PROGRESS, SATURDAY, MARCH 22.

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Notes On Canadian Literature.

The primitive life of our country is of such romantic interest, and the inception of its colonial history so abundant in stirring scenes, hair-breadth adventures and deeds of bravery, that the cunning hand of a literary artist might almost tremble with delight over his wealth of material. Parkman entered no barren field when he exercised his rare powers upon our annals, and gave us for fruit his ten or twelve "glowing" volumes, as Principal Grant properly calls them. These books are yet unmatched by any writer of our own; but so far from being a discouragement they may serve to give us literary impulse, as I think they have done to the authors of a handsome and portable work* now before us. This casket, enshrining the richest historic gems our annals can supply, and in the setting of a style elegantly clear, may properly be placed in every library, public and private, in the land, though to the boys and girls at home and by the fireside, we especially recommend it. It will contribute to form in their growing youth a love of their own land, and an emulous delight in the deeds of our forefathers, while it will doubtless prompt them to further study of that history in which especially none of us should be deficient-our own. The book is written with warmth and enthusiasm, by competent authors, whose hearts were full of their subjects, and is not a piece of literary task-work; nor can we better learn to appreciate the heroic will, the sacrifice and endeavor, the suffering and long endurance, in a word, the high manhood, of the men who laid the foundation on which our political and national superstructure is being so fairly and hopefully erected, than by reading these pages from first to last-as we surely must, it we begin them at all. The stories, beginning with the earliest period, are consecutively arranged, and come down to "the great siege of Quebec," where the old regime ended, and the flag of France was surmounted by that of Britain. There may we learn "how new France was found," and become acquainted with Jacques Cartier and his companions. The authors will tell us the romantic

"Story of Marguerite De Roberval, and the cruel misfortunes that befel her on the Isle of Demons," abandoned by her cruel, haughty brother; and in the succeeding chapter we shall hear of "The Marquis De LaRoche and his Forty Thieves." The other chapters comprise "The Story of St. Croix": "The Story of Port Royal"; "The Story of Champlain"; "The Adventures of Pere Le Jeune"; "The Martyrs of the Huron Mission"; "The Story of Ville Marie De Montreal." The second series comprises, "A Canadian Thermopylæ"; "The Story of Robert De La Salle": "The Heroine of Castle Dangerous"; "The Three War Parties"; "The First Siege of Quebec," and "The Acadien Exiles,' besides the later and successful Quebec siege, before mentioned. Of the first series. Miss Agnes Maule Machar, known as "Fidelis," and justly esteemed for her various writings in prose and verse, is the author; and of the second series, with the exception of the chapter entitled, "The Story of La Salle," the author is Mr. Thomas G. Marquis, a young Canadian writer of great promise. The work is dedicated to Rev. Principal Grant, D. D., of Leave us the hazel-thickets set Queen's University, Kingston-who furnishes a brief introduction-and also to Professor C. G. D. Roberts, M. A., of King's college, Windsor, N. S., as to You offer us largess of power, "Canadians who, by their tongue and pen, have done honor to their native land." On the whole, the book gives us, as it must give to many, a high degree of satisfaction.

vividly rapid as one of Browning's dramatic SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. HAROLD CILBERT, - - 54 KINC STREET. lyrics : AT THE CEDARS.

Yon had two girls, Baptiste, One is Virginie -Hold hard, Baptiste, Listen to me.

The whole drive was jammed, In that bend at the Cedars; The rapids were dammed, With the logs tight rammed And crammed; you might know The devil had clinched them below.

We worked three days-not a budge ! "She's as tight as a wedge, On the ledge." Says our foreman-"Mon dieu ! boys, look here, We must get this thing clear." He cursed at the men, And we went for it then, With our cant-dogs a-row; We just gave "he yo ho!" When she gave a big shove From above.

The gang yelled and tore For the shore; The logs gave a grind, Like a wolf's jaws behind, And as quick as a flash, With a shove and a crash They were down in a mash. But I, and ten more, All but Isaac Dufour, Were ashore.

He leaped on a log in front of the rush, And shot out from the bind While the jam roared behind; As he floated along, He balanced the pole And tossed us a song.

But, just as we cheered, Up darted a log from the bottom, Leaped thirty feet, fair and square, And came down on his own.

He went up like a block With the shock; And when he was there In the air, Kissed his hand To the land. When he dropped, My heart stopped, For the first logs had caught him, And crushed him; When he rose in his place There was blood on his face.

There were some girls, Baptiste, Picking berries on the hillside, Where the river curls, Baptiste, You know-on the still side; One was down by the water, She saw Isaac Fall back.

She didn't scream, Baptiste; She launched her canoe-It did seem, Baptiste, That she wanted to die, too, But before you could think, The birch cracked like shell

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SACKVILLE.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sackville at C. H. Moore's

MARCH 20.—Miss Macdougall, of Maitland, spent Sunday with her brother in Sackville. Mr. B. A. Trites made a flying visit to our town on Thursday last. At the request of some of her more intimate friends, Miss Minnie Estabrooks has started a

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kinnear are giving a series of dinner parties, much to the delight of their friends. Mrs. Thomas Estabrooks and family have returned to Halifax, where she has been visiting her sister,

to Halifax, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Tupper. Mr. Miller, of Amherst, spent Friday evening in town. I understand a happy event, to take place shortly, will bring his welcome trlps to a close. Our recently organized band gave a very enjoy-able concert in Music Hall, on Friday evening. It seems a pity that so many of our Sackville ladies have to patronize Amherst for their various requirements in the dress line, instead of the Sack-ville stores. I am fully convinced that if it were not for the lack of enterprise on the part of our mer-chants we would be saved this seemingly unneces-sary inconvenience; but as it is a weakness of our chants we would be saved this seemingly unneces-sary inconvenience; but as it is a weakness of our sex to get, or try to get, everything as near to the height of the fashion as possible, especially at this season, when Easter is approaching, we ought surely to be justified in our frequent visits thither. The At Home given by the Eurhetorian Society of The At Home given by the Euroteorian Society of Mount Allison College, Saturday evening, was, in every respect, a decided success. Although the weather was not at all favorable, yet a large num-ber of the "clite" of Sackwille wended their way through slush and sleet to Memorial Hall. The programme was varied and well carried out. The result duet of the Missey Tremaine and Large is espevocal duet of the Misses Tremaine and Large is espe-cially worthy of mention. The various songs by the Glee Club were all that could be desired, while Mr. Woodworth's recitation, rendered in that happy style of which he only is possessor, held his hearers TOPSY. in rapt attention throughout.

Mrs. John Morice, of Middle Sackville, enter-tained a few friends on Thursday, the 11th inst. The young people of Lower Sackville gave Mrs. Stephen Atkinson a genuine surprise on Wednesday evening of last week. After partaking of the usual viands a trip of the light fantastic was indulged in. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson went to Moncton on Monday evening for about a week. Mr. B. Eaton Paterson went to Halifax on Tucs-

Miss Singby is visiting friends in Sackville. Mrs. Burwash is visiting in Boston.

DIGBY, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Digby at Mrs. Morse's.] MARCH 20.—Monday being the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wison's wedding day, a few of the young people spent a most delightful evening at their house. Mrs. Wilson, ably assisted by her sister, Miss Maud Munford, made a charming hostess.' The party broke up early, as most of the guests were keeping lenten hours. I think Cupid is doing his best to pierce the heart I think Cupid is doing his best to pierce the heart of one of Digby's most charming belles, whether he has succeeded or not I am not at liberty at present to say; however, we wish him every success and hope in the future to say something more definite. Mrs. Geo. Lynch intends leaving Digby for New York next Saturday, where she intends making a chost visit short visit. Whisperings are afloat of a very novel party to come off in easter week, but at present nothing definite is known, and it is, I believe, a great secret. Rumor also says that two of Digby's most enter-prising young ladies, whose names I will not men-tion, are getting up a children's entertainment. As they made such a success of the last one, I strongly advise them to go ahead with it, and wish them every success. I believe it is to come off on the 24th of May. On Tuesday evening a small and select party was given at Mr. Munroe's in honor of Miss Edith Jones of Weymouth, who, with her mother, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Munroe. Mr. Geo. Corbett's beautiful little tug, the G. M. Weatherspoon, which was launched last Saturday short visit.

Weatherspoon, which was launched last Saturday

A Handsome Hardwood Bedroom Suite for \$27.00, \$28.00, or \$29.00; 24 × 30 Plate Mirror; 7 Pieces well Finished and well Made. The Suite includes a Table not shown in Cut.



Greater familiarity with the verse of Matthew Richey Knight impresses one more with its strength and significance. It has the better quality than that which merely soothes and pleases with its movement, but which stirs and starts, and is as stimulative of the moral fiber as of the ear and taste. It abounds in passages quotable and memorable, such as-

"How narrow is the world to him Who never lost a friend !"

"The poet hearts regard no interval-The bond of song brings every singer nigh, And all are one beneath the choral sky."

"In Christ is neither chief nor clan, And gain is less than giving."

"Earth seems, but Heaven is."

That whole poem, "The Guerdon of Grief," which is one of the strongest in the volume, is full of noble meaning, concentering in the lines-

"The soul's privation were to stay And be content to dream."

of this place to a turkey supper at the Mansard House on Saturday evening. Dr. Berryman, of St. John, paid this village a visit on Monday. Differing in style, and in his subjects, PASTOR FELIX. Ribbons, from the author of "The Soul's Quest,"+ Mr. Yates, our photographer, has been very 'ill with la grippe, but is getting better. Mr. M. B. Keith was in St. John on Tnesday. Miss Stevens, of Salisbury, who has been visiting but of equal poetic merit, is Duncan Camp-Pimples, pustules, rash, eczema, all hubell Scott-a civil servant in the Indian mors and all diseases of the skin, piles, ulcers, sores and wounds, chapped hands, roughness Miss Nettie Price, has returned home. department at Ottawa. I am not aware Miss Jessie Flemming has returned from her visit of the skin, are quickly healed and cured by that, in his peculiar line, indicated by the to Newcastle the use of Baird's French Ointment. Sold Miss Viene Price is visiting her relatives at Salisverses to follow, he has his superior among CHERUBS by all dealers.-Advt. the writers of the Dominion. Inspect this RICHIBUCTO. Ornaments, sketch of the perils of rafting, so full of MARCH 19.—Rev. Mr. Summerville, rector of St. Mary's church, went to Petitcodiac last week, and returned on Friday accompanied by Mrs. Summer-ville and family. They are now living in the rectory. Judge Wetmore, who has been in town attending court, returned to Fredericton last week. Mr. Geo. Irving, of Buctouche, was in town on Friday last. Both Sorry. MIRROR PLATES for Shop Windows a specialty. Pins, the excitement and sharp distinctness in-GORBELL ART STORE, 207 Union Street. Minister (to convict)-My good man, separable from such scenes. It is a piece I'm very sorry to find you here in prison. Convict No. 1,111-Yes, sir; but you American Hats, &c., &c. of dramatic realism, as true to French-NEW GOODS. ain't half so sorry as I am.-Judge. Canadian as anything in Hay or Harte to Friday last. Mr. Lawrence MacLaren left for Moncton last Hoosier or Californian life; as spirited and For the cure of colds, coughs, and all de-Just received a large assortment of English and American week to visit friends. Mr. J.F. Atkinson returned a few days ago from BROS., rangements of the respiratory organs, no other medicine is so reliable as Ayer's WALL PAPERS AND an extended trip to Ontario. Mr. Geo. Noble, of St. John, v *Stories of New France, being Tales of Adventure and Heroism from the Early History of Canada, Cherry Pectoral. It relieves the asthmatic and consumptive, even in advanced stages of disease, and has saved innumerable lives. Mr. Geo. Noble, of St. John, was in town on Sat-urday last. Miss Hunt, of Sackville, who has charge of a de-partment in the school at Kouchibouguac, spent Sunday in town, the guest of the Misses Grierson. in two series, by Agnes Maule Machar, (Fidelis) Granville and Duke Streets, **Choice Patterns.** and Thomas G. Marquis, with illustrations. D. F. E. HOLMAN, - - - - 48 KING STREET. Lothrop company : Boston, Mass. HALIFAX, N. S. -Advt. † Frederick George Scott.

In that rush of hell, And I saw them both sink -

Baptiste !! -He had two girls, One is Virginie; What God calls the other Is not known to me.

Quite in pleasant contrast with the foregoing photographic, unembellished piece, is the following bit of sentiment, to which a tender, musical expression has been delicately given. We take the one from Mr. Lighthall's anthology; the other from a recent number of Scribner's Magazine:

YOUTH AND TIME.

Move uot so lightly, Time, away, Grant us a breathing space of tender ruth; Deal not so harshly with the flying day, Leave us the charm of spring, the touch of youth.

Leave us the lilacs wet with dew, Leave us the balsams odorous with rain, Leave us of frail hepalicas a few, Let the red osier sprout for us again.

Along the hills, leave us the month that yields The fragile blood-root and the violet, Leave us the sorrage shimmering on the fields.

You offer fame, we ask not these in sooth; These comfort age upon his failing hour, But, oh ! the touch of spring, the charm of youth ! Since we are hardly content, when we have seen all other varieties of composition of any favorite author, without asking the

question, "Has he written sonnets" ?- we will give one here entitled :

OTTAWA-BEFORE DAWN.

The stars are stars of morn; a keen wind wakes The birches on the slope; the distant hill Rise in the vacant North; the Chaudiere fills The calm with its hushed roar; the river takes An unquiet rest, and a bird stirs, and shakes The morn with music; a snatch of singing thrills From the river; and the air clings and chills, Fair, in the South-fair as a shrine that makes The wonder of a dream, imperious towers Pierce and possess the sky, guarding the halls Where our young strength is welded strenuously; While in the East the star of morning dowers The land with a large tremulous light, that falls A pledge and presage of our destiny.

Mr. Scott has contributed a number of sketches on French-Canadian life to Scribner's, discovering a hand of much aptness and skill in that kind. I think he has never yet collected his verses into a volume; but, with the recent impulse toward book-making in Canada, we shall be surprised if he does not soon add his contribution to our growing library of song.

week, is now lying at Guptil's wharf getting her engines in. I believe the young people are anxiously looking forward to an excursion to Annapolis, which they are hoping Mr. Corbett will give them. The "youth and beauty" are talking of a ball at Easter, but, owing to the scarcity of suitable build-ings, I am afraid their plans will fall through. If they succeed however, as I hope they will, in getfurnish a more substantial supper than they did at the last club dance. DICK.

AMHERST, N. S.

MARCH 20 .- Mr. Noble, C. E., who made himself so deservedly popular during his fifteen months' stay in town, left last week to accept a position in South Carolina.

Latest advices from Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum state that they were in France, in company with Sir Charles and Lady Tupper. Their friends expect to Mrs. John McKean's at home, last Wednesday,

was a decided success as to numbers, and pleasure to those who attended it. Miss Fannie Black has returned home from her

visit to Moncton Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Chapman returned last week from their extended trip to the United States. Mr.

Chapman is much improved in health. Mrs. Tilden left last week for St. Catherines, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. David Chapman have returned to their home in Dorchester. Col. Stewart, of Halifax, spent a day or two in

town this week, visiting his many old friends. Mrs. James Purdy and the Misses Purdy gave a five o'clock tea to a number of young ladies, on

Saturday. There are a few cases of scarlet fever in town, but the schools have been closed and every precaution taken to prevent its spreading. Gerald, eldest child of Dr. and Mrs. Courtnay Bliss, is quite ill with the disease, but hopes are entertained of his recovery. Messrs. T. G. Smithers, E. L. Foster, W. Crowe and D. J. McDonald, of Halifax, were in town on Monday, organizing a Lodge of Perfection, of the A. & A. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. OSCAR.

TRURO, N. S.

MARCH 19.-Mrs. R. Dickie, of Cornwallis, is in own, the guest of Mrs. M. Dickie.

The ladies of St. Andrew's church are to be congratulated on the success of their entertainment of last Thursday evening. The soloists were in good voice. Miss - (name not given-Ed.) was un-usually charming, delighting her listeners with her vivacity and versatility. Miss Stella Pattison, of Fergus, Ont., who is visiting Mrs. J. McLelan here, is a very graceful violinist, her selections being beautifully rendered. Mrs. J. Eaton, of Kentville, is visiting friends

here. Mrs. C. E. Cutten has gone to Boston. Mr. S. L. Walker is home from Bellevue, college, where he has successfully concluded his medical studies. Dr. Walker, who is a son of Mr. A. J. Walker, took his arts course at Acadia, afterwards studying at both Dalhousie and McGill. He will begin the practice of his profession in this, his native begin the practise of his profession in this, his native

Mrs. Richard Craig, senior, is in Pictou visiting her daughter, Mrs. Owen Henderson. PEG.

PETITCODIAC.

MAR. 20 .- Miss Sulis, of St. John, is here visiting

her sister, Mrs. Palmer. Mr. King, student at St. Martin's Academy, was here on Saturday and Sunday. He preached in Baptist church on Sunday, both morning and

The mite meeting was held at Dr. McDonald's. A very pleasant time was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Cleveland and family are

here, visiting his brother, Mr. John Cleveland, ere starting for the far West. Dr. Ross, of Moncton, spent Sunday here, the guest of Mr. Forbes, of the Halifax Banking Com-

Mr. Gillis Jones, manager of the Elgin, Petitco-diac and Havelock railway, entertained his friends