

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Chiefly Concerning Ourselves and Our Friends.

From our friend and brother poet Benj. F. Legget, of Ward, Delaware Co., Pa., who so kindly favored us with his two delightful masterpieces of song:—"An Idyll of Lake George" and "A Sheaf of Song" some time ago we just received the following friendly and hearty letter. We thank our good friend sincerely for the interest taken in us, a stranger, and reciprocate the good wishes and kind intentions so kindly showered upon us. We cordially welcome such a distinguished contributor to the columns of THE JOURNAL.

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DEAR MR. BUTLER,—

Your very kind favor received on the 5th inst: Thanks for the beautiful poem you have inscribed to me: Believe me, I admire it much, and am honored by your kindness. I am pleased also with your stirring lyric: "The Spirit of The Nation" in the June issue of THE JOURNAL: It has much of the old, Whittier ring to it. Thanks for your little book—"MAPLE LEAVES AND HEMLOCK BRANCHES, I have read it all through and find many things in it to admire. "I think I like SAINT JOHN" best of all: It reminds me of Longfellow: I have marked the following as very fairly done:—"IN THE COUNTRY," "LAKE GEORGE," "The Peddler's Story"—"Nashwaak"—"The Hancock County Hills"—"Neill Darrah," "The Lakes of Maine," and "A Canadian's Song." "To my Absent Brother," is full of pathos and tears. I judge that you write because you have something to say;—which is not always the case with some writers. I must thank you for your kindly notice of my little books. It was very kind of you to speak so well of them and I thank you sincerely. I send you enclosed an article;—Thanks for THE JOURNAL: Will try to send you something for its pages in the future:—With kind regards and best wishes to you and yours. I remain,

Very truly,

BENJ. F. LEGGETT.

We have pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of another letter from our old friend and co-laborer in the cause of Canadian Independence:—T. B. Warren, editor of "The Patriot," Montreal. We suppose he has grown six inches since the Liberal victory as he was a prominent worker in that party and did much in the recent contest to bring about the result. We hope now since the election is over that he will have time to drop down here on his summer holidays to see us and the numerous friends he has made in his short visits here.

A brilliant wedding took place at the Barker House a week or two ago, the contracting parties being Mr. Herbert Hinchey, head lumberman for Mr. E. Hutchinson, and Miss Ellen McDonald, of Gordonvale. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Bell, Methodist minister of Nashwaak, and all the prominent personages of the city and many from the country lent their presence toward making it one of the most brilliant events of the season.

Mr. Thomas McDonald, the bride's father, presented her with a purse of \$1,000, and the groom's uncle, Coun-

cillor John Hinchey, of Stanley, gave her a sight draft for \$1,000, two very substantial gifts. Among the other presents she received were: ½ dozen silver teaspoons, J. S. Neill; gold watch and chain, the groom; china cup and saucer, Mrs. David Humes; silver pickle dish, Ald. and Mrs. Beckwith; silver pepper and salt shaker, Councillor John Hinchey; pair pillow shams, Mrs. David Humes; album, Miss Ina McCatherine.

The happy couple took the Canada Eastern express for Chatham and other points north. After a bridal tour of about a week's duration, they will return to Boiestown to make their future home, the groom having purchased the handsome homestead, the sum paid being \$1,200.—GLENER.

THE JOURNAL extends to the happy bride-groom, who is an old friend, and subscriber and his worthy lady, its heartfelt congratulations and sincere wishes for their future health and happiness.

We keep up a link with the past in a correspondence with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sym, of Hildreth, California. Mr. Sym was our boss in the tannery of F. Shaw Bros. at Grand Lake Stream, Maine, for several years, and at his house we were a frequent and welcome visitor, being given free access to his books and papers and receiving instructions from he and his good lady that have proved of great benefit in after years. He it was who was first to come to our assistance in the terrible accident that befel us, and since that day, while often lecturing us severely on carelessness or petty misdemeanors he never turned his back on us as others have done, and would listen to no talk against us without taking our part. He is now in the wilds of California engaged in mining, and we never expect to see him again, but looking back through all our cares and sorrows during these years we see through all the tangled mazes of doubt, disappointment and distrust and often enforced severity, the true man, warm hearted if hasty; affectionate and open-handed. May fate be kind to him and his, and fortune smile upon them, and in their mountain home, if they can have one little thought, one little corner in their hearts for one who has been always their friend, and whom fortune has given more kicks than caresses, we shall be deeply thankful. The old familiar past with all its joys and sorrows is gone; the present period of separation is here, the future awaits us. What will that be? We confidently hope, reunion in this world or the next.

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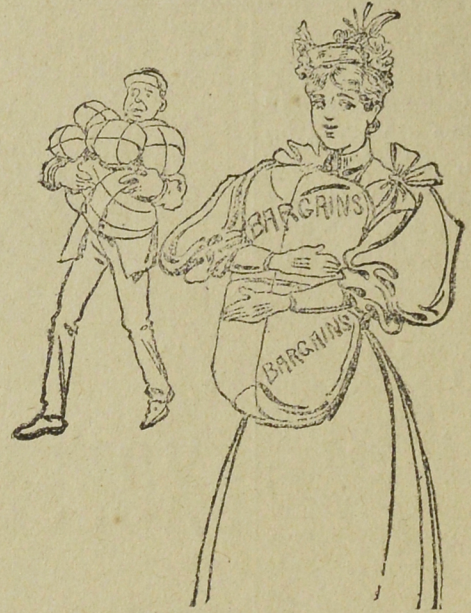
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