

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

A well-known Canadian poet, Dr. A. H. Chandler, is about giving to the world a new edition of what may probably be considered his chief work, *The Nativity*, which will be brought out in Boston at the close of the present year.

This ode, which is perhaps the most widely known of Dr. Chandler's poems, originally appeared in the Boston Sunday Herald, and was afterwards published in *Lyrics, Songs and Sonnets*, winning for itself at the outset a place in the literature of Canada, as well as golden opinions from such giants in the world of letters as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Prof. Owen, of Cambridge, Mass.; Hunter Duvar and our own laureate, Prof. Roberts.

Rev. S. T. Rand, in a review of this poem, says:

Without in any way copying the style and treatment of Milton's great poem on the same subject, it will not suffer by comparison.

Prof. Owen, in speaking of the same work, remarks:

The style of this grand poem is smooth and flowing, and the metre is entirely original; even Dryden could not surpass it.

These words of "praise from high places" were all for the old edition, from which has arisen, Phoenix-like, a newer and more beautiful creation of the poet's fancy. And if the poet-critics dealt kindly with the former effort, they will be even more lavish now in their encomiums on the later and more perfect work.

*The Nativity*, in its remodelled form, possesses an additional fulness, breadth and power, the lack of which I should never have observed in the earlier edition had not the author himself called my attention to it by retouching his work.

It will be illustrated by a New Brunswick lady and will contain some ten or twelve additional stanzas, a prologue, an epilogue and a dedicatory sonnet to Professor Charles G. D. Roberts.

Of this sonnet Dr. George Stewart, of the Quebec Chronicle writes:

It is a gem, and full of sweetness, delicacy and grace.

The entire work is full of graceful imagery and combines depth of thought with power of expression, while some of the majestic periods are truly Miltonic. I regret that space will not permit me to make the extended extracts that I would wish, but I cannot more fitly close this brief and all too feeble notice of Dr. Chandler's masterpiece than by giving in its entirety the graceful and charming dedication.

To my mind among all the more mature and finished work of his later years Prof. Roberts never wrote anything more exquisite than his "Invocation to the Spirit of Song," at the beginning of his first volume of poems. I think it is my favorite of all his flowers of song. So this dedication of Dr. Chandler seems to stand out from all its companions with a beauty of its own, and to reflect almost equal glory upon author and subject.

TO PROFESSOR CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS.  
O, Laureate of Brunswick! whose sweet lyre,  
In *Divers Tones*, hath rung melodiously  
Across the land from sea to furthest sea,  
In strains that shall Canadian hearts inspire  
With patriotic hopes—fulfilling the desire  
Of those who love their country faithfully—  
A brother poet dedicates to thee  
Some faint harp-echoes of the *Angelic quire*;  
And, shouldst thou perchance of Christ's natal morn  
Direct but one soul to thy immortal life,  
Lift but the burden from one heart-distraught,  
(As it hath his) with heavy sorrows born  
Of sin and suffering 'mid this earthly strife—  
Then were, indeed, his mission doubly blest.

GEORFFREY CUTBERT STRANGE.

The Magazines.

Among the readable articles in *Wide Awake* for June are "Relics of Torture," by Mrs. F. A. Humphrey, describing various curious "machines" for punishment in old times which she saw in England; Mrs. Clafin's "Letter from Daisy" on behavior is excellent; Miss Poulsson's "Two Sermons" is exquisite; Sallie Joy White's "Volunteer Reading in School" is of great suggestive value; "Little People in the Studio," with its eleven pictures, is charming reading for everybody. "Men and Things," the new department, is filled with enjoyable anecdotes and talks, notably "The Footsteps of Genius," "Lord Tennyson's Chalk Pits," and "Fish-Catching on the Potomac." The poems of the number are by Clinton Scollard, Mrs. Whitsonstone, Marian Douglas, H. R. Hudson, Kate Putman Osgood, Alice Wellington Rollins and Elizabeth L. Gould. Price \$2.40 a year. D. Lothrop company, publishers, Boston.

The Forum for June will have an additional interest for Canadians since Mr. Blackburn Harte, one of the leading editorial writers of the *Mail* of Toronto, comes out boldly in favor of political union with the United States. He maintains not only that commercial union and thereafter political union of the United States and Canada are inevitable, but also that they are desirable for Canada; and that the Canadian politicians of all parties know this, unwilling as some of them are to confess it. He points out also what he conceives to be the absurdity of Canada's continuing the colonial relation to Great Britain. [The Forum Publishing Co., 253 Fifth Ave., N. Y. 50 cts.]

Notes and Announcements.

George Kennan, the celebrated Siberian traveller, has returned to Washington. He will devote the summer to the preparation of his book on Siberia for the press.

Mr. Robert Barrett Browning has

painted a portrait of his father, the poet. The picture represents Mr. Browning standing against a marble pillar (in Venice), with a crushed hat in his hand, and in a brown coat. The picture is going to the Grosvenor gallery, London.

Mr. Froude's novel, *The Two Chiefs of Dunboy*, has gone into its fourth edition, and promises to be the most widely read of all the recent novels this summer.

A new portrait of John Burroughs will appear in *The Book-Buyer* for June, accompanied by a personal sketch of the author, by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie.

Several popular authors will shortly have some of their works added to the "Yellow Paper Series" of the Scribners. The 54th book in the series will probably be Mr. Thomas A. Janvier's stories, entitled *Color Studies*, and H. J. Stimson's *The Crime of Henry Vane* will follow. Other favorite stories and authors will still further heighten the value of this series, which already may be placed in the very front rank of paper-covered literature.

Mrs. Burnett's last story *The Pretty Sister of Jose*, has already reached its tenth thousand with the Scribners.

The extraordinary interest awakened in England by the fascinating *Diary and Letters of Gouverneur Morris*, has necessitated the London publishers to put forth a second edition of the work. It is likely that the American edition will also be shortly duplicated.

The increase in European travel this year is said to be noticeable in the much larger demand which the Scribners are receiving for their illustrated *Index Guide to European Travel* than during any previous season.

Mr. Henry T. Finck's new book, *Chopin, and other Musical Essays*, is to be brought out in London in an English edition.

IGNOBLE METHODS.

A Lay Sermon by "Amber" That Hits the Nail on the Head.

The old saw, "It takes a thief to catch a thief," has found good exemplification lately in the methods of some of our city papers. If there is no better way to run down evil than to train another evil to track it, let us leave its overthrow to heaven. To duplicate a nuisance does not abate the original. If I have one toad under my doorstep it will not rid me of the first toad to fetch another one to keep it company. The reporter who went around among the doctors hunting for an offense against morality and decency did not exterminate the existence of that particular offense half so thoroughly as she smirched her own delicacy, and cast a taint upon journalistic womanhood by her exploit. The other reporter who connived, and schemed, and lied to enmesh a certain lawyer in her toils, did not show him up, in the result, any more contemptibly than she did herself. If to prove another man is a schemer and a swindler I have got to stoop to very sneaking schemes and very tortuous methods myself, I don't understand what good is struck in the balance. If a man has got to convert himself into worm bait in order to catch very poor fish, I doubt the sanity of his piscatorial enterprise. There are so many people in this world who go about gloating over the chance to expose foibles and vices. They are like men who go out in spring to hunt snakes. Unheeded by them may blow and blossom all the sweet wild flowers that ever were rooted on the April hills; unmarked by them the young trees put forth their leaves, the winds ruffle the lakes, and the sunshine arrows dart from between the cloudy spaces of the sky—they are out to hunt snakes, and earth holds no allurement that can outbid a rattler, tracked and clubbed to death in its covert. If the Lord made you with a passion for hunting snakes, and a method of your own whereby to track them, you are no doubt to be given the freedom of your choice of vocation, but I for one would roll aside the stones and hunt through the woods for violets and wild strawberries rather than adders. If a person has faults and blemishes, he also has good traits, and the same few faint and sickly virtues. Exposing the latter to the shining of the sun may help nourish a handful of good deeds for heaven but the exposure of all that is unprincipled and unworthy in a man is not a pleasant sight for either his brother men, or the holy angels. If we went through life looking at the sweet things in human nature we would find our basket filled with a very respectable offering when we drew up to St. Peter's gate and asked to be passed through. But I don't think the old saint would be moved to leniency if all we had to show was a bundle of snake-skins and the formula of the serpentine methods we took to win them.

I am tired of the ignoble methods we deal in for the achievement of any purpose. If a body desires to be prosperous, he doesn't go to work to court success by strictly honest methods. He is specious, and aims at popularity, and is politic, and in that way achieves the end he has in view. Win the race by fair means or foul, everything is forgiven you so that you reach the goal. We don't do that way at the Derby. The nose that goes under the wire by unfair methods either of riding or weight is counted out, but in the great hustling race of human life, the devil himself takes precedence, so that he rides first at the finish. The honor is not to the honest, but to the winning one.—Chicago Horseman.

The prevalence of scrofulous taint in the blood is much more universal than many are aware. Indeed, but few persons are free from it. Fortunately, however, we have in Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the most potent remedy ever discovered for this terrible affliction.—Advt.

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A SERIOUS PUZZLE.

"I wonder why," said little Sue, "You say, mamma, 'If I were you, That's not the way that I should do,' So many times a day! I s'pose I'm wrong; but I don't see If you were turned right into me Why, truthfully, you wouldn't be 'Most sure to do my way!'" Elizabeth L. Gould, in June *Wide Awake*.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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

CALAIS, MAINE.

[Progress is for sale in Calais by Gillis Bros.]  
MAY 20.—A delightful entertainment will be given in the St. Croix hall, tomorrow, (Thursday) evening for the benefit of the Calais high school. Mr. Lewis Harris, of Boston, who has before delighted gatherings in Calais will take the leading part, giving some of his best recitals, songs and recitals of character. He will be assisted by strong musical talent, Miss Newton acting as accompanist and other ladies assuming parts as indicated in the following programme:

PART I.  
Selection.....Orchestra  
Character song, "Signor Bings Binger," (from opera *Part of Pinkie*).....Mr. Harris  
Piano solo.....Miss E. Laughton  
Dramatic recital, "The Light from over the Range,".....Mr. Harris  
Song, "Old Timberline,".....Thou Art Near Me.....Mr. Harris  
PART II.  
Dramatic recital, (a) *Hamlet*, (b) *Macbeth*, (c) *Richard III.*.....Miss Ella Nelson  
Song, "The Light from over the Range,".....Mr. Harris  
Dramatic recital, "The Light from over the Range,".....Miss Fannie Wilson  
Imitation of Henry Irving in H. E. Dixey's ever popular topical song, "It's English you know,".....Mr. Harris  
Mrs. Henry Murchie gave a charming little dinner at Fairhead's, today, for a number of her lady friends.

It is hoped that the bachelors who gave the delightful party at the "Boiler City," some time ago, in the winter, will repeat the experiment.

Mrs. Kelly and daughter, Miss Julia, will spend the summer at St. Andrews, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Osburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murchie will occupy their new house, Church ave., next week.

Mr. Albert Sawyer and daughter, Millie, will spend part of the summer at the Algonquin, St. Andrews.

Mrs. Reed Kimball, of Houlton, Me., is the guest of Mrs. E. H. McAllister.

Colonel and Mrs. W. F. Boardman gave a charming little dinner to a number of friends at the Border city on Friday last.

Mrs. Whiting, of Holyoke, Mass., who has been the guest of Miss Mary Newton, left for her home on Monday last.

Mrs. Frank Black (nee Lowell) will arrive in Calais on Saturday, from Kansas city. Mrs. Black will spend the summer months with her sister Mrs. Howard Black.

The production of *David Garrick* and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Mr. George Wood and Miss Marguerite St. John, supported by an English company was an entertainment of unusual order. The company was greeted with large audiences both evenings.

RICHIBUCTO.

MAY 22.—About three weeks ago, a young man, known by the name of Foster, visited our town for the purpose, he alleged, of purchasing horses. He remained three or four days, and during that time examined several horses, and said his brother would arrive in a few days and complete arrangements. It has since come to light that Mr. Foster was a detective, brought here by one of our citizens, who, a short time ago, had a peacock poisoned. Mr. Foster was unable to locate the party or parties who committed the deed.

Mr. L. A. Miles, of St. John, was in town last week.

The medical fraternity received an addition a few days ago in the person of Thomas F. Bourque, of Memramook, who has opened an office here.

Mr. H. A. Powell, of Sackville, was in town on Friday.

Mr. E. C. Cole, of Moncton, was in town on Saturday.

Dr. R. L. and Mrs. Botsford spent Sunday in town, guests of Mr. S. C. and Mrs. Weeks.

It is reported that the office of stipendiary magistrate, which has been vacant for about four months, will soon be filled. The name mentioned in connection with the appointment is causing great dissatisfaction among the people of Richibucto.

Rev. Silas and Mrs. James leave for Sackville on Thursday morning, where they will remain a few weeks.

Mr. E. E. Phair, of the "Beaches," is getting his hotel ready for summer visitors. The "Beaches" is one of the most delightful places in America, and has only to be visited to be appreciated.

Rumor says that our town will witness, about the first of June, an important social event. The lady has just recently returned home, having spent the winter in the upper provinces. The gentleman is a popular widower.

TRURO, N. S.

MAY 21.—Rev. Robert Atkinson, who has gained a pleasing popularity in our town, has accepted the call extended to him by the adherents of St. Andrews church, Pieton, where his induction will be observed on the 29th inst.

Miss Ada Walker, of Antigonish, who is on her way to visit her uncle, Mr. M. U. Walker, of Boston, is spending a week, *en passant*, with friends here.

Dr. J. H. McKay has been elected president of the Athletic association.

Mr. W. H. Rennie, who has severed the connection so long and favorably sustained between him and his former employer, Wm. Cummings & Sons & Co., left Truro on Friday last for New Glasgow, where he becomes a partner of Mr. George E. Lay, in a joint business. Mr. Rennie, ere he left, was made the recipient, from his fellow clerks, of an address, accompanied by a parlor secretary, of handsome workmanship, as a slight token of their high esteem.

The world-be bicyclist is once more cavorting over our streets.

Inspector Williams, of the New York police force, with his wife and family, are expected by friends in Antigonish to arrive soon, in their own yacht.

Last Friday was observed as Arbor day in the schools here. Trees were dedicated by the children to Her Majesty, various members of the clergy, councillors and teachers.

Dr. J. H. McKay, who has been for a short visit to Boston and environs, is home again, and says he "found no temperature so unpleasantly hot, as that of last Sunday here."

Mr. Genior, the evangelist, held an open-air meeting at the Falls, Victoria Park, on Sunday last, to which large crowds gathered. It is a spot where no one with any refinement of mind at all could go and not be inclined to thoughts of Nature and Nature's God.

Mrs. Martin Dickie and family are away visiting friends in Maitland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell are home again. Mrs. Campbell looks much improved by the change. I hear that Miss Lydia Page, niece of Dr. Page, who has been for nearly a year, now, visiting friends in England, has won the heart, and will soon assume the name of a gentleman over the water.

The dancing party given by Miss Cox, of Bible hill, last week, was participated in by about thirteen couples, who enjoyed themselves hugely, despite the warmth of the evening.

D. A. Bishop, now of Amherst, paid us a flying visit last week, and it was the same "Old Nibbs," who assured the "Old Boy" that he still had lots of sand and collateral to back it, too.

Mr. Edward Anand, son of the late Rev. Mr. Anand, and nephew of the missionary of the same name, who so distinguished himself in the academy here, and in the final examinations, is now at Pieton Academy. He is an ardent student. PEO.

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I am, your obedient servant,

GEORGE A. BARKER.

SYDNEY WARD.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 12, 1889.

WE, the undersigned Residents and Voters of the Sydney Ward, in the City of St. John, N. B., would nominate WM. LEWIS, Esq., of said Ward, to represent us in the Common Council as Alderman, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to secure his election.

Signed by 85 electors.

To the Electors of Sydney Ward.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your requisition, asking me to allow myself to be put in nomination as a candidate for ALDERMAN at the approaching election, I beg to say that, although the matter is not of my seeking, I am entirely in your hands, and will accept with pleasure your flattering nomination. A glance at the names on your requisition convinces me that you intend to carry the election, and I am content to leave the result in your hands, assuring you that if elected my best efforts in the future, as in the past, will always be put forward in the interest of this city, and Sydney Ward in particular.

I have the honor to be, Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM LEWIS.

To the Electors of Wellington Ward.

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE having postponed the holding of the civic elections for the present year until after the consummation of the union of the cities of Saint John and Portland, we desire to sincerely thank those of the Electorate who have expressed their confidence in us and so generously proffered as their support.

At the election of representatives to the Civic Board of the new city we will be candidates for the office of

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We are, Ladies and Gentlemen, Respectfully yours,

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