

Poetry.

Parody on Mohenlinden.

In seasons when our funds are low,
Subscribers are provoking slow,
And new supplies keep up the flow
Of dimes, departing rapidly.

But we shall see a sadder sight,
When duns pour in from morn till night,
Commanding every sixpence bright
To be forked over speedily.

Our bonds and due bills are arrayed—
Each seal and signature displayed—
The holders vow they must be paid,
With threats of "law and chancery."

Then to despair we're almost driven—
There's precious little use in livin'
When our last copper's rudely riven,
From hands that hold it lovingly.

But larger yet these duns shall grow
When interest's added on below,
Length'ning our chain a foot or so,
While gazing on them hopelessly.

'Tis so that scarce have we begun,
To plead for time upon a dun,
Before there comes another one
Demanding pay ferociously.

The prospect darkens. Oh, ye brave
Who would our very bacon save!
Waive patriots! all your pretenses waive!
And pay the Printer cheerfully.

Ah! it would yield us pleasure sweet,
A few delinquents now to meet,
Asking of us a clear receipt,
For papers taken regularly.

Reformation of Wm. Wirt.

The distinguished William Wirt, within six or seven months after his first marriage became addicted to intemperance, the effect of which operated strongly on the mind and health of his wife, and in a few months more she was numbered among the dead. Her death led him to leave the country where he resided, and he moved to Richmond, where he soon rose to distinction. But his habits hung about him, and occasionally he was found with jolly, frolicsome spirits of bacchanalian revelry. His true friends expostulated with him on the injury he was doing to himself; but he still persisted. His practice began to fall off, and many looked on him as on the sure road to ruin. He was advised to get married, with a view of correcting his habits. He consented to do so, if the right person offered. He accordingly paid his addresses to Miss Gamble. After some month's attention, he asked her hand in marriage.

She replied: "Mr. Wirt, I have been well aware of your attentions for some time back, and should have given you to understand that your visits and attentions were not acceptable, had I not reciprocated the affection, you have evinced towards me. But I cannot yield my assent until you make me a pledge never to taste, touch, or handle any intoxicating drinks."

The reply to Wirt was as unexpected as it was novel. His reply was, that he regarded that proposition as a bar to all further consideration of the subject, and he left her. Her course towards him was the same as ever; his resentment and neglect.

In the course of a few weeks he went again and solicited her hand. But her reply was, that her mind was made up. He became indignant, and regarded the terms she proposed as insulting to his honor, and vowed that it should be the last meeting they should ever have. He took to drinking worse and worse, and seemed to run to ruin. One day, while lying in the outskirts of the city, near a little grocery or grog-shop, drunk, a young lady, who it is not necessary to name, was passing that way to her home, not far off, and beheld him with his face upturned to the rays of the sun. She took her handkerchief, with her own name marked upon it, and placed it over his face.

After he had remained in that way for some hours, he was awakened, and his thirst being great, he went into the little grocery to get a drink, when he discovered the handkerchief, at which he looked, and the name that was on it. After pausing, he exclaimed: "Great God! who left this with me? Who placed this on my face?"

One knew enough! enough!

He retired instantly from the store, forgetting his thirst, but not his debauch, the handkerchief, or the lady, vowing, if God gave him strength, "never to touch, taste, or handle intoxicating drinks."

To meet Miss Gamble was the hardest effort of his life. If he met her in the carriage or on foot, he popped round the nearest corner. She at last addressed him in a note under her own hand inviting him to her house, which he finally gathered courage to accept. He told her if she still bore affection to him he would agree to her own terms.

Her reply was: "My conditions are now what they have ever been."
"Then," said Wirt, "I accept them."
They soon married, and from that day he kept his word, and his affairs brightened while honors and glory gathered thick upon his brow. His name has been enrolled high in the temple of fame, while patriotism and renown live after him with imperishable lustre.

A lady playfully complaining of the wearing of whiskers and moustaches, declared: "It is one of the fashions I invariably 'set my face against!'"

Know Nothings in a Court of Justice.

On Friday, at the criminal term of the Court of Common Pleas, held in Lowell, Judge Bishop presiding, Mr. H. C. Snow, of Groton, was evidence in a case of rape. Mr. B. F. Butler, who appeared for the defendant, asked him in cross-examination—
"Do you belong to a Secret Society popularly called Know-Nothings?"
Mr. Snow having denied that he did, and stoutly persisting in the denial, the question was put in a different form, when he was finally driven the wall, and asked leave of the Court to consult counsel. This liberty was politely granted by Judge Bishop, who gave the Jury a recess of ten minutes on account of the delay.

When Mr. Snow again took the stand, the question was again asked,—upon which he promptly replied: "I cannot answer that question without criminating myself, and subjecting myself to punishment. Again and again was the question urged by the ingenious counsel for the defendant, every time assuming some new form but being the same fearful visage to this disciple of the secret order, until, at last, having detained the court more than two hours, and exhausted every body's patience, he replied: "I do."

In answer to other questions he then stated that he had belonged to it about four or five months. He took an obligation in joining it; did not know whether it was in the form of an oath, but the last words were "So help me God." There were different degrees in the society, and he had taken two of them. Dr. Norman Smith, John A. Gardner and Dea. John Pingree, all witnesses in the case, were also members of the order.

"Q. What is the form of the initiation? A. I shall not tell as it will criminate me, and expose me to punishment."

Here the Court remarked to the witness that he had a right to protect himself. If he had taken an oath contrary to the law he was not bound to criminate himself. But, said Judge Bishop, this is a startling revelation, that men take obligations in secret societies, which are regarded by them as of higher authority than those administered in this Court.

A. M. Gage was then called. He testified in a frank, humorous manner, that he once joined the order, but left it some three months ago.

Dr. Norman Smith called. Q. Do you belong to a secret society, opposed to aliens? A. I do, to a society calculated to exercise a political influence. Q. Does it also exert a religious influence? A. Some think it does. Q. Can a Roman Catholic join that society? A. Not if he is a foreigner. Q. Can he be an American born citizen? A. No. Q. Can he be his wife's a Catholic, and he a Protestant? A. No. Q. What is the object of the society?

The Dr. drawing himself up to his full height, and extending in statesman-like manner his right arm, he replied with great eloquence: "To protect our liberty, sir!" at the same time bringing his right hand with great violence down upon the judge's bench, and making the court echo with the sound of his hand, as well as the music of his voice.

Q. What is the form of initiation, and what the character of the obligation you take? A. I cannot tell! Q. Why? A. Because I have bound myself not! Q. But have you not sworn here before this court to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth? A. I shall not tell unless I am obliged to.

The court then asked the witness if he thought by answering he would expose himself to punishment? to which he answered, yes.

Q. Did you assist in getting up the lodge at Groton? A. I did. Q. are you an officer in that lodge? A. I am. What office do you hold? A. I cannot answer that question, without criminating myself, and exposing myself to punishment.—*Boston Traveller.*

PERPETUAL MOONLIGHT.—A young lady, the daughter of a teacher in one of the New York City High Schools, went on a common with the denizens of large cities, was often comparing things about her with those she had left at home. Everything in New York was so very far superior to everything in the little town of B—, that she quite exhibited her superiority in enlightening her friends as to the elegancies of metropolitan life. Houses and horses, tables and teaspoons, were all on a different plan in New York; and one evening, at a social party, she expressed her dissatisfaction with the performances of the moon at B—, declaring that there had been no moonlight now for a week, while in New York the moon shone brightly every night. We had the story from two ladies present on the occasion, women of a high order of integrity and intelligence, who assured us that this nice young lady from the city of perpetual moonlight was not only dressed in the height of fashion, but had "finished her education" in Gotham.—*Ex.*

A genius at Galena, was invited to exercise at the game of poker, but he refused, saying: "No I reckon not. I played poker during one entire summer, and had to wear nankeen pants all the next winter. I ain't playing as much as I was."

ON ONE CONDITION.—Some years ago when the Legislature of one of the middle States were framing a Constitution, the discussion of its various provisions was warm and obstinate. Many days had been spent in fiery debate, and the vote was at length about to be taken. Just at this moment, a country member, who had been absent for some days previously, entered and took his seat. Another member who was in favor of the amended Constitution, went to him and endeavored to make a convert of him.

"You must vote for the Constitution, by all means," said he.

"I'll think of it," said the country member.

"But you must make up your mind at once, man, for the vote is about to be taken."

The country member scratched his head, and seemed puzzled.

"Come, why do you hesitate? Will you promise me to vote for the Constitution? I am sure it will give general satisfaction."

"I'll vote on one condition," said the country member.

"What is that?"

"And on no other, by gracious!"

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"But what condition is it?"

"Why, that they let it run by farm."

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