

Full of holy feet our grand is trod,  
Of dirt and plenty here you may spy,  
A little spare and baggard man of God  
Is one perhaps you'll mark among the fry;  
He has a roughish twinkle in his eye—  
Which, when others'd, he thinks into his maw,  
And, straightway, recollects his piety new.

Thomson.

[AS THE LAY PREACHER is neither a rigid Calvin, nor a John Knox, he does not affect a style of uniform austerity, but strives to vary his manner, as much as possible, that, where he cannot rouse by reasoning, he may footh by melody. His tone is sometimes soft, and sometimes loud, and if gay in one sermon, it is commonly grave in the next. He, at one time, exhibits a profile of character, and, at another a sketch of landscape. He sometimes looks into the political, and sometimes into the literary cabinet. As the pretentious hour is a wintery one, he has chosen a serious essay for the inspection of his readers. It was originally composed in autumn, but as almanac writers say will serve, without any essential variation, for the meridian of Philadelphia, and may be pronounced by punning critics a discourse cold enough for any season, and equally dull in January, as in November.]

### THE LAY PREACHER.

"We all do fade, as a leaf."

THIS morning, when I opened my study shutters and saw the brown oak leaves flying thro' the turbid air, heard the "rocking winds piping loud," and remarked that the frozen ground was half concealed by the snow and fleet of November, I turned to Isaiah, and pensively copied my text. Tho' naturally of a lively temperament, yet the state of my spirits is regulated much by the season and by the sky; and my gaiety, like mercury in the philosophic tube, rises in warm weather, and sinks in cold. The body of a sedentary valetudinarian, like exposed vegetables, contracts and is impaired by the operation of frost; and, perhaps, as there is a well known sympathy, his mind languishes, as autumn fades. At least, if the intellectual powers do not lose their tone, they have an impression of melancholy from the whole scenery of nature, at this dull and tempestuous season. Nor is this the peculiar infelicity of the hypocondriac and the invalid. Many of the robust of my acquaintance who in spring can join in chorus with the rooin, and in summer dance like Ariel, "under the blossom that hangs on the bough," will mope during a day in November like solitary birds. In fact, such is the law of our being, that we are generally animated by spring and sunshine, and generally depressed by cold and by clouds. The vicissitudes of the weather affect certain constitutions much more than others, but we have SHAKESPEARE'S authority that life itself is "servile to every skiey influence;" and Dr. JOHNSON, in some very feeling and forcible lines, declares that not only the blasted plain confesses the power of the gloomy season, but that its reign spreads still wider, and that he feels its power usurp his breast.

"Enlivening hope and fond desire,  
Refrain the heart to spleen and care;  
Scarce frighted love maintains his fire,  
And rapture saddens to despair."

He adds pathetically, that man still changes with the changeful year, and is the slave of sunshine and of gloom. THOMPSON, who was a diligent observer of every peculiarity of the seasons, remarks that the power of what he terms *philosophic melancholy*, is in every breeze of autumn; and no season is more favourable to "woe lone quiet in her silent walks." In spring he calls for gay companions to rove with him in quest of trout from the brook, or flowers from the bank; but in autumn, most of his lines are in a pensive tone, his images, to borrow a term from painting, are in a deep shadow, and he talks of "the lone some muse."

But most men, however inexpressible to describe like the poets the "ruffian blasts" of this stormy season, feel the baleful influence upon the body, and mark gloomy thoughts arising in the mind. We look around us, and discern a great revolution in the vegetable kingdom. We see the lately verdant oak stretching out as it were his bare arms to implore pity from the boisterous gale. In the room of aspiring corn and waving wheat, we see the dry shorn stalk and the shrivelled stubble. Instead of hearing the gay birds in concert, we see them on the wing, migrating to the south, and eager to warble under a softer sky. Whether our walk is in the forest or the field, we receive constant warnings of the decay of the year, and look sorrowfully at the leaves dropping from the woods, as at the last figures in a funeral procession.

In this mood of sadness, viewing the desolate state of nature, how natural for us to feel the sentiment and use the expression of the prophet "We all do fade as a leaf."

"Dark as the leaves, that quiver on the spray,  
Like them man flourishes, like them decays."

Not only life droops, but its hopes, its schemes, its enjoyments grow fallow with years, and though we may bask in the June of joy for a time, yet the mournful November of our days "follows harsh, and flutters the scene." I think as I now see the flakes of snow fast falling at my door, that they too, no less than the foliage of spring, are emblematical of much of the Friendship, much of the love of this inconstant world. The snow seems fair, and promises well, but try it, and like a perfumed female, it is faithless and cold. The last month of autumn presents in every diving gale, and on every discolored leaf some memorandum of nature's change; and if, after the first flush of life is over, we enquire of those once foremost in attachment and prodigal of professions, we

shall find, in the emphatical language of the east, "that the love of many waxes cold," and that man, as well as plants, alters with the season. These reflections, though melancholy, accord with the time of the year. It is in fact, hallowed time; it is the lent of nature. A period of dreariness, in which every one feels unwonted gloom, which is manifested aloud not only by a seditious Lay Preacher, but by authors the most jocund, even by the sprightly Miss Seward, with whose descriptive lines I shall close a sermon, already pronounced too long by half my gayer readers.

"'Twas here, even here, where I now sit reclined,  
And autumn's sighs found hollow in the wind;  
Loud, and more loud, the blast of evening raves,  
And strips the oaks of their last lingering leaves.  
The eddying foliage in the tempest flies  
And fills, with dusky gloom, the thickening skies,  
And sinks the sun behind the howling hill,  
And rushes with hoarse screams the mountain rill;  
And now, with ruffling billow cold and pale,  
Rens, swirls and dashes down the lonely vale;  
While to the tearful eyes grief's faded form  
Sits on the cloud, and sighs amid the storm."

From the [Boston] Independent Chronicle.

MR. RHOADES,

Please to publish the following elegant extract from an answer of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, to an address presented him by the virtuous, open and respectable citizens of Shelburne, Nova-Scotia.

THE EXTRACT.

"How much happier do you in your situation feel yourselves to be, than those miserable and deluded men do, who have on this continent forfeited their fidelity to their Sovereign and the advantages arising from being subjects to his Majesty."

### IMPORTANT!

Office of the N. York Gazette, 1 o'clock, Friday morning, Dec. 13.

At a late hour last night, we met the ship Argus, capt. Main, coming up, in 47 days from St. Sebastian. From our correspondent, we have received Paris papers to the 16th of October. We lament that we have only time to announce summarily their important contents. These papers give the official details of Massena's operations from the 25th of Sept. to the 8th October, by which it appears that on the 25th of September he passed the Lent at Dietikon, beat gen. Korsakoff, and summoned Zurich to surrender—the terms were not accepted, and the town was taken by assault.—In the mean time, Suwarrow had advanced to act in concert with the armies lately defeated by Massena, but finding them defeated, avoided an action by keeping the mountains.—Here he was however attacked, and left 2000 wounded, a part of his artillery, and almost his whole baggage. In the meantime Korsakoff, informed of Suwarrow's situation, hastily assembled a corps, composed of the remnant of his army and that of Hotze the Bavarian contingent, and that of Conde, attempted to march to the Thur, and from thence to Zurich. Massena attacked him, forced him to retrace the Rhine with loss. Massena, in these battles, states, that he has taken 18,000 prisoners, more than 100 cannon, and 13 lands of colours—that 4 generals have been taken, and 5 killed. Loss of the enemy in toto, more than 30,000 men. [Of this we shall give a translation.]

Paris, October 14.—It is reported, that at the moment when the Directory were writing a letter of felicitation to Buonaparte upon his last victory, they learned that he had landed at Frijus. It is supposed, from this, that his return was not expected by the Directory.

Moreau is here.—Buonaparte is expected this evening. [The day capt. Mann failed, positive news of Buonaparte's arrival at Paris was received at St. Sebastian.]

Frankfort, is said to have taken by the French, Oct. 5.

Translations, in detail, with interesting Marine articles, are now preparing for this Gazette.

### BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.

Arrived last evening, Ship Anthony Mangin, capt. Edwards, from Embden, which he left the 22d of October. We are sorry that no papers have been brought from this interesting quarter, by the above arrival, later than the 27th of September, which capt. E. accounts for by saying that all regular communication between Embden and other parts of the continent was cut off, and that no English or Dutch papers of late dates could be obtained.

The verbal intelligence we have collected from captain Edwards, is confirmatory of the latest news via Boston, that in the engagement of the 3d of November, the Gallo-Bavarians lost ground, but that the Russian and English lost by far the most men, inasmuch that they held the ground they had taken but two or three days, when they had to make a retreat to avoid being surrounded, at far as the Helder, where they were entrenching themselves, and making winter quarters. The opinion of American and British travellers, from the interior of Holland, of whom captain E. received the above information, was, that from the great loss of the Anglo-Russians on the 3d, the antipathy and zeal of the Dutch which had been excited by the cruelties of Russian soldiery, and from the swarms of French who were pouring from all quarters into all Holland, they would either evacuate even the Helder, or be surrounded and made prisoners.

Captain E. further mentions, that the king of Prussia had transmitted a spirited remonstrance to St. James's, against an infringement of his sovereignty by the British who had cut some vessels out of the Ems, within his jurisdiction.

By a vessel which arrived from England at Embden, a day or two before captain E. sailed, he learnt that communications had taken place both in England and Scotland, by the militia, who had positively refused to leave the kingdom.

Capt. E. has favoured us with the names of the following vessels, left at Embden the 22d of October.

Ship Robert, of Baltimore, to sail in 3 or 4 days.

Ship John M. Neil, of Philadelphia.

Ship Sufannah, Lightburn, of Gharellon to sail soon for London.

Brig Bellarius, Gale, of Boston, do. do.

Brig —, Coffin, for New-York, fall soon.

Brig —, Holland, of Newburyport, and an hermaphrodite brig from do. just arrived.

A northward built schooner, name unknown, was going into Embden, as capt. E. came out.

The Cleopatra, capt. Conner, from Baltimore, arrived at Bremen the 10th October.

The Harriet, capt. Martin, was to leave Hamburg about the 25th October, for Baltimore.

November 27, spoke the United States schooner Experiment, capt. Maley, out 6 days from the Capes, in lat. 29, 32, long. 67, all well.

New York, December 13. ARRIVED. Days.

Ship Argus, —, St. Sebastian 47

Brig Eliza, —, Bay of Honduras —

Sloop Peggy and Molly, Kirk, Philad. —

Last evening arrived here the British Packet, Grantham, capt. Bull, in 70 days from Falmouth—17 from Halifax. Passengers, Mrs. and Miss Gray, Mr. Wood, Mr.illard, and Mr. P. Ramsay.

### PRICES OF STOCKS.

PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 9.

Six per Cent.	167
Three per Cent.	98
Deferred 6 per Cent.	149
8 per Cent Stock—funded—Interest from 1st Oct. to 31 per Cent—advance.	
BANK United States,	—
— Pennsylvania,	—
— North America,	—
Insurance—comp. N. A. Charge,	—
— Pennsylvania, shares,	—
East-India Company of N. A. par.	—
Land Warrants, 33 dollars per 100 acres.	—

### COURSE OF EXCHANGE.

London, — 51 at 30 days.

Amsterdam, 37 1/2 to 400 per florin.

Hamburg 30 1/2 to 100 per Mark Banco.

### WASHINGTON LOTTERY.

NUMBER 11.

List of Blanks and Prizes.

Drawing No. 101.

574 10	1411 10	32862
1291	686	949
498	788 10	33194
720	15217 10	719
2531 10	605 10	34125 10
3957 10	16226	295
4312	459	30822
611	17504	306
901 10	18002	350 8
5782	20440	763 10
920	21216	36855
6050	794	38591
325	22058 10	39023
392 10	995 10	931
971	393	621 10
7306 10	23544 10	879
350	603 50	968 10
404	14388	40744 10
488	677	752 25
848 20	2618	41602
8414	861	764
9311 10	995	866
966	27260	42071
988	29335	499 10
19472	351 10	840 10
488 10	416 10	43791 10
506 10	537	45202
11219	30479	46584
924	888 10	703 10
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### ADDITIONAL SALES.

At Samuel Israel's Auction Room, (No. 55 N. Second Street.)

On MONDAY forenoon at 10 o'clock, will be sold in addition to the other articles, CONSISTING OF

### 12 CASES MERCHANDIZE,

- 5-4th Camperdowns,
- 6-4th Cotton Checks,
- Dimities of an excellent quality,
- 3-4th bordered Lawn Handkerchiefs,
- Light ground Chintzes,
- 2 colored Calicoes, superfine,
- Variety of Table Linen,
- Fancy; purple and buff Shawls,
- 5-4th fancy Calicoes.

Such of the above goods as are not sold on Monday will be sold on Thursday following.

SAMUEL ISRAEL, Auctioneer.

### Several Lots of Land

To be sold, at the Coffee House, on Tuesday, the 24th December inst. at 6 o'clock, in the evening.

PART of that Tract, known by the name of Master's Estate. They are laid out upon roads to communicate with Fourth Street continued, and Turner's Lane, and contain from 4 to 6 acres. The situations are equal to any ground in the city for beauty of prospect, convenience of distance, or advantages of future improvements and site in value.

A plan may be seen at the Coffee House, and the conditions will be made known at the time of sale.

JOHN CONNELLY, Auctioneer. December 14

### WILLIAM COBBETT.

HAVING in order to avoid the disgrace of living under the Government of Mr. Keen) removed from Philadelphia to the City of New-York, requesting any one in Pennsylvania, who may have a demand against him, to deliver an account thereof to Mr. JOHN MORGAN, No. 3, South Front Street, Philadelphia, or to forward it by post to New-York.

To be Sold, at Auction,

AT PORCUPINE'S HOUSE,

On Thursday next at 9 o'clock,

A QUANTITY OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

CONSISTING OF

Chairs, Mahogany Tables, Bureaus, Stoves and

Stove-pipe, an excellent Roasting Jack, &c. &c.

ALSO, A COMPLETE

PRINTING PRESS,

With a variety of Books, &c. &c. &c. The sale will begin at 9 o'clock precisely, and will continue till all is sold off.

December 14. f m & w.

E. WINCHESTER'S

LECTURES on the PROPHECIES

That remain to be fulfilled.

ON SUNDAY Evening next at 6 o'clock, at the Universalist Church in Lombard Street, will be delivered, a Lecture, introductory to a Course of Lectures on the Prophecies that remain to be fulfilled—when a Syllabus of the contents of the whole course of lectures will be delivered gratis.

December 14

FOR SALE,

By the subscriber, No. 148 South Second Street,

1/2 & 2/3 wide Irish Linen,

1/2 do. do. brown Linen,

1/2 do. do. Checks.

JAMES GAMBLE.

December 11. f m & w

### A YOUNG MAN

ACQUAINTED with the West-India trade, wishes to be employed as a Supercargo. He will engage on moderate terms. Satisfactory recommendation will be produced.

A line directed to A. B. left at the Printing Office will be immediately attended to.

December 12.

FOR LONDON,

THE SHIP

ROEBUCK,

Has the greater part of her cargo engaged, and will sail with all expedition.

For freight or passage apply to

THOMAS or JOHN CLIFFORD,

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.

Philadelphia & Lancaster Turnpike Company.

December 12 1799.

NOTICE.

THE Stockholders are to meet at their Office, at 10 o'clock, on Monday the 13th January next, to choose their officers agreeable to law.

Wm. GOVETT, Secretary.

December 12. m & f. 4 w.

Insurance Company of North America.

THE STOCKHOLDERS

ARE hereby informed that a Stated Meeting of the Company will be held at their Office on the 14th day of January next (being the second Tuesday in the month) for the election of twenty-five Directors for the ensuing year.

EBEN HAZARD, Secretary.

December 12. m & f. 11. 4.

Schuylkill Permanent Bridge.

THE STOCKHOLDERS

ARE hereby notified, that an Election for a President, twelve Directors and a Treasurer, will be held at their office, No. 21 North Fifth Street, on Monday the 6th day of January next, at 10 o'clock.

JOHN DORSEY, Secretary pro tem.

December 4 1799. 22wE

The Subscribers

Have for sale at their Store, No. 5, Chestnut street, the following articles, viz.

Russia Hemp and Duck,

First quality,

80 lbm do. no 1 and 2.

A small invoice of well assorted cordage,

First and fourth proof Brandy, in pipes.

Madeira Wine in pipes and half pipes.

Claret in casks,

New England Rum in hhd.

Winter drained, Spermaceti Oil and Candles, and a few quarter chests of

Hylon Tea,

of a superior quality, latest importation.

JOSEPH ANTHONY & Co.

November 16 34wE

FOR SALE,

SEVERAL VALUABLE

BUILDING LOTS,

Near the corner of Arch and Ninth streets,

ALSO,

To be Sold or Let,

A number of excellent Pasture Lots,

On the Wissahickon Road, about half a mile from the city.

\* Enquire at No. 30 North Sixth Street.

November 15. 46wE

FOR SALE,

A strong, hearty Young Negro Man,

About 24 years of age,

is of a good disposition and is accustomed to all kinds of House Work, and is an excellent Waiter. For further particulars enquire at No. 229, Market Street.

December 13. 46wE

### MEDFORD AND WILLIS,

Have received since their late Advertisement—

282 Cases Queens Ware,

200 Cases Nails,

6 Trucks Madras Pullicatts,

2 Cases Gloves,

1 Trunk Silk Hosiery,

1 Bale Superfine Broad Cloaths,

16 Bales White, Blue and Green, Kendall Cottons,

10 Bales Bocking Baize,

ON HAND,

2 Bales Spotted and Green Rugs,

1 Trunk Scarlet Cardinals,

2 Bales Sail Canvas,

5 Trunks Gingham,

11 Tons Petersburg Hemp,

\* \* \* Orders, remittances or communications for the following Houses, for whom Medford and Willis are agents, may still pass through their medium, viz.

John and Robert Holt and Co.—Rochdale.

William Dabbs—Leicester.

Claud Johnston—Birmingham.

Enquire of

JOHN DORSEY.

December 10. 34w8w.

### THE REV. ROBERT ANDREWS

Has opened a SCHOOL

No. 116, Walnut Street,

IN WHICH

YOUNG GENTLEMEN will be instructed by him in the different branches of Classical and Polite Literature, viz. the English, Latin and Greek Languages, History, Antiquities, Geography, the Use of the Globes, Arithmetic, and the Practical Branches of the Mathematics.

\* \* \* Unquestionable testimonials can be given of Mr. A.'s experience and qualifications as a Teacher.

November 7. w & f

FOR SALE,

By SIMON WALKER,

No. 78 Walnut Street,

ENGLISH PORTER and Brown Stout, in casks of 6 dozen each,

Tin Plates,

Sheet, bar and pig Lead,

Cannon with carriages complete, 4, 6, 9 and 12 pounders,

Shot, round, double headed and cannister,

Iron Crow Bars,