

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Two Important Books.

I. Prof. Alexander's volume* is a very important addition to the body of what is known as Browning literature, and must take rank at once with the half dozen hand-books which no student of Browning can dispense with.

The chief defect of the work is a negative one, which I would fain see remedied in a later edition; though the point is one on which Prof. Alexander may join issue with me.

There are two other points to which I would take exception, though they are so small that I may be thought hypercritical. To say "Homer would not write a great epic, were he alive now; nor Shakespeare, great dramas," is to state what may be true, with certain qualifications.

II. Among the manuals of history which are now pouring in such profusion from the press, I select for special commendation the little volume† lately put forth by Prof. Emerton, of Harvard.

have hopelessly belogged, but Prof. Emerton conducts us through it by clear and delightful paths. Those middle ages, which are so enveloped in romance and myth that we find it difficult to regard them as other than the fabric of a fairy tale, were fruitful with the germs of all our modern civilization.

CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS.

Notes and Announcements.

Early in June, Longmans, Green & Co. will issue in New York the first number of The New Review, an English monthly started by Mr. Archibald Grove, a young Oxford man.

Dr. Titus Munson Coan's suggestive paper on "Taking Pains in Writing" is the best of many good things in the May number of The Writer.

Gerald Massey, who had some promise as a poet some 40 years ago, but who has since devoted himself to Spiritualism (so called) and the elucidation of Shakespeare's Sonnets, is about to reissue, in two volumes, a collected edition of his early and late verse.

Mr. William Sharp, one of the minor British singers, and at the same time one of the most confident of critics, contributes to the April number of the National Review a paper on "The Sonnet in America," in which he essays to sum up the merits and defects of living or late American poets.

O Lyric Love, half angel and half bird, And all a wonder and a wild desire.

Stick to your flannels, Tom, Till the end of May; Don't take them off, my boy, And catch pneumonia.

Stick to your flannels, Tom, However grows the sun, Or you will be an angel, Tom, Before the spring is done.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

TRURO, N. S.

MAY 15.—Mrs. John Robbins, wife of the popular pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, returned home, on Friday, from Toronto, where she has been visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hallett, of the L. C. R. dining hall, are enjoying a visit to friends in Boston and vicinity.

Rev. J. E. Goucher, the much-esteemed pastor of the Baptist church, left on Wednesday of last week, for Boston, where he goes to attend the May meetings.

Mr. T. S. Patillo, so long and well-known in connection with D. H. Smith & Co., purposes, ere long, opening a business of his own, in the store lately occupied by John McCullough.

Messrs. Wm. Birrell, O. C. Cummings, W. D. Dimock and H. Blair enjoyed a most lucrative fishing excursion, for a few days, last week.

Mr. C. E. Bently, of J. F. Blanchard & Co., left on Monday for England, via New York.

Dr. W. F. McNutt, formerly of this town, who now holds a professorship of medicine in the California University, and is vice-president of the Medical society of the same state, was a candidate in the last contest for governor of California.

Mrs. M. H. Ambrose, accompanied by Miss Frances Ambrose, arrived here from California, last Thursday. She has been visiting her son, Mr. H. C. Ambrose, district superintendent S. P. R. R.

Mr. George B. Layton, whose new business interests in New Glasgow will oblige him now to make his home there, has sold his home on Queen street, to Mr. John Chisholm, of Antigonish, who, in retiring from business, has decided to come to Truro to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitblado and family, as intimate friends, left on Wednesday, to the regret of many friends, for Los Angeles, Cal., where their future home will be.

Rehearsals for the minstrel show, the proceeds of which are to assist the C. and A. club, are being briskly prosecuted.

Much regret is felt among the superior and subordinate staff of teachers in the model schools at the retirement of Miss Miller, whose work among those who came under her immediate care was so successful.

AMHERST, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Amherst at G. G. Bird's bookstore.]

MAY 15.—Mrs. Clerke sailed for England in the last steamer from Rimouski, in company with Sir Charles and Lady Tupper.

Mrs. Fawcett and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ryan, of Sackville, were in town on Monday, driving a very pretty team.

Mrs. Mariner McLeod has returned home, her sister being much better.

Mrs. George left on Monday for a visit to Boston and New York.

Miss Eric Bent was suddenly called to Halifax this week, her sister, Mrs. McNutt, being ill.

Rev. Cecil and Mrs. Wiggins, of Sackville, were in town on Monday paying visits.

Rev. Mr. Polehampton and family from England, are settling here. I am informed that Mr. Polehampton is to assist Rev. Mr. Harris in the work of the Episcopal church in this town and vicinity.

Mrs. Botsford has returned from the states and is at present with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Bliss.

Mr. Edward Sutcliffe, of Halifax, was here this week visiting his relatives.

Senator and Mrs. Dickey entertained a select party at dinner one evening last week.

At a small party given lately some of our late arrivals were present, and showed their want of gallantry by allowing the young ladies to go home without an escort.

Miss Flossie, daughter of Dr. A. S. Townshend, of Parrsboro, is visiting her uncle, Mr. J. Medley Townshend.

A number of strangers were in town on Tuesday. Among them I met Col. Stewart and Col. Clerke, of Halifax, the popular collector of customs at Sackville, Mr. W. C. Milner, and Judge Townshend, who was attending a heavy land sale belonging to the estate of his late father-in-law, Judge Kinnear.

CAIAIS, MAINE.

[Progress is for sale in Calais by Gillis Bros.]

MAY 15.—A lovely masquerade party intronized by Mrs. Downes was given in Eaton hall on Tuesday evening by a number of the little folk of Calais.

Dancing was enjoyed until 12 o'clock. There were a number of pretty girls present, but Miss McGregor of St. John deserves special mention.

The guests were Misses Helen McNichol, Mabel Marchie, Nettie Marchie, Graham, Alice Boardman, Clara Jordan, Fannie Lowell, Helen Newton, Alice Waite and Mattie Nichols, and Masters Charles Black, George Eaton, Lee Porter, John Nichols, Fred McNichol, Guy Marchie and Harry Graham.

The costumes were very pretty and original. Cake and ice cream were served throughout the evening.

Miss Mina Downes left Calais on Friday for Boston. She is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. Emerson, No. 64 Huntington avenue.

Mr. George F. Townsend left for his home in Minneapolis, Monday morning, much to the regret of his many friends in Calais. Mr. Townsend is a son of Dr. Townsend of this city and was obliged to come east on account of ill health.

As the climate of the St. Croix valley restores all invalids, Mr. Townsend returned a well man.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clapp have gone to Kansas City to visit their daughter, Mrs. Beauchamp Anderson.

Mr. John L. Thomas spent Sunday with his friends in St. John. Mr. Thomas has won many friends during his stay in Calais.

The host of Calais friends of Mr. John Hayden, of Tacoma will regret to learn that he is confined to the home with rheumatism.

SHEDIAC.

[Progress is for sale in Shediac at H. Stewart's store.]

MAY 15.—The concert given by the grammar and primary schools came off last Thursday night in Tait's hall. It was in every way a success, and reflected great credit on all those who took part.

Misses Jennie Webster and Winnie Harper did their parts well as organists. Among the pieces worthy of notice were the duet given by Miss Nellie Harper and Miss Maud Snaer; the readings by Misses Mary Burk and Winnie Harper, and the recitations from the primary department. But the principal feature of the evening was the novel and interesting "Room Drill," in which sixteen of the young ladies from the high school took part, under the leadership of Capt. Mabel Morrison.

Among the strangers in town last week, I noticed Messrs. A. Rogers and W. Edmunds, of Montreal. Messrs. Tennant, Fitch and Given, of Moncton, spent Sunday in town.

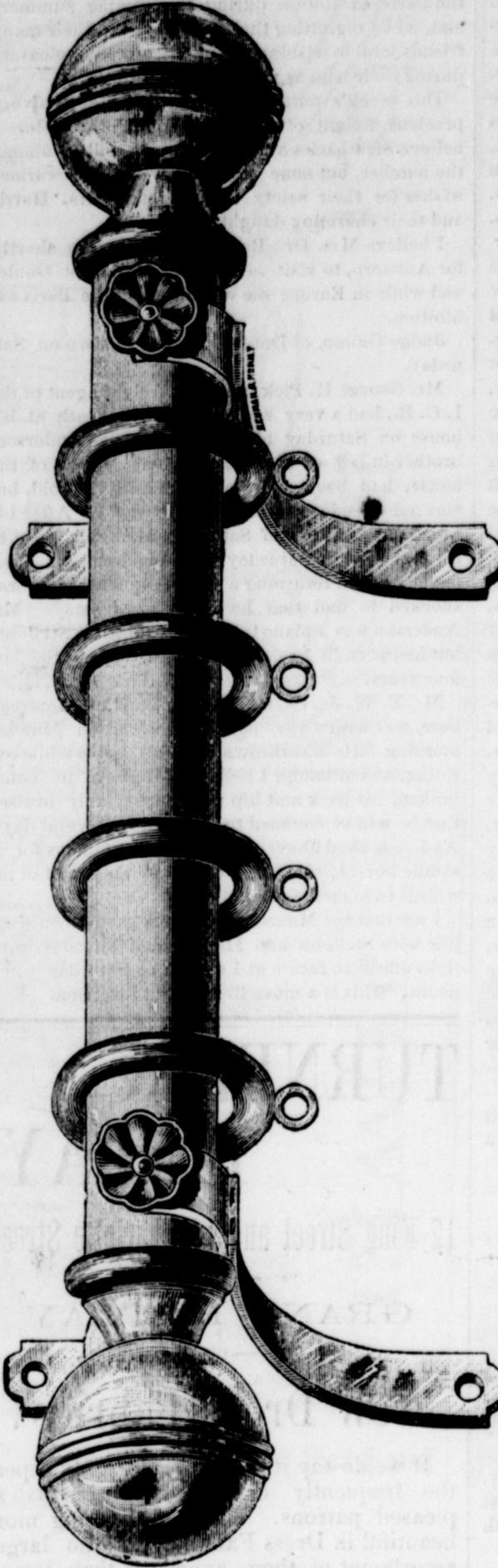
Mrs. H. S. Bell, of Moncton, spent a few days here last week.

Miss Mabel Smith left yesterday on a trip to Boston and New York.

Miss Maggie Evans is home in Sackville on a visit. Rev. Mr. Watson, of Riverside, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit last Sunday. The present pastor, Mr. Baird, is winning for himself hosts of friends.

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