, to elect four Directors, in the room of

Geo. Miller,
Wm. Drake,
F. Watkins,
and Edward Lord, Esqs.

who retire by rotation on that day. Proprietors intending to offer themselves as candidates for the office of Director are required to give notice in writing fourteen days previous to the day of meeting.

THOMAS LORD,

December 10th, 1840.

Manager.

ON SALE.

At the Stores of the Undersigned.

NEGROHEAD TOBACCO, in tierces and kegs
Irish Pork in barrels
Pearl Barley
Split Peas
Irish Butter
Mould Candles
Starch, Blue
Dutch Cheese, &c., &c.

I. M. ILLIDGE.

George-street, Nov. 23, 1840.

Wholesale and Retail Drapery and Bonnet Warehouse.

BONNETS, &c.—Just Landed, Thirty cases Tuscan and Dunstable straw bonnets and hats,
Five cases of Rutland ditto ditto
Ten cases of ladies' shoes and boots
Two cases of silk umbrellas and parasols
Two cases of coloured muslin dresses
Four cases of Ladies' work boxes
Writing desks and dressing cases
Four cases of wax dolls, dressed and undressed
Thirty cases of prints
Twenty ditto long cloth sheetings, &c.

AT MRS. HORDERN'S,

12, King-street, between Pitt & Castlereagh-street.
November 17th, 1840.

ON SALE.

At W. Wyatt's Stores, Pitt-Street.

W. W. has just received, 30 casks and cases, containing coloured Morocco, Roans, Lamb, and Kidd skins. Black Chamouis, Bookbinders' Calf skins, Upholsters' and Hatters' skivers, Jockey boot-legs and tops, Lastings, Linings, and Bindings, No. 30 Thread, Sewing-silks, Parchment, &c.; with all kinds of Carriers and Shoemakers tools, also the usual assortment of Colonial Sole, Kip and Harness Leather, Kangaroo, Calf and Sheep skins, Pitch and Resin, Copperas, Alum and Lamp black.

N. B. Country stores, and the trade supplied as usual with Articles, warranted.

Terms Cash.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MRS. LAKE, Milliner, Dress and Cloak-maker, begs most respectfully to inform her friends and the Public that she has removed from her late residence, No. 33, Pitt-street, to those Commodious premises lately occupied by Dr. Cook, George-street South, opposite Dr. Bourke's Medical Hall, four doors from Liverpool-street, where she has laid in an Additional Stock of Millinery, Haberdashery, Children's Dresses &c. &c.

Mrs. Lake begs to return her sincere thanks for the very liberal patronage she has received for the last two years, and hopes to merit a further continuation of public favour.

N. B. Ladies Dresses, Caps and Bonnets got up from their own materials in the most fashionable Style.

Appartments to let furnished.

November 14th, 1840.

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W. J. JONES, Tin-plate Worker, Copper-smith, Licensed Gas Fitter, and Lamp Head Manufacturer, respectfully announces that he is now ready to take orders for the fitting up, for Gas, of places of Worship, Public Buildings, Offices, Stores, Shops, and Private Houses, with perfect safety and economy, and in the first style of elegance.

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December 4th, 1840.

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	£.	s.	d.	..	d.
Bread, per loaf of 2lbs..	0	0	5	0	0
Butter, fresh, per lb.	0	2	8	0	3
" salt, per lb.	0	1	1	0	2
Bacon, per lb.	0	0	8	0	1
BUTCHER'S MEAT.	Beef, per quarter,	0	0	4	0
	per lb.	0	0	4	0
	" per joint per lb.	0	0	4	0
	" salted, per lb. . . .	0	0	5	0
	Mutton, carcase per lb.	0	0	3	0
" per joint, ditto. . . .	0	0	3	0	
Pork, ditto, ditto. . . .	0	0	9	0	
" salted, per lb. . . .	0	0	9	0	
Veal, per joint, ditto . . .	0	0	10	0	
Cheese, per lb.	0	0	6	0	
Candles, moulds, ditto. . . .	0	1	0	0	
" dips, ditto. . . .	0	0	7	0	
Eggs, per dozen. . . .	0	2	0	0	
Flour, fine, per 100 lbs. . . .	1	1	0	0	
" seconds, ditto	0	18	0	0	
" thirds, ditto. . . .	0	15	0	0	
GRAIN—Wheat, per bush. . . .	0	5	6	0	
Maize, ditto	0	2	6	0	
Barley, ditto. . . .	0	4	0	0	
Oats, ditto. . . .	0	5	0	0	
Hay, Oaten, per cwt. . . .	0	8	6	0	
" Lucerne, ditto. . . .	0	7	0	0	
Hams, per lb.	0	0	8	0	
Lard, ditto.	0	0	6	0	
OIL—Sperm, per tun. . . .	80	0	0	100	
Black, ditto	21	0	0	23	
POULTRY—Geese, each . . .	0	8	0	0	
Turkies, ditto	0	15	0	0	
Ducks, per pr. . . .	0	6	0	0	
Fowls, ditto. . . .	0	5	0	0	
Pork, New Zealand, per lb.	0	0	3	0	
Salt, per cwt.	0	5	0	0	
Soap, per lb.	0	0	4	0	
Straw—Wheaten, per load	2	0	0	2	
Tobacco—Leaf, per lb. . . .	0	0	6	0	
Fig, ditto. . . .	0	0	10	0	
Snuff, ditto. . . .	0	3	0	0	
Vegetables—Potatoes, cwt	0	8	0	0	
Onions, pr lb. . . .	0	0	3	0	
Whalebone, per ton. . . .	90	0	0	0	

IMPORTED ARTICLES.**WHOLESALE.**

Arrowroot, per lb.	0	0	6	0	0
Butter, Irish, per lb.	0	1	0	0	1
Cheese, Pine, ditto. . . .	0	1	3	0	1
" Dutch. . . .	0	0	9	0	0
Coffee, raw, per lb. . . .	0	0	9	0	1
Candles, wax, per lb. . . .	0	2	2	0	0
" sperm, ditto. . . .	0	2	0	0	2
Rice, Patna, per lb. . . .	0	0	2	0	0
Tea, Hyson-skin, per chest	11	11	0	12	12
" Hyson, 10 catty box	3	0	0	3	10
" Caper Souchong, ditto	2	15	0	3	0
" Souchong, ditto. . . .	2	15	0	3	0
" Pouchong, ditto	3	3	0	0	0
" Gunpowder, 5 cat. bx.	2	0	0	0	0

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