

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Notes and Announcements.

A writer in the New York Mail and Express, in treating of Charles M. Dickinson's 'The Children and Other Verses,' lately published by Messrs. Cassell & Co., says that "Mr. Dickinson belongs to the small choir of English and American poets whom their countrymen insist upon remembering on account of single poems which they have written, and which in some cases are not worthy the perpetuity which is thus conferred upon them, though in all cases there is a reason for it in the feeling which inspired them and of which they are the natural expression. The most notable of this kind in English verse, are Marlowe's 'Passionate Shepherd,' Johnson's 'Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes,' Collins's 'How Sleep the Brave,' Cowper's 'Loss of the Royal George,' Burns' 'Scots Wha Hae,' Wolfe's 'Burial of Sir John Moore,' 'Home, Sweet Home,' 'Rock Me to Sleep, Mother,' 'Curfew Shall not Ring Tonight,' and 'The Children' of Mr. Dickinson." Surely exception may be taken to this statement. Collins' "How Sleep the Brave" is a flawless poem in every way and any perfect poem is worthy of perpetuity. The "Scots Wha Hae" is grand, stirring, poetical and national and Burns' countrymen and all lovers of poetry are doing merely their bare duty in keeping it ever fresh and new in their hearts. The strength and beauty of "Home, Sweet Home" are, it is true, not in the words but in the music to which the words are set, and, as to the other poems, the writer above mentioned has written,—let it stand so.

London Truth wants an unexpurgated edition of Sir Walter Scott's diary. Lockhart, Scott's publisher, wrote concerning it: "Posterity will know (when the whole is published) that I at least endeavored to avoid offending Scott's surviving contemporaries, and I had to spare Tories about as often as Whigs the castigation of the diabolical Malagrowthier." The latter is the name under which Scott wrote a series of letters published about 1826.

James Whitcomb Riley has been unable to do much literary work during the past summer, but he is now entirely "himself" again.

Lord Lytton, who made his literary reputation by his poem "Lucille" is said to resemble his father in personal appearance. He has the same long face, sad eyes, prominent nose and full, straight beard. He is minister to France at present and has a palace and a salary of \$60,000 allowed him by the government.

Messrs. S. C. Griggs & Co., of Chicago, will ere long issue a volume which must be valuable to American history, 'Vitus Bering, the Discoverer of Bering Strait.' It is a translation from the Danish of Peter Lauridsen's work, by Prof. J. E. Olson, of the University of Wisconsin. Lieut. Frederick Schwatka, well known to Americans through his stories of Arctic exploration given in the Century and St. Nicholas, has prepared an introduction to the book. There will be four maps with the book, one of which bears a fac-simile signature of Bering's in which there is no "h."

Messrs. E. P. Putnam's Sons will soon publish Money by James Platt. Mr. Platt is known as the author of Business.

Sir Edwin Arnold, the famous English poet and journalist, was the guest of Prof. Goldwin Smith at the Grange last week. Sir Edwin is on his way to Japan and India, but will see some of the American cities before he leaves this continent.—Toronto Saturday Night.

The publishers of St. Nicholas announce that that popular children's magazine is to be enlarged, beginning with the new volume, which opens with November, 1889, and that a new and clearer type will be adopted. Four important serial stories by four well-known American authors will be given during the coming year.

Mr. Frank R. Stockton has written a new and characteristic story, called The Merry Chanter. It will begin in the November Century, and run through four numbers. The story takes its name from a vessel, which started from a Massachusetts port on a peculiar cruise. The owners, a young married couple, are on board, and the vessel is commanded and manned by four village captains of unusual experience. Mr. Dana Gibson will illustrate it. The November Century is also to contain a new story by Mark Twain.

During the coming volume, The Century is to have an illustrated series of articles on the French Salons of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, including pen portraits of many of the leaders, and a detailed account of the organization and composition of several historical salons. A great number of interesting portraits will be given with the series.

The American Press company, of Baltimore, announces a new monthly, to be called the No Name Magazine. The first number will be out in October. Articles will only be accepted from paid subscribers and no contribution is to exceed 2000 words.

Mr. Calneck, who is editing the Bridge-town Monitor at present, owing to the death of Mr. H. S. Piper, the former editor and proprietor, is an authority on historical questions relating to Nova Scotia. He has expended much labor recently in preparing a genealogical history of Annapolis Co., which will be published by J. &

A. McMillan of St. John. With thorough and honest research he prepared material for a history of the same county, and even wrote it and has now held it ready for publication for some years. The Monitor is one of the leading papers of Nova Scotia, including those of Halifax in the same category, and though it sustained a heavy loss in the death of its former editor, there is undoubted ability at the head of its editorial management still.

Mr. William Sharp came over from Windsor on Monday last and left in the early train Tuesday morning for Fredericton, where he will merely stay for a breathing spell, and then hurry on to Quebec to meet Dr. George Stewart and do the Saguenay. He was delighted with Windsor, but he is trying now to remember the name of the man who came over from Liverpool with him and told him that the view of the Annapolis valley from the line of the railway was worth coming all the way from England to see. It he calls to mind the gentleman's name he will write to him. One of his guide books told him the same thing. Mr. Sharp thinks differently. But he did admire the hills around Digby. He had planned to spend some time in the Adirondacks, but he has had to give the idea up much to his regret. Dr. Stewart and Mr. Le Moine will make things pleasant for him in Quebec, and Mr. W. D. Lighthall will welcome him in Montreal. He will spend some time in New York with Mr. Edmund Clarence Stedman. He has a delightful manner and tells some exceedingly interesting anecdotes about the English literary men, particularly Swinburne, that have not as yet appeared in print.

Mr. Douglas Sladen, with Mrs. Sladen, their little boy and Miss Lorimer, left Montreal, where they have been the guests of Mr. Robert Reid, on September 6 for Vancouver. Their first stopping off place will be Gananoque, where they will spend some days with "Fidelis," on her island. Thence they will go to Toronto and Niagara, and to Owen Sound, to take a steamer across Lake Huron and Lake Superior to Port Arthur for Winnipeg, where they are to stay with friends. En route from Winnipeg to Vancouver, they will stop off at Banff, the Glacier House and North Bend, and make a digression from Calgary to the Piegan Indian Reserve, at Fort Macleod. They will go out to Victoria, and return from Vancouver to Montreal by the cars all the way, stopping off for a few weeks at Ottawa. They will be at Montreal some little time, in order to see the new snow-cutting machinery of the C. P. R. working, which will maintain an average speed of 20 miles an hour over the most heavily drifted lines. Mr. Sladen will have to postpone the lecture tour, arranged for him in Scotland, till next year for literary engagements in Canada. The Dominion Illustrated speaks of Mr. Sladen, calling him "a Canadian, at least by sympathy," and we don't think he is. He is fond of Canada and the Canadians, but he is no more a Canadian than he is an Australian. He is an Englishman through and through, and we wish he was a Canadian.

[Boston Advertiser.]

Two Poets on Each Other's Birthday.

JOHN G. WHITTIER, ON HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY. Friend, whom thy fourscore winters leave more dear Than when life's rosyate summer on thy cheek Burned in the flush of manhood's manliest year. Lonely, how lonely! is the snowy peak Thy feet have reached and mine have climbed so near!

Close to thy footsteps 'mid the landscape drear I stretched my hand thine answering grasp to seek, Warm with the love no rippling rhymes can speak. Look backward! From thy lofty heights survey Thy years of toil, of peaceful victories won, Of dreams made real and largest hopes outrun. Look forward! Brighter than earth's morning ray Streams the pure light of heaven's unsetting sun, The all-encompassing dawn of life's immortal day.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY.

Climbing the path that leads back nevermore, We heard behind his footsteps and his cheer; Upon the lonely summit of Fourscore, Welcome to us, o'er whom the lengthened day Is closing, and the shadows deeper grow. His genial presence like an afterglow Following the one just vanishing away. Long be it ere the Table shall be set For the last breakfast of the Autocrat, And Love repeat, with smiles and tears, that erst His own sweet songs, that time shall not forget. Waiting with him the call to come up higher. Life is not less, the heavens are only higher.

—John G. Whittier.

The New Brunswick Directory.

Messrs. D. McAlpine & Son have done the public a good turn by preparing for it a New Brunswick Directory. There is an enormous amount of work necessitated in the compiling of a directory, especially when it is so complete and thorough as this, and one of a province such as New Brunswick, where the inhabitants outside the towns, are scattered over so many square miles of country. Nevertheless, the compilers have struck out in all directions, and have located the New Brunswickers wherever they may have happened to be. Mr. James Hannay, author of the most reliable history of Acadia that we possess, has written for the Messrs. McAlpine an historical sketch of the province, which appears on the opening pages of their directory. A business directory of St. John comes first; then a directory of Fredericton, and then each county in alphabetical order, with special directories of the chief towns in each county. It cannot fail to be very useful to anyone who has any extensive dealings with the people of this Province. Published by D. McAlpine & Son, St. John, N. B. Price \$4.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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

DIGBY, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Digby at Mrs. Gillebrand's.]

SEPT. 7.—A goodly number of strangers still linger, and are evidently loath to leave this charming summer resort, though autumn is close upon us and many of the city folk have left. I presume compelled by business or home duties. Those who remain evidently enjoy all there is to enjoy, which is not a little. The season for bathing is about over; but the boating and canoeing are as fascinating as ever. If one walks down on the long wharf on a moonlight evening when the tide is high, the picturesque beauty of the scene is enchanting; the beautiful sheet of water known as the Annapolis basin, with the shimmering moonlight reflected on its smooth surface, numbers of small boats being rowed about, filled with gay parties of all ages. Usually the canoes have but two occupants—cases, I fancy, where "two is company and three is none;" and frequently one sees a lone figure paddling his or her "own canoe." These evenings are very enjoyable, but not more so than the bright, lovely days, of which there have been so many this summer, as there are numbers of charming drives and such sweet nooks for pleasant picnics. This sort of entertainment is very popular with the townfolk as well as strangers. They get up a picnic at short notice, and it is always a success. A big hay wagon is engaged, the seat decked with evergreen boughs and willow flowers, the sweet smell of fresh-cut wood being a very acceptable odor; everyone brings a basket of choice picnic fare, all packed into the wagon which is sometimes drawn by patient, slow, but energetic oxen, or horses, as the pleasure-seekers decide. If they are so fortunate as to secure the services of one of Digby's most obliging truckmen, Mr. Rod. Abrams, everyone feels sure the drive will be all it should and the comfort of each well cared for. Just such a picnic was gotten up Tuesday, 3rd, and a large number attended and a very pleasant time they had.

The last week in August was decidedly gay. Mrs. James Kaye and daughters, of St. John, gave a delightful progressive euchre party at their boarding house, entertaining in their usual genial, happy manner a number of strangers and Digbites. Mrs. Lynch, of Hawthorn Villa, entertained about thirty guests, euchre, whist, music and dancing being the order of the evening. This was in honor of her cousin, Mrs. E. Whitman, who was passing a few days at the Villa. Miss Alden, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Turnbull, gave a delightful reception, in the school-house of Trinity church, the proceeds to be used for church work. Miss Alden is a thorough elocutionist, and has great dramatic power. The event of this week was the marriage of Miss M. Bacon to Mr. H. Green, manager of the branch of the bank of Nova Scotia. The ceremony was performed in Trinity church, by the rector, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Jaggard. The church was tastefully decked with flowers by many young friends of the bride. I hear the bride and bridesmaids looked lovely, the latter being Miss Edith Ambrose and Miss Armstrong. After the ceremony, the wedding party and guests assembled at the residence of Capt. Daly, Water street, where a very recherche dejeuner was served, after which the happy couple left for Boston, via Yarmouth. A crowd of friends escorted them to the train. All united in wishing them a safe and happy journey, and look forward to their return with pleasant anticipations.

Mrs. and Miss Churchill left for Boston, by the Forest City, on Tuesday. I understand they intend remaining there. I heartily wish them all success, and deplore their departure.

Mrs. and Miss Bolton, of Portland, Me., are visiting Mrs. E. Fritz.

I am glad to report Mrs. John Bingay, who has been ill, as now convalescent.

Mrs. Winwall Smith has gone to Yarmouth to be present at the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the marriage of her cousin, Mr. John Veets.

A tea meeting held at Rossey by the Episcopal congregation of that place, proved a great success. A large number went from here, all agreeing it was a grand, good time. F. RAQUETTE.

CAMPOBELLO.

SEPT. 10.—Miss A. Lowell, of Calais, is visiting Miss Lulu Wells. Miss Pember has been enjoying a visit in St. Stephen.

Miss Mary A. Whitwell, whose deft brush has reproduced a few of our best scenes, has returned to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Cockran have closed their cottage and returned home.

Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Dr. Sturgis, having kept their cottages open until the last of the month.

Miss Stirling, of St. John, paid us a brief visit lately.

Miss Maggie Price, of Boston, intends to further enjoy the balmy air here.

Mr. Porter, on behalf of the Island company, tendered the use of their boat to the Sons of Temperance. The excursion was very pleasant. About 70 ladies and gentlemen were present. They went to St. Andrews and Robbinston.

The children of Mrs. Prince are recovering from their recent illness and will return home to St. Louis with her about the 18th.

The latest arrivals include: Mr. and Mrs. Moore, F. B. Beaumont, G. A. Goddard, Geo. Mansell, Frank A. Farnham, Fred Brown, H. Deving, Chas. Haylen, E. S. Crandou, C. Marsh, A. B. Gray, F. T. Robbins, E. P. Robbins, Wm. Gannet, C. A. Chandler, Boston; F. B. Kinnard, Chas. Francis, Clifford Brigham, Bar Harbor; Miss Hutchinson and maid, J. Gallagher, Gen and Mrs. Wistur, Mrs. Tolland, Philadelphia; Miss Marcia Shackford, W. H. Sherman, Mrs. H. Smith, H. B. Blant, H. Sanford, J. A. Wood, Misses Holchick, Amelia Hox, New York; R. C. Lyman, Montreal; Miss Hobart, East Bridgewater; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pizzies, Bangor; G. C. Jenkins, Baltimore; D. H. Morgan, Mrs. C. Morgan, Pittsburg; John D. Lewis, Mary L. Lewis, John B. Lewis, George Talbot, Providence; Helen Erbon, Miss A. H. Markley, Radnor; Mrs. Tollock, Blair, Lee, Mr. Henry Bullock, Mrs. J. W. Powell, Miss Powell, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pitkin, Washington, D. C.

ST. MARTIN'S.

SEPT. 11.—Captain and Mrs. Swatridge spent Sunday here, the guests of her parents. Their many friends were glad to welcome them back after their long absence.

G. R. Devitt and Mrs. Devitt, of St. John, spent Sunday with us.

Miss White and Miss Tufts, of St. John, are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy.

Mrs. Nisbet's sudden departure for home was very much regretted by her friends.

Miss Ida Emery, of St. John, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Scribner, at the N. B. Seminary.

Mrs. Charles Lovitt, who has been spending the summer in St. Martins, has left for her home in Brooklyn, accompanied by her niece, Miss Lillie Carson, who intends spending the winter with her. Miss Carson was a general favorite in St. Martins society and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Henry Vaughan has returned to her home in St. John. Her sermon, which she preached last Sunday in the Presbyterian church on Sunday to a large congregation, returns to Princeton Seminary to resume his studies.

Miss Alice Carson has returned home after a short visit in St. John, where she was the guest of Miss Susie Kennedy.

W. E. Skillen returned home today from Toronto. The eastern and western Baptist Sunday schools held their annual picnic today on the grounds of R. Brown.

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