

THE GAZETTE.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 24, 1859.

DEATH OF THE HISTORIAN HALLAM.

The London papers of recent date announce the death of Henry Hallam, the distinguished historian and author. He was almost the last survivor of that illustrious band of prose writers whose works have reached the nineteenth century—the golden age of English literature. If all writers of history had been influenced by the honest zeal for truth and the spirit of impartiality which characterized his productions, the sarcasms which have been uttered on the unreliability of history, would never have gained currency in the literary world. He was born about the year 1778, and was educated at Eton, and Oxford, but since he left the University he resided in London. In 1830 he received one of the 50-guinea gold medals, bestowed by George the Fourth, for his eminent services in his country, and the honor was awarded to our countryman, Irving, after the publication of his History of Columbus. He was one of the early contributors to the Edinburgh Review, and took an active part in the movement for the abolition of the slave trade. He led so strictly the life of a scholar that very little has ever been heard of him, and consequently next to nothing is known of his personal history, except as an author. He was so little known when Byron wrote his British Bards that the satirist could say of him only, "the classic Hallam, much renowned for Greek." Greek was not a specialty of Hallam, but the increased poet must have a fling at him because he was one of the Scotch Reviewers. But a greater degree of interest has been felt in the historian of late years, since the publication of Tennyson's In Memoriam, from the circumstance that that noble poem having been inspired by the grief felt for the loss of Hallam's son, the poet's intimate friend and companion. It was in the year 1818 that Hallam published his first work, which gained him at once a high literary reputation, the View of the State of Europe during the Middle Ages. Nine years after he published his Constitutional History of England from the death of Henry VII. to the death of George II.—His next and last work was his Introduction to the Literary History of Europe, during the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth Centuries; and it was in the introduction to this work that he makes the touching allusion to the great calamity which had overtaken him in the loss of his remarkable son, who had more than fulfilled the brilliant promise of his boyhood. Mr. Hallam died on the 23d of January, at a small change of legs.

We publish, says an exchange under this head, a most amusing story of Judge D—, of Illinois, in which that gentleman, having occupied the hospital of a large family, occupying a single room, was obliged to undergo a "hop into bed" in the presence of a young lady. The Judge himself is "a small man physically speaking," and the idea of going to bed before the young lady—a modest, sensible girl, who from habit thought nothing of the circumstance—turned his head topsy-turvy. The idea of pulling off his boots before her was death, and as for doffing his other fids, he said he would sooner have taken off his legs with a saw. At length the awful crisis approached. The Judge, in a paroxysm of undressed, entreated the lady to chair, which she offered no more protection from "the enemy" than the rounds of a ladder. Then he had a dead open space of ten feet between the bed and chair—a sort of bridge of Lodi passage, as he describes it—which he was forced to make, exposed to cruel, raking fire, force and aft. The Judge proceeds: "Body, limbs and head, setting up a business on one hundred and seven and a half pounds of flesh, blood and bones, all told, cannot individually or collectively set up any ostentatious pretensions. I believe the young lady must have been setting in to remind some philosopher of the old adage, 'The philosopher's stone is a poor thing, but it is a philosopher's stone.' Perhaps her sense of justice wished to assure herself of a perfectly equal distribution of the respective portions. Perhaps she did not feel easy till she knew that kind Providence had not added to poverty individual wrong. Certain it was she seemed rather pleased with her speculation; for when I arose from a stooping posture finally, wholly disincumbered of cloth, I noticed mischievous shadows playing about the corners of her mouth. It was the moment I had determined to direct her eye to some astonishing circumstance out of the window. But the young lady spoke at the critical moment: "Mr. D—," she observed, "you have a mighty small change of legs there!" "When I arose from a stooping posture finally, wholly disincumbered of cloth, I noticed mischievous shadows playing about the corners of her mouth. It was the moment I had determined to direct her eye to some astonishing circumstance out of the window. But the young lady spoke at the critical moment: "Mr. D—," she observed, "you have a mighty small change of legs there!"

NOTICE.—An election to be held in this city, on Tuesday, the first day of March next, for members of the Common Council, and four members of the Board of Aldermen; also, for the following officers, viz:—Mayor; a Comptroller and Inspector of Domestic Affairs; a Comptroller and Inspector of Public Works; two Messengers and Inspectors of Lumber; a Superintendent of Police and Street Commissioner; a Collector of Taxes for the Second and Third Wards; a Collector of Taxes for the First and Fourth Wards; a Comptroller and Inspector of Public Accounts; City Surveyor; Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and the Superintendent of the Gas Works. In the First Ward, at First Ward House—Commissioners, J. J. Wheat, George W. Maxwell, and A. D. Warfield. Second Ward, at the Council Chamber—Henry Mansfield, Wm. N. Brown, and J. L. Smith. Third Ward, at the Court House—J. Zimmerman, Robt. Brewster, and T. M. McCormick. Fourth Ward, at the house northwest corner of Prince and Alfred streets—Samuel K. Adams, John H. Brent, and Wm. N. Herkley. JAMES DEMPSEY, C. C.

GREEN'S MANSON HOUSE. CORNER OF MANSION AND FAIRFAX STS. THIS well-known and POPULAR HOTEL, having undergone a THOROUGH REPAIR, and REFURNISHING, is now open, with every convenience for the convenience and accommodation of BOARDERS and TRAVELERS. The Proprietor has secured the services of GEORGE L. STEWART and SAMUEL F. GREGORY, under whose joint management the house will be conducted, and the reputation of the HOUSE as a FIRST CLASS HOTEL in the city is hereby renewed. JAMES GREEN. Alexandria, February 1, 1859—41f

CANDIDATES.

Wm. J. HIGDON.—I appear before you once more as a candidate for your suffrages in the office of one of the collectors of taxes, having had the honor for the last three years, devoting my time and attention to its duties, according to the best of my ability. During the time I have been the principal. I have visited several of the principal works in the country, endeavoring to acquire a knowledge of the manufacture, distribution, and consumption of Gas, and have brought what information I have acquired to perfecting the Works which I have in charge. I think I can safely appeal to consumers, to confirm the truth of what I say. I say that I have ever been attentive to their calls, frequently waiting upon them at a late hour of night, with as much alacrity as at other times. If it should be your pleasure to confer the office upon me, I promise to redouble my exertions. JACOB ROXBURY. feb 15—60e\*

Wm. H. HANTMAN, will be a candidate for Superintendent of Gas Works. A service of seven years in connection with the practical operations of the Works, will enable him, if elected, to discharge the duties to the interest of the Works and satisfaction of consumers. feb 8—60w\*

Wm. J. HIGDON, desires to make known to the voters, that he is a candidate for Superintendent of Gas, and respectfully solicits the support of his fellow-citizens. Should he be favored with votes sufficient to elect him, he promises to do his best to give satisfaction. feb 21—60e\*

Wm. J. HIGDON, as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Police, at the ensuing election. feb 17—60e\*

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BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

BARTON'S AFRICA, Travels and Discoveries in Africa, by James Barton, Esq., in 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 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