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UPPER MARLBORO', Dec. 16, 1853. appointed last evening by the Waverley Society, I have the pleasure of communicating to quest a copy of the same for publication. Very respectfully, your ob't serv't, GEORGE C. BROOKE.

Gen. THOMAS F. BOWIE.

To GEORGE C. BROOKE, Esq., Chairman of Committee:

of delivering before them last evening, and rewishes of the Society.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't, THOMAS F. BOWIE.

INEQUALITY OF MINDS: A LECTURE Delivered before the "Waverley Society. Upper Marlboro', Md., Dec. 15, 1853,

THOMAS F. BOWIE, Esq. Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Waverley Society:

I feel very sensibly the honor you have conferred on me by your invitation to deliver a public lecture before the So-

to consult, my own personal convenience, any degree whatever, to a natural repugnance on my part to assume a public position of this character, I should, at once, have yielded to my own conscious for this Society, and my high appreciation of the talents and literary acquireed, have induced me, at the hazard of uninteresting, to make, at least, some all be wanting, if Nature had been formed and improvement. The original ques- and no mind. The doctrines of the the slightest reproach upon the perfect Touching Reminicenses of Washington. effort to repay you for this manifestation in any other way. Had all matter been tion as regards the quantum and degree former, lead pecessarily to skepticism, tion of any of His Moral Attributes.

In the lecture which created in the same mould, there would of intellect which the created in the same mould, there would of intellect which the conflict had ceased, and the warriors chivalric Laurens, after displaying the stowed on each of his creatures, and but little, if any, better; since they place are not endowed with equal capacities conflict had ceased, and the warriors chivalric Laurens, after displaying the stowed on each of his creatures, and but little, if any, better; since they place are not endowed with equal capacities conflict had ceased, and the warriors were now to separate for ever, turning most heroic courage in the trenches of position, in opposition to the opinions generally entertained by the most of ture, dull and tedious in its details, and ven-no fowls of the air-no fish of by it. or to impart either pleasure or edificathe "Waverley Society."

Mr. President, The Study of the Hu-

and is not affected or destroyed by the quality and want of sameness should ancient astronomers and geologists main- constitute a very large portion of the way had been uttered. of sense. It has been defined by some yet not exist in the formation of mind. In fact, no argument. Whilst, in regard to those which officers of the court met around the that wretched tavern, and I have no General Knox, who stood nearest to be the living or vital principle; but Both are equally and alike the works of ment could convince us that this was he refers to reflection, we may suppose, dinner table of the hotel, a friend asked means of removing them." this definition seems to me to be too an all-wise and just God. I will not true, which did not impress us at the judge for an explanation of his "Come, come," said the baron, "don't of utterance. Washington grasped him narrow, as it would embrace the living stop here to prove this proposition. A same time, with the idea, that it must be since, consciousness by which they are strange forbearance—why he had taken give way thus, I will pay my respects to by the hand, and embraced him. The or vital principle, as contradistinguished self-evident proposition, we are told, true, from necessity. For we should be known to exist, and reflection to which no notice of one who so justly deserved Mrs. Cochran and her daughters." officers came up successively, and took from matter, which is also found to exist needs not to be proved. That there is unwilling to reject the testimony of our he refers their origin, must necessarily to be committed for contempt of court. When the good old soldier left them, an affectionate leave. No words were in the brute creation. It is, to be sure, a God, the Founder and Builder of all own senses, in a matter so obvious, un- be pre-existent to the ideas themselves. "I'll tell you a story!" said the judge, their countenances were warm with spoken, but all was the "silent elegance fers from the vital, living principle in of no other idea. If, indeed, there be present inequality, they must prove the concerning the capacity of the human moon!" Here the judge paused, and surpassed. The baron observed one of him, Washington left the room, followthe brute creation, but in this respect no God, or Great First Cause, then, in- necessity of original equality, or their mind for forming ideas, and the extent went on deliberately eating his dinner, these poor negroes on the warf at New- ed his comrades, and passed through the only; for in the brute creation, the vital deed, would there be no mind or matter opinions are little else than unsustained of that capacity, and not a question as as if he had finished his story. Well?" burgh, apparently in great distress. the body, and equally free from liability but the effects of causes. And the re- no such argument can be drawn from Whether our ideas are derived from sen- of that?" "O! nothing," said the judge, or mutilate the organs of sight or hear- mind which proves its own existence, men were formed originally equal, upon far equality exists in this original capaing, in a brute, and yet not affect the we should be forced to admit that we the hypothesis, that they must, by neces- city of the human mind to receive imvital, living principle, in it, any more were both self-existent and non-existent sity, have been so formed, then, the pressions in the one case, or to generate than the same process of destruction or at the same time. Self-existent, because Creator's ability to have made them other reflections in the other. This original mutilation would affect or destroy the of the evidence furnished by our con- erwise, is denied, and this, at once, de- capacity of ideas, call it by whatever vital, living principle, in a human being. sciousness, in the very act of contem- stroys the force of the argument. When we speak therefore of the Human plation itself: and non-existent, because, Equally unfounded is the argument, tion of the human mind itself—the germ Mind, we mean that vital, living princi- according to the hypothesis, of the want sometimes advanced, that to suppose from which spring all the various comtributes of which we are conscious, and dities are the antipodes of Truth.

expressed.

questing a copy of the same for publication, is not at all to be wondered at, that men, tual frame.

Had I consulted, or even felt at liberty the same. This world of Matter which necessarily tend to the production of by which these impressions can be made it needs not be necessarily equal in To rest upon his mountain erag, but Time or had I been disposed to minister, in Mind, the existence of which we per- proved and strengthened by exercise and jects existing only in the imagination. reasons can be offered which would His rushing pinion. Revolutions sweep O'er earth, like troubled visions e'er the b inability to discharge the obligations you to perfection, because of this very want with any degree of certainty. We are the organs of sense. With this class of zation and arrangement of matter. If Gathering the strength of hoary centuries, ments of its members, superadded to a larged and universal benevolence, to be sions from external causes, have any be true, all men are indeed equal in this made on the organs of sense by exterdesire on my part to manifest my own found in the order, arrangement, and other agency or effect in their opera- respect, that innately, they have no mind nal objects, but even in the organs of Dark, stern, all pittless, and pauses not thankfulness for the compliment bestow- harmonious action of all the works of tions upon the human mind, than a pro- at all. With the first class and their sense themselves, may, with equal rea- Amid the mighty wrecks that strew his path, being thought tedious and dull, and even diversity, to the happiness of man, would of comparative darkness to one of light while, with the second, it is all matter, Great and Omnipotent a Being, without Upon the fearful ruin he has wrought. discussed the question, whether, all the material world would have, indeed, how far He has thought it wise and good man upon the same level with the brute of mind by the Great Author of Nature, were now to separate for ever, turning most heroic courage in the trenches of men are endowed by nature with equal presented but a sad and melancholy to impress on this portion of His Creation, by depriving him of that, which is not repugnant to Reason, nor opposed their weapons into plough-shares, and Yorktown, died in a trifling skirmish in mental capacity? and I have attempt- spectacle of barren and choatic rude- tion the same variety and inequality distinguishes him alone above all other to any proper view of the Justice, the their camps into workshops. The spec- South Carolina; the brave but excentric ed to maintain the negative of this pro- ness. The waters would never have which are found to exist in His material creatures of God. been divided from the earth. There Universe, is altogether independent of The doctrines of Mr. Locke, concern- is not in conflict with a right understand- one, was yet attended with sorrowful like a helpless child, was stretched upon would have been no sun to shine by the admission, which concedes the force ing the origin of our ideas, it seems to ing of any of the received theories con- feelings; for alas! in the remains of that the bed of sickness. Indeed, the batwriters on the subject. The question is day, nor moon to give light by night.— of example, education, and external me, are but one degree removed from cerning the origin of ideas, whilst it gallant army of patriotic soldiers, now the field and time had thinned the ranks one, to be sure, of a metaphysical na- No stars to gild the firmament of Hea- circumstances, and is wholly unaffected those of the latter class of writers above is sustained by all the analogies to be about to disband without pay, without which entered with him on the conflict

and diversity had not been the original er, argue you perceive, from an observ- forms of matter, as it exists externally, ed may justly challenge universal belief. tion, were melancholy in the extreme, as he saluted them. Nor was he alone. tion to any portion of my audience, yet plan of the Creator's designs, the mould able state of facts, to an opposing one he refers to sensation, as derived through I trust, sir, that you and the members of in which choatic sameness was made, of theory and conjecture altogether .- the medium of the organs of sense.this Society, will regard and receive my would have been thrown away, and chaos That is to say, they reject the evidences On the other hand, those ideas which told of the late Judge Olin, of Vermont, of even the perilous support of the sol- uplified to cover their brows, told that contribution on this occasion, as a con- remained the sole result of His handi- of things as they actually appear to ex- we have of our own mental operations, that he was once presiding upon a cer- dier at the commencement of winter, the tears, which they in vain attempted summation, on my part, of that desire work. It is this difference in the structure ist, and endeavor to account for such as ideas of memory, of imagination, tain occasion in court, when a waspish and hardly fit for any other duty than to conceal, bespoke the anguish they which I sincerely feel, of doing any- ture of the material world—this change appearances upon grounds of probable of pleasure, and of pain, of volition, the little lawyer, full of ignorance and con- that of the camp—their situation can could not hide. thing, and everything in my power, to of form in the organization of the parti- conjecture. Now, in the first place, I knowledge of which we derive from con- ceit, who was pleading a case before better be imagined than described. promote the success and prosperity of cles of matter, fashioned by the wisdom say, that this mode of reasoning is, to sciousness, as it exists internally, he reof an all-wise and Omnipotent Creator, say the least of it, entirely hazardous, fers to reflection. This doctrine, it is remarks, to address some very contemp-situation of many of the officers, as re- was brought to him. Turning to the in such manner as to produce perfect and therefore not likely to lead to satistrue, does not lead, in its whole extent, tuous language to the bench. man Mind calls into action our highest harmony in their relations to and depen- factory conclusions. We know, for in- to the materialism contended for by the harmony in their relations to and depen- factory conclusions. We know, for inintellectual faculties; and when pursued cies on each other, that constitute the stance, that the Earth is round, and we writers referred to; but so far as it makes body of the army was disbanded at New- tude, I now take my final leave of you, with proper feelings, lays the best foun- highest degree of perfection which can infer from this fact, that it has never ex- the origin of certain ideas to depend on rebuke would at once be administered burgh, and the veteran soldiers were and I most devoutly wish your latter dation for the highest degrees of moral, be ascribed to a Great First Cause. So isted in any other form. Our knowledge sensation alone, or on impressions made to the insolent offender, but what was bidding a parting farewell to each other, days may be as prosperous and happy as religious and intellectual improvement. it is with the immaterial world—the of its present form, derived as it is from by external objects on the organs of their surprise to see the judge sitting Lt. Col. Cochran, an aged soldier of the your former ones have been glorious and The Human Mind is that portion of world of Mind. There can be no rea- unmistakable evidence, makes it difficult sense, so far it necessarily leads to the with brow serene and unclouded, quiet- New Hampshire line, remarked with honorable." He then raised the glass man which thinks and feels and wills. sons, drawn from our notions of the for us to believe, that instead of being same results, at least in respect to such ly taking his notes, as if he had not tears in his eyes as he shook hands with to his lips, and added, "I cannot come It is something distinct from the body, justice and perfection of God, why ine- round, it was formerly, as some of the ideas; and these, it will be perceived, heard the language, or as if nothing out the baron: loss or destruction of any of the organs exist in the formation of matter, and tained, in the shape of a square, or of ideas usually passing through the human After the adjournment as most of the wife and daughters are in the garret of will take me by the hand." living, vital principle, but one which is things both material and spiritual, is es- less we were forced to admit, that they For my own part, I cannot see how the quiet humor beaming from his eyes gratitude—for he left there all he had. of tears." What were mere words at regulated and controlled by thought, sen- tablished beyond all cavil or doubt. The must, by necessity, deceive us. So, I these conflicting theories, as to the orisation, and volition; and in the human proof of this, is drawn not only from the think it should be, with those who deny gin of our ideas, can have any legitimate a mere wiffet of a thing—that had a were several companies of black troops, ing of the heart—thrilling though unframe, cannot be said to exist, indepen- light of Reason, but from a principle of original inequality in the formation of effect whatever upon the question we strange fashion of going out every moon- who had served through the whole war, spoken. dently of them. In this respect it dif- inexorable Necessity, which will admit mind. With the fact before us, of a are now discussing. It is a question light night and barking furiously at the and their bravery and discipline were unliving principle, is equally distinct from either; since both mind and matter are theory or improbable conjecture. But to the origin of the ideas themselves.— "Well?" said several voices, "What is the matter, brother soldier?" and measured, his head uncovered, and to be affected or destroyed by the loss sult would be, that at the very moment Necessity, without calling in question sation aione, or from sensation and re- "the moon went right on!" or destruction of any of their organs of of time when we are contemplating the the Omnipotence of the Great Author flection combined, seems to me to be sense. You may, for example, destroy existence of God, itself an act of the of Mind, Himself. If the minds of all wholly immaterial to the question, how

ple within us, which is capable of thought, of a Great First Cause. But this, you an original inequality in the mental ca- binations, modifications, and conditions, volition, and sensation; qualities and at- perceive, is an absurdity, and all absur- pacities of men, would be a reproach of which the intellectual faculties are which imply the existence of something Matter and Mind, then, are both equal- implying a degree of partiality inconwhich thinks, and feels, and wills. This something is what we call the Human Mind. The something is what we call the Human Mind. The soldiers told how deeply engrave a hat of discourse—fter which he will sistent with those attributes of perfections was the love of manufacture a plume for General Intelligible.

In the works of God. In respect to manufacture a plume for General Intelligible. This matter and Mind, then, are both equality in the works of God. In respect to manufacture a plume for General Intelligible. This matter and Mind, then, are both equality in the works of God. In respect to manufacture a plume for General Intelligible.

And being now about to conclude ed upon their affections was the love of manufacture a plume for General Intelligible. and inequality, do exist. We know this Him. With the same propriety, howev- these theories, this capacity can no more gence. To what extent, and in what degrees, as a matter of fact, and not as a matter er, may we reproach His Justice and exist, independently of the human mind, the Omnipotent Author of all things has of theory. We know it from experi- Goodness, for not having made all men or the human mind, independently of it, In 1774, a missionary had a bible in military character, and to bid a final barge at Whitehall, and entered it. At bestowed this capacity of thought, voli- ence, from actual observation and the physically equal. We behold in the than color can exist without light, or his house explaining it to a party of adieu to the armies he has so long had the first stroke of the oars he rose, and tion, and sensation, upon man, and concurrent testimony of all the senses. physical organization of men, vast dis- light without color. It must consequent- Indians. He pronounced it to be the honor to command, he can only turning to the companions of his glory, whether he has thought it wise and good, We can see it, and feel it, and hear it, proportions, not only in the nervous ly be innate, or inherent in the human book of God. "What," said one of again offer, in their behalf, his recomto give to all men alike, an equal and in every department of the material and muscular portions of the body, but mind. The fact of idiocy from birth is them, "did the Great Spirit make that mendations to their country, and his adieu. Their answer was only in tears; exact share of this capacity, are ques- world. The sturdy oak of the forest in the size, shape and formation of the not even an exception to the rule; and book!" "Yes," replied the missionary, prayer to the God of armies.

manner in which you have communicated the be of facts admitted, or of principles of the min l. This works of God, and of most of the min l. This works of God, and the min l. This works of G universally established. Indeed, to ex- shows conclusively that, in point of fact, pensations of His Providence. pect entire sameness in the thoughts there is a seeming mental inequality, no There are a class of metaphysical Now it is clear, that the existence of Upon the strong man, and the haughty form and opinions of men, as a necessary re- matter how we may differ as to the true writers who maintain, that sensible ma- a capacity of ideas in the human mind,

therefore not likely to be interesting to the sea-no beasts of the earth-no tree. Those who attribute this inequality, to sensation alone, but to sensation and perfect accordance with the laws which The country had not the means to be Washington entered the room—the any portion of the very respectable au- for fuel or shade—no herb for man or which as a matter of fact, we feel, and reflection combined. Our ideas of col- govern the material universe, and is grateful. dience that I see before me. And al- beast-no flower for field or garden,-in actually know to exist, to causes just or for instance,-of sound,-of exten- sanctioned by all the tests which obserthough I do not expect, or even hope, fine, no Man, to govern and bring all enumerated, and who deny that there is sion, and solidity,—of motion, and in- vation and solidity,—of motion, and solidity,—of motion, and in- vation and solidity,—of motion, and solidity,—of motion, and in- vation and solidity,—of motion, and solidity,—of motion, and in- vation and solidity,—of motion, and solidity,—of motion, and solidity,—of motion to add anything by way of instruction, into subjection to his will. If change any original inequality of mind whatev- deed, of all the different qualities and doctrine so fortified and so well support- od, according to history and oral tradi- his cheek, and his voice was tremulous

name you please, is, in fact, the founda-

many conflicting opinions have been The eagle overpowers the sparrow. The observed in the whole animal kingdom, the innate existence of mind. Idiocy lie, I go to Baltimore last month, and I favors, both here and hereafter, attend sight of in the distance.—N. Y. Jour. tiger preys upon the unsuspecting heifer, indeed, I may say, in the whole material does not disprove the existence of an see a Dutch woman make him."

It has been said that "there are diffi- and in respect to the physical organiza- universe of God. That they are the re- original inherent capacity of ideas in the culties both in the Word and Works of tion of the Human Family, nothing is sult of chance or accident, or are pro- mind itself. If it proves any thing, it God." And in the pursuit of that know- more certainly distinguishable than (if I duced by artificial extraneous causes, simply proves, that to our ordinary faledge which men expect will afford to may so express myself) this uniform can hardly be supposed, when we con- culties, there are apparent evidences of them certain and unerring guides in un- want of uniformity. Indeed, in the whole sider that they universally exist. The some derangement, in this original caravelling these difficulties, some have range of physical nature, it is impossi- universality of these disproportions in pacity—some disturbing cause, by which been led to scepticism and atheism, while ble to find any two objects that are, in physical organization affords the clear- it has been prevented from performing is brooding, has gentle spirit, o'er others have been more thoroughly con- all respects, alike. Then why should not est evidence that they are the offspring its natural and ordinary functions—some The still and pulseless world. Hark! on the winds vinced, not only of the existence of the same variety and inequality exist in of Design in the Great Author of Na- mysterious, and if you choose, to our The bell's deep tones are swelling; 'tis the knell of the departed. No funerel train God, but of the wisdom and justice of the formation of immaterial substances? ture; and as such, intended for wise and finite minds, unaccountable agency, of Is sweeping past; yet, on the stream and wood, His moral and religious government. The idea is certainly not repugnant to useful purposes, in the economy of His that great and Omnipotent Being, who Like a pale, spootless shroud; the air is stirry It may be truly said that the Mind of reason, but is helped by analogies de- Government-however repugnant they not only creates but destroys, by which, Man is wonderfully made. So compli- rived from other departments of nature, may seem to our imperfect notions of in the practical operations of this great The spirits of the seasons seem to stand. cated is the machinery by which it per- and is strictly in accordance with ob- His Justice and Goodness. The same machinery of the universe, he permits forms its functions-so various in its servation and experience, so far as they wise and useful purposes may with equal the developement of mind to be some DEAR SIR: Your letter of this morning, com- modes and habits of thought—and so can be brought to our aid, in the devel- reason be ascribed to God in the dispro- times hindered and retarded. This is A metancoly dirge o'er the dead year, municating the thanks of the "Waverley Lite- liable to be affected from external causes openent of mental phenomena, or in portions he has made in the formation the whole extent to which the illustra-Pary Society," for the Lecture I had the honor by which it may be surrounded, that it tracing the leading laws of our intellec- of mind. That we are unable to com- tion can be carried. How these super- still chambers of the heart, a spectre dim, prehend those purposes, or to see very vening causes have occurred, by which has just been received. In reply, I can only whilst in the exercise of their highest It is certainly observable, then, as a clearly in what manner they promote the this original capacity of ideas in the And solemn finger to the beautiful say that the lecture was prepared with no view mental powers, form not only different matter of experience, that all men do happiness of His creatures, or are fitted mind, has been affected or diminished in And left no shadow of their liveliness. whatever to its publication, but I can urge no opinions in reference to the same sub- not seem to have the same powers of to the ends He has in view as a Just the case supposed, it is not, at all mate- on the dead waste of life. That spectre lifts the compliance with the wishes of the Society, and therefore enclose it to you ject-matter of thought, but even come mind; some are deficient in judgment— and Righteons Governor of the World, rial, for us to know. If the capacity it- And, bending mournfully above the pale to be placed at their disposal. You will be to contrary and opposite conclusions some in imagina- is of but little importance; since the self exists, in any degree whatever, Sweet forms that slumber there, scatters dead flowers to be placed at their disposal. You will be to contrary and opposite conclusions some in imagina- is of but little importance; since the self exists, in any degree whatever, over what has pass'd to nothingness. The year pleased to accept my thanks for the flattering from the same premises, whether brought into action or not, it is has gone, and, with it, many a glorious throng

the argument. sult of our notions of perfection in the causes of it, or attempt to account for it. terial objects are not external to the as an original inherent attribute of the The bright and joyous, and the tearful wait work of the Great Fabricator Himself, To attribute this inequality to the in- mind-that the material universe has no mind itself, no more implies a sameness in the production of Mind, would be fluences of education and example, or existence in fact, and that all matter is or general equality of this capacity, than The battle plain, where sword and spear and shield opposed, it seems to me, not only to to impressions made upon the organs of ideal, and consists of images, or impress the existence of matter itself implies an of serned bosts is shiver'd, and the grass, principles of common reason, but would sense by external causes, in accordance sions formed in the mind, according to equality or sameness in the various Green from the soil of carnage, waves above strike at the very existence of that per- with the general law, that sensations are certain rules which they term laws of forms and conditions in which we find and faded like a wreath of mist at eve; fection itself, which all right thinking produced by what affects the organs of nature. Now, with this class of writers, it to exist. Because it is innate or inmen have attributed to the works of sense, as some writers have done, would the notion, that mind is produced and herent, it does not follow, that it must God, whether they be of Mind or Mat- certainly be unsatisfactory in those in- ideas formed alone from impressions be necessarily equal, and alike, in all can stay bim in his silent course, or melt ter. It is no just objection whatever stances, where the teachings of educa- made by external objects upon the or- minds. The same may be said of the His iron heart to pity? On still on against the perfection of the works of tion and example have been identical, gans of sense, must be ridiculous in the theory of those who deny its innateness, The condor of the Andes, that can soar God, in either the material or immate- and where surrounding external causes extreme; since if their theory be true, or inherency, altogether. Whether it rial world, that all things are not one and have been the same. Such causes must there are no external objects whatever, be an inherent, or a derivitive capacity, we see before us, and this world of like impressions. That the mind is im- upon the organs of sense-external ob- all minds. If innate or inherent, no Knows not the weight of sleep or weariness, ceive, and are conscious of, are not less example, and also enlightened by edu- On the part of a God of Infinite of dreaming sorrow; cities rise and sink. perfect, because all matter is not the cation, and even by impressions made writers who maintain that ideas are form- Wisdom and Justice, an unequal distri- Like bubbles on the water; fiery isles same, or all mind the same. On the upon the organs of sense, I am free to ed by sensation alone, produced from bution, or endowment of it, to his crea- To their mysterious caverns; mountains rear contrary, they have much higher claims admit, but this is the most we can say, impressions made by external objects on tures, any more than an unequal organiof physical and mental sameness. The not at liberty however, to infer from this, writers, the theory of original equality derivative only, the same great design of Startling the nations; and the very start wisdom displayed in the adaptation of that education and the force of precept in respect to mind, would, I suppose, change and modification, not only in You bright and burning blazonry of Gop, means to ends; the principles of an en- and example, or the influence of impres- meet with favor; since, if their doctrine the sensations, derived from impressions and the pleiad, loveliest of their train, Deity, so conducive, by reason of their gressive one, of bringing it from a state followers, it is all mind, and no matter; son and propriety, be imputed to so To sit and muse, like other conquerors,

A HINT .-- A cotemporary says: "There is a man up in our country who always ments, and then returned with a silver than all the rest. A gigantic soldier pays for his paper in advance. He has dollar, which he had borrowed. never had a sick day in his life-never had any corns or tooth-ache-his pota- The negro received it with joy, hailed tended his hand: toes never rot—the weevil never eats a sloop which was passing down the "Farewell, my beloved general, farehis wheat—the frost never kills his corn river to New York, and as he reached well." or beans—his babies never cry in the the deck, took off his hat and said— Washington grasped his hand, in connight, and his wife never scolds."-Reader, have you paid the printer in ad-

Selected Poetry.

THE CLOSING YEAR.

BY GEO. D. PRENTICE.

Young Spring, bright Summer, Autumn's solemn form, And Winter with his aged locks, and breathe In mournful cadeces, that come abroad Gone from the earth forever. 'Tis a time For memory and for tears. Within the deep, Whose tones are like the Wizard voice of Time. It waved its sceptre o'er the beautiful, And they are not. It laid its pallid hand Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim. It trod the hall of revelry, where throng'd And reckless shout resounded. It pass'd o'er The crush'd and mouldering skeleton. It came Fierce spirit of the glass and scythe-what power He presses, and forever. The proud bird, Through heaven's unfathomable depths, or brave

Wisdom, or the Goodness of God. It tacle, though a sublime and glorious Lee was no longer living, and Putnam, spoken of. He refers their origin not drawn from the works of Nature-is in support, stalked poverty and disease. of independence.

BARKING AT THE Moon!-A story is heritance to fall back upon-thrown out mood," stood around him, whose hands

lated of the conduct of Baron Steuben, officers, he thus addressed them:

no further use for me."

"There, it's all I could get. Take it." stepped forth from the ranks, and ex-

"God bless you, Master Baron!"

the army at the close of the war. In- cers could not restrain the men as they upon the justice and goodness of God, susceptible. It is a capacity which has The man who made a shoe fer the deed, Washington had this view at the rushed forward to take Washington by

these his last public orders, to take his their commander.

those who, under divine auspices have of Commerce.

secured innumerable blessings to others. "With these wishes and this benediction, the commander-in-chief is about to retire from service. The curtain of separation will soon be drawn, and the military scenes to him will be closed

The closing of the "military scenes" I am about to relate.

New York had been occupied by Washington on the 25th of November. A few days afterwards he notified the president of Congress, which body was then in session at Annapolis, in Maryland, that as the war was now closed. he should consider it his duty to proceed thence, and surrender to that body the commission which he had received from them seven years before.

The morning of the 5th of December, 1783, was a sad and heavy one to the remnant of the American army in the city of New York. The noon of that day was to witness the farewell of Washington-he was to bid adieu to his military comrades for ever. The officers who had been with him in solemn council, the privates who had fought and bled in the "heavy fight," under his orders, were to bear his commands no longer. The manly form and dignified countenace of the "great captain" was henceforth to live in their memories.

As the hour of noon approached, the whole garrison, at the request of Washington himself, was put in motion, and marched down Broad street to Francis's tavern, his headquarters. He wished to take leave of private soldiers, alike with officers, and bid them all adieu. His favorite light infantry were drawn up in line facing inwards, through Pearl street, at the foot of Whitehall, where a barge was in readiness to convey him to Powell's hook.

Within the dining room of the tavern were gathered the generals and field officers, to take thair farewell."

Assembled there were Knox, Greene, Clinton, Steuben, Gates, and others, who had servep with him faithfully and truly in the "tented field;" but alas! where were others that had entered the war with him seven years before? Their bones crumbled in the soil from Canada to Georgia. Montgomery had yielded up his life at Quebec, Wooster fell at Danbury, Woodhull was barbarously murdered while a prisoner at the battle

hour of separation had come. As he

After a moment's conversation, Wash-

to each of you to take my leave, but "For myself I could stand it; but my shall be obliged to you if each of you

burst into teras, and advanced, incapable

"Why. Master Baron, I want a dollar tears flowing thick and fast, as he lookto gettiome with, now the Congress has ed from side to side at the veterans to whom he now bake adieu forever .-The Baron was absent for a few mo- Shortly an event occured more touching who had stood by his side at Trenton,

vulsive emotion in both of his. All dis-These are only single illustrations of cipline was now at an end. The offi-

ultimate leave in a short time of the At length Washington reached the tions which have given rise to much exceeds in size, and strength, and dura- various members of which the body is this perhaps is the strongest illustration understanding him literally. The Indian "May ample justice be done them eyes, watched the receeding boat till the metaphysical controversy, and on which bility, the puny shrub of the garden. composed. These disproportions are that can be given, by those who deny was indignant, and said, "I believe it a here, and may the choicest of heaven's form of their noble commander was lost