CANADIAN AND LITERARY NOTES.

The silence of the tomb seems to have been broken, a renerable presence rises before us, and a most welcome, familiar, and powerful voice speaks, as we turn the pages of the Halifax Christmas Chronicle, and read a posthumous paper by Joseph Howe. There is the old nervous directness and luminousness of style, the old chivalrous patriotism and ardency of spirit, the old heroic indignation, so conspicuous in time No mistaking that voice! How can we forget him, who have gazed upon his form and hung upon his accents! "He stands beside us, like our youth," with all the permanence, and with more than the means the dawn and bespeaks the dew, recalls the tender sun-touched morning of our country's literary and political history. He speaks, in memory, and the old halo comes; he

"Transforms the real to a dream, Clothing the palpable and the familiar With golden exhalations."

We would not detract from the merit and worth of those still with us. We have the sons of honor and praise in our midst; but he was peculiar. His age was Epochal in Acadia's history. He lived to become Canadian .- to foresee the coming of one of the brightest of nations. But, apart from all he said and did, his person was magnetic and irresistible, and it may not be excessive eulogy to ask,-when shall we have such

"Search the land of living men, Where shall we find his like again?"

In the custody of his son, Sydenham Howe, a hitherto unpublished manuscript has been waiting the light that now makes it manifest. It embodies some strictures penned at a heat by our able commoner, after listening to Hon. George Bancroft's "Memorial address on the life and character of Abraham Lincoln," delivered before the House of Representatives at Washington. Howe burned indignantly, and hastened "to repel the slurs cast upon the policy and statesmen of Great Britain." He "immediately penned an open letter to Mr. Bancroft, which he signed 'Sidney,' and purposed publishing in a Washington newspaper. Mr. Howe was, however, dissuaded from printing his criticism by an eminent diplomat, who feared that Howe's vigorous strictures might intensify the existing strain between the British and American governments. It was characteristic of Mr. Howe that, while often exchanging hard blows with military governors and secretaries of state in defence of Nova Scotia's rights, he never Even in the midst of his unsuccessful struggle against confederation, he did not waver in his proud appreciation of the record, the constitution and the worthies of our great Empire. This trait is nowhere more signally illustrated than in the following letter, which is now printed for the

Among the contributors to the abovementioned publication are, Hon. J. W. Longley, F. Blake Crofton, F. C. Sumichrast, M. H. Nickerson, and L. B., author of the story, "A Little Blue-Nose." On a lithographed page, bearing a clump of pines and a flight of snowbirds, appears a sweetly simp'e ballad of Frechette, on that hardy warbler, translated by Roberts, of which this is a specimen verse:

When o'er Canadian plains The frost of winter yield, And on the snowy firs The green's again revealed,— When April, child of change, Is here in wanton sway, The snowbird's twitter tells That Spring is on the way. When storm-winds sweep The bitter deep, Bird of the snow May God thee keep!

We take pleasure in reproducing these notes from the Toronto Week:

We wish to express our pleasure with that bright and elever monthly paper, Wives and Daughters, conducted by Mrs. John Cameron and Miss Ethelwyn Wetherald. It is a credit to Canadian Journalism, and it purity of tone, literary excellence and general interest count for anything in Canada—and we think they do-Wives and Daughters will have a long, useful, and we may add, profitable existence. Mr. Grant Allen is to contribute a series of scientific articles to Great Thoughts, commencing with

The fourth and last volume of Kingsford's History of Canada is now on the market. It may be obtained from Picken, 33 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal

Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin seems to have discontinued his attractive papers in The Week, and has now turned his attention to fiction. The Winnipeg Tribune is publishing his "George Rowan, the Emigrant," of which some chapters have already appeared. Mr. Davin is, indeed, versitile, and is crowning himself with a variety of

The News Printing Company have issued a Souvenir album of Canadian statesmen. It contains, beneath an artistic cover of blue and gold, pleasing photogravures of many of the men who have been making our history during the last half century. -Toronto Week.

A collection of the essays of the late Wm. A. Foster, with an introduction by Dr. Goldwin Smith, has been published at Toronto. It contains a fine portrait from the printing by William Cutts, in possession of the National Club. Mr. Foster will be remembered, not only as the possessor of fine ability, but as a founder of the Canada First Party, and the book should be possessed by all lovers of their country. Hunter, Rose & Co. are the publishers.

The Week in its issue of January 2nd, prints the first of its prize stories. It is entitled, "Hidden Treasure," and Alice Jones, of Halifax, N. S., is the author.

A Whopper.

Dapper-What is the greatest lie, Snapper, that ever expressed itself on your ex-

perience!

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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

SUSSEX.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sussex by R. D. Boal and

JAN. 14.-For many months those who find the small excitement of village and home life unsatisfy- | wedding day. Many plans were made for the drive, ing, have been ringing the changes, so to speak on the dullness of Sussex. But the bright days of day and the key condition of the roads made it im December and the mystery and pleasure of Christmas preparations infused a little spirit into the

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel from the place was noticed in your columns, and the arrival of Mr. Richardson to take his place in the bank; many were delighted at the gain of another single man to the small coterie, whilst others regretted majesty, of monumental bronze. His memory | that not being a family man, the gap made by the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel would not be filled. But fortune smiled. In the same pleasant house vacated by the late bank manager, Major Markham has established his family. A great advantage socially as all felt who enjoyed their hospitality last Thursday evening—the largest party given in Sussex for years, and the first of the season, except a few quiet dances, notably the one at Mrs. Vail's the Thursday before. The dresses were generally pretty and a few remarkable. The most beautiful was that of Mrs. J. M. Kinnear of black satin with vest and front of some curiously shaded white broche, now of a gold tinge, and in another light, a sort of pinkish line; most becoming to Mrs. Kinnear

who looked exceedingly well.

Miss May Arnold's pale blue silk and white net,
was a lovely dress and suited her, and that of Miss Florence Arnold, a debutante, cream; silk with natural flowers, was much admired. These two young ladies with a third, who will some day exchange the gaieties, so it is said, of the ball room, for the quieter pleasures of home-life and parish work, are said to have so nearly carried off the palm of being the belle, that honors are equal. One should like to hint at two very young ladies, who for fairness, freshness, and innocence, might be compared to the first opening buds on a rose tree. Altogether it was a very pleasant party for young and old. In passing, one might add that some of the gentlem n, who years ago graced the ballrooms of the capital, and many other places of note, were again "for tonight" the brains of yore. These, it may be noted, were principally military residents. Among the younger men present were, Lieut.
Markham, Mr. Leonard (of Texas), Mr. Richardson,
of the Bank, all of whom, the young ladies say, add
much to the pleasure of the dance.

The season is short before lent comes in, but it gives promise to hold more gaiety here than has been comprised in two or three previous seasons. There is the usual stir amongst people, incident to life about a village, where trains are frequently arriving and departing.

Mr. Gay Kingston has gone back to Windsor. Miss Barnes, of Halifax, is visiting at Mr. Allen Robertson's. Mrs. Deacon is staying at Fox Hill with her brother, Mr. H. M. Campbell. Mr. Chas. Hazen left last week for southern California for a visit-per chance to spy on the land. Dr. Ryan is in New York, and Dr. Calkin, of Sackville takes his place for the time.

Mrs. Fenwick Arnold, who went to England in August, has returned much improved in health. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, who accompanied her, are expected home in February. Meanwhile the double duty of the firm is taken by his partner, whose energetic manner and cheery countenance have not flagged under the heavy and saddening work of his profession. Perhaps there is a little secret connected with this unfailing cheeriness. He might in the interest of humanity whisper it in the ear of someone of less for unate temperament.

The speaker, A. S. White, Esq, is the chief political figure on our streets, and he is generally hastening to his office or burrying to catch the train became soured against the mother country. for St. John. On dit, that there is more than meets

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Arnold spent a few days in St. Martins, last week. Amongst the interesting or amusing features to be seen on the streets are Major Markham's ponics, driven sometimes by himself but more often by his young son. They are such funny little things that children and even their elders love to watch them. They recall also our late townsman, Mr. J. Hallett, who owned a similar pair, and who is getting on so well in Vancouver. By the same token the finest Christmas card of the season here was a V from that young man to one of our "institooshuns," american wit would have called him. namely, "Old Martin," a little man who has grown old on our Streets and about the offices and railway station.

Pardon the "digression," but the pious Mr. Richardson's accompli-hed dog and Mr. King's pet goat amuse others besides their owners.

HAMPTON.

[Prograss is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks. !

JAN. 14 .- Judge Wedderburn and family have moved to the Vendome, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Fred E. Whelpley is visiting her sister, Mrs.

Whitehead, at Fredericton. Among the attorneys in attendance at the court during the past week were: Mr. W. Pugsley, Mr. H. A. McKeown, Mr. J. Roy Campbell, and Mr. Mont McDonald, of St. John, Mr. J. W. McCready, of Fredericton, Mr. A. S. White, and Mr. Robert Morison, of Sussex, and Mr. R. A. Borden of

Miss Nellie Peters is visiting her friends in St. Andrews. Mr. A. H. Sherwood, who took charge of our public school near the station sometime ago, has removed his family to Hampton. Miss Mary Barnes has b en visiting Miss Robert-

son, at Sussex, for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hayward who, removed to the city last month, left for St. Augustine, Florida, on Monday, where they will spend the winter. Rev. Howard Sprague spent Sunday with his parents at Sunny slope. Judge Wedderburn on the opening of the county court on Tuesday paid a well deserved tribute to the memory of the late Mr. George Barnes, speak ing of him in complimentary terms as a man of high moral standing, whose influence must long be felt in

Dr. Price, of Havelock, and Dr. Bliss Thorne, of Sackville, were in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Fred Dodge, son of Mr. James Dodge, of Lakeside, was killed on Monday on one of the railroads running out of Boston. Full particulars of the accident have not reached his parents here at this writing. Much sympathy is extended to the family in the sudden loss of their beloved son.

Mr. Arthur C. Fairweather, of Rothesay, paid a Mr. Arthur C. Fairweather, of Mothessy, portion of Monday.

Mr. John Mercer, who has been ill at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. B. Dodge, for died on Monday evening.

RICHIBUCTO.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Richibucto at the W. U. Tel. office, by Miss Jessie White.]

JAN. 14 .- Mr. T. B. Lavers, of St. John, was in town last week in the interest of life assurance. Mr. Richard O'Leary, of Campbellton, returned to his home a few days ago.

The Misses Thompson, of St. John, are in town Miss Emma Hannah is visiting friends in

Miss D. Phinney gave a large party to her young friend last Thursday evening.

Mr. David Cochrane, who has been in the far west for the past seventeen years, is visiting his parents. Mr. Cochrane has been very successful, and is receiving a warm welcome from hosts of old friends here. He is accompanied by his little

daughter. the pulpit of the Methodist church was vacant last Sunday on account of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Seller, being called to P. E. Island.

Our photographer, Mr. Fred Beattie, left for Boston on Monday. He intends to return in about three months.

Capt. Adam Atkinson, of Sackville, and Mr. Wm. Loggie, of Chatham, spent Sunday in town.

Messrs. Frank Phinney and Wm. Seller, and
Miss Annie Phinney, have returned to Sackville. Mr. James Ferguson, of Bathurst, was visiting Mr. Henry O'Leavy left on Monday for Dor-

Inspector O'Brien returned from his home in arst on Monday. He reports ten lee

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in having tested its wonderful curacive powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it Snapper-Well, by all odds, the worst known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this lie I ever heard was the one your quartet perpetrated last night when they came round to the house and sang "There's music in the air."—Boston Courier.

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ST. STEPHEN.

[PROGRESS is for sale in St. Stephen at the bookstores of C. H. Smith & Co., and G. S. Wall and H.

JAN. 14 .- Mrs. R. K. Ross, on Friday, invited a large number of ladies and gentlemen to drive to Bayside, some 18 miles from here, to celebrate a tin wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Mowatt, it being the tenth anniversary of their but to the disappointment of all, the storm of Monpossible for anyone to accept the invitation. I heard that a number of triends from St. Andrews braved the storm, and succeeded in getting there, and en joyed a very jolly, pleasant evening.

The Whist club, which was so popular among the young people, before the Christmas holidays, will again have their pleasant evenings. I hear it is to

meet on Tuesday tevening, at the residence of Mrs.

John E. Algar.

Mrs. Frank Todd gave invitations yesterday to a reception at the Windsor hotel, next Monday even-ing for the entertainment of her niece, Miss Emma Harris, and her friends. I hear some very handsome costumes are being made for the occasion. As it is the first affair of the kind given at the Windsor, those who are among the invited guests

anticipate a very brilliant evening.

At the Sunday school lestival at Christ church school room, last Wednesday evening, the rector, Rev. O. S. Newnham, was presented with a hand somely carved library chair, from friends in his congregation.

Miss Matrie Young left Calais, on Sunday, for

Boston, where she will spend a few days before she goes to Jacksonville, Florida, for the rest of the

Miss Jessie Dustin went to Boston, on Wednesday, where she will visit friends for several weeks. Through the kindness of Mr. Frank Murchie, a number of young ladies and gentlemen drove to Fairhead's, on Friday evening, and enjoyed a dance

and supper.
Mr. and Mrs. Geore A. Boardman left, on Monday, for Jacksonville, Florida, where they will remain until spring.

Colonel A. E. Neill's health is not improving as his friends desire. His physician advises a warmer ciimate and Colonel Neill will leave this week for the outh, to remain several weeks.

Miss Jack, of St. John, is visiting here, the guest

of Mrs. Henry Todd. Mrs. Richard Gentry, of Kansas City, is in Milltown, the guest of her uncle, Mr. James Murchie.

Hon. James Mitchell is visiting Fredericton this

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Magee, of St. Andrews, spent several hours in town on Friday, and left in the evening train for Ottawa. They will also visit Montreal and Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Thorning, of Montreal, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Broad. Mr. and Mrs. Thorning leave in a few days for Germany where they will make an extended vi-it among relatives Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grahame were summoned to Fredericton on Monday on a sad errand to attend the tuneral of Mrs. Grahame's mother, Mrs. Cotter.

Mr. Henry Maxwell left this morning for Phillips,

The many friends of Mr. W. C. H. Grimmer will regret to learn that he has been seriously ill during Miss Annie Porter is spending this week in Calais, with her friend, Mrs. Joseph Meredith. There are a number of guests registered at the Windsor. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Braelney and their mece, Miss Rosa Braelney. Mrs. Charles Gove, of St. Andrews, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer.

DORCHESTER.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Dorchester at George M. Fairweather's store. ?

JAN. 14 .- It would be extremely refreshing if the clerk of the weather could manage to know his own mind for two days at a time. Just as we get a little resigned to the rigors of an old-tashioned winter, he gives us a day worthy Pouring rains take off all the snow, and a howling wilderness of ice alone is left to tell the tale. think the gentleman is too old for his position, and

should be pensioned off.

There has not been much going on, at least of in terest to the general public. Several small tea parties have been given, and very pleasant they are when congenial people meet thereat. Mrs. William Hickman had one on Thursday, in honor of Mrs. McQueen, who returned to Point de Bute, on Saturday. Mrs. David Changan and Congress of Congress of the Congres Mrs. David Chapman gave one also, on Friday evening, for her guests, Mrs. Pipes and Mrs.

The little card party at Mrs. M. G. Teed's proved a great success. Though small it was very jolly. Something was said of continuing the gatherings, in the shape of a whist club. Dorchester was once celebrated for its whist playing, but it has of late rather "lost its savor." Several Dorchester people drove to Sackville last Thursday afternoon, to attend the wedding of Mr.

Binney and Miss Milner. Lady Smith, Mrs. C. J. Chandler, Miss Chandler, Miss Neilie Robinson and Mr. J. W. Y. Smith comprised the party. I think the bride has many friends here who wish her every

Two more of our young ladies have left us for the winter. Miss Lottie Wallace went back to school at St. Martins, and Miss Nellie Palmer left for Sackville on Monday.

The young people had another driving party Friday evening. It was very cold, but they did not seem to mind it at all. "When the heart is young" cold is an unknown quantity.

Miss Neilie Robinson returned to St. John or Friday. Mrs. Douglas, of Amherst, has been visiting Mrs. Joseph Hickman for a few days, returning to Am-

herst on Monday. Mrs. A. J. Hickman is again in Dorchester, visiting Mrs. Joseph Hickman.

Miss Peters left for Newton on Tuesday, looking and feeling much rested by her month's vacation. Mr. W. F. Campbeil returned to his work at

Windsor last Wednesday. Several of our political leaders went to Moncton on Monday, to assist in the nomination of candidates for the coming election. Mr. J. W. Y. Smith made a speech, which was well received. I fancy the participators in the contest will have a chilly time of it interviewing the independent electors during this very cold weather, and with atrocious roads; but no one considers comfort when the good of the country is at stake! I have often noticed that.

Judge Tuck is the presiding justice this circuit, Judge Tuck is the presiding justice this circuit, which promises to be quite a long one.

Of the legal fraternity I saw Messrs. W. W. Wells, who also spent Monday here, R. B. Smith, W. A. Russel, L. A. Currey, of St. John, H. A. Poweil, and R. W. Hewson. Most of them will spend a good deal of the next ten days in Dorchester.

Mr. F. H. Risteen is here on official business.
Mr. J. H. Abbott, manager of the Merchants
bank in Kingston, is here as a witness in the first
case. His many old friends are glad to see him Mr. D. H. Duncan, of Halifax, was here on Tuesday, also Mr. Henry O'Leary, of Newcastle.
Mr. Wm. B. Backhouse's many friends will be glad to know of his steady improvement. He hopes to be out again before very long.

Hon. A. G. Blair is in Dorchester, engaged in

When are we to see the state of thing. One cannot have too much of a good thing. THYSME. ST. ANDREWS.

When are we to see the sixteen page Progress?

JAN. 14 .- Friday evening Mrs. Howard Grimmer entertained a number of her friends at a drive whist party. Mrs. Grimmer is a charming hostess. The dresses worn by the ladies were varied and hand-some. A tempting repast was provided during the evening, and dancing was indulged in for a short time before the guests started for their homes. The ladies' and gentlemen's first prizes were captured by Mrs. Walter Magee and Mr. McGrath; the booby fell to Mrs. R. M. Jack and Dr. Foster. All spent a ve y enjoyable evening. Rumor says we are to be treated to another one very soon. Mr. Durell Grimmer's friends are glad to see his

genial face on Water street, after his severe illness. Mrs. Y. B. Wolliston, of Bay-Du Vin, is in town, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. E. Carmi-La grippe in a mild form has attacked a number of leading citizens. Mr. R. M. Jack, C. E, has been confined to the house for a week or more. Mr. W. B. Morris is just recovering, after a touch of it.

Many others are still suffering. We are enjoying beautiful weather; the travelling is splendid. Mr. William Whittock, of H. M. Customs, seems to enjoy his sleigh drives. A lot of the young folk attended watch night service held here in the Methodist church. The

writer does not know what frightened them, they seemed to have very long faces New Year's day, perhaps they were turning over a new leaf and t intend to smile for another twelve months, The Misses Odell, invited a number of their lady and gentlemen triends to a snow-shoe tramp recently. From the starting point they steered due west, and grounded on Joe's point. All returned very much pleased with the afternoon's tramp, although weary.

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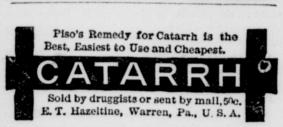
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