

Miss Ann Grason's brother, Mr. James B. Grason, was a great favorite, and addicted to poetry, also. One of his favorites among the ladies was Miss Sallie Price, to whom he dedicated the following lines :

“ THE DANCE.”

We met in a circle so gay,
At the widower's lovely retreat,
To dance to the *viol's* sweet tones,
With fantastic and nimble feet.

It was but a moment's call,
And damsels, all charming and fair,
Had come, with their presence so sweet,
To drive away thought and dull care.

But, hark ! 'tis the viol again ;
Now a queen-looking maiden in blue
Sweeps gracefully over the floor,
In the maze of the dance, sweet and true.

And, see now ! another bright gem
Steps lightly—fawn-like—to the sound,
Scarce touching her beautiful feet,
Or hem of her dress on the ground.

Aye ! a lovely, sweet virgin is she ;
Though a price (Price) is attached to her name,
No rich compensation on earth
The beautiful treasure can claim.

Now, here let us say to the host,
To the ladies and gentlemen all,
We shall ever revert with pride
To that merry and pleasant call,
To that beautiful Isle of the Bay.

KENT ISLAND, *May 14, 1857.*

—“ *Pelayo.*”

“ In 1840, by an Act of the Legislature, relating to the Eastern Shore Railroad, in which Gen. Thomas Emory, of ‘ Poplar Grove,’ was so much interested, Governor Grason appointed, with others, Mr. Thomas Wright commissioner for the Eastern Shore of Maryland. In 1839, John White, of Baltimore City, and Thomas Wright, of Queen Anne's County, were appointed representatives of the State of Maryland in meeting joint stock companies for making roads and canals in which Maryland was interested. In 1824, the year that General LaFayette was in Annapolis, the members of