

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

JUNE 11, 1889.

The Proper Sentiment.

MANY of the newspapers published in the United States contained friendly notices of the Mother Country and Canada, on the occasion of the recent celebration of Her Majesty's seventy-first birthday.

"Queen Victoria's reign, or age, or whatever we choose to call the period in which she has been the nominal head of the English nation, has been the most glorious in all history. Not since the palmy days of Grecian greatness has there been such intellectual activity in any country as in England since, by figure of speech, Victoria ascended the throne.

"Chiefly on account of a slight unpleasantness that grew up between the Colonies and the Mother Country away back in the days of Lord North, Americans are inclined to speak unkindly, and some times disrespectfully, of the British Government and all its ways. But it is magnanimous to forget mistakes and to forgive injuries. In truth, we are expected to do these things when our own kindred are involved in a controversy with us.

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O, the pulsing sense Of life ecstatic! O, the wide, wide sea!

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The volume contains a number of other poems, all short, excepting "The Critics," in which is a clever parody on his work with some sly hits at incompetent criticism. Of these shorter effusions a few are pathetic, some *verses de societe*, but the greater number are descriptive. Throughout the whole there ring the expressions of a pure patriotism, a sense of justice tempered with mercy, and,—it is needless to say from the few extracts from Eos that the limited space of this column permits to quote,—an open eye for the lofty and beautiful. The celebrity of the author should induce many to purchase the book, but to the reader of poetry it will be found a treasure in itself. A good portrait of the author faces the title page. In the preface Mr. Davin says he will probably never write another verse. This is to be regretted. A man of genius so versatile has perhaps no right to make so disappointing a promise.

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Our Book Table.

Eos, an epic of the dawn, and other poems. By NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN, M. P. Regina, N. W. T., Leader Company, 1889.

There are few names better known in Canada than that of Nicholas Flood Davin, Editor of the Regina Leader, and M. P. for Regina, N. W. T. A brilliant debater, vivid in attack and an ugly customer in reply, he has made his mark in the House of Commons. Moreover, he is a fine classic scholar, well read in the whole range of literature. It is not to be wondered at that such a man should come before the public with a poem of higher flight than most of the smooth verse that is rather prolific in Canada just now. The name of this poem is "Eos, an epic of the dawn," the first purely literary work that has been printed in our North West Territory. The dawn is the dawn of empire. Objection has been taken to the classic Greek model on which the poem is constructed, but it is an objection not good. Surely no theme can be loftier than the rise of this Canada of ours, or more fitted to be worked into an epic. The introduction of the lyric chorus and semichorus is, in fact, a touch of skill and not a blemish.

It is difficult to give an accurate outline of the poem. It was in the home of the Dawn, in cloudland, that the poet met Eos, surrounded by her maids, who seemed "compact of starlight." After the exercise of her bath, music played:

Mount thy car! We come from far— Come from watching fairies footing Steps fantastic in the moonlight, O'er enchanted lawns of green; On the left white billows shooting, Whose spray showers of margarite Play o'er sheets of silver sheen: On the right a cedar cover Where coy Dian met her lover Might have met and kissed unseem. Mount thy car!

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"A Summer Evening."

Say, have you ever, when weary and tired, And worn with the turmoil of life's alarms; Oh, say, have you ever when weary and tired, E'er turned to Dame Nature to rest in her charms?

I know a bridge where the evening breeze Is blown o'er a harbor that's rippling and bright; With a soft gentle murmuring it blows through the trees, And cool as a fountain refreshes the night.

Oh, oh! how oft on that bridge have I stood, As the wind's soft caress made the tree tops respond; And the song of the frogs coming faint from the wood Was lost in the perfume of Government Pond.

Ch'town, June 11, 1889. A. I.

Notes and Comments.

—In looking over their immigration gains for last year, the United States find that the number of British immigrants fell off, while the Russian and Hungarian additions to the population have grown, as one paper puts it, "uncomfortably large."

—The thirty-first day of May is observed as a holiday in the United States, in honor of their soldiers slain on the field of battle. The Evening Telegram, of Reading, Pa., furnishes an interesting summary of the proceedings had on the occasion of the last celebration in the different sections of the Great Republic. Among the orators of the day was H. M. Keim, Esq., formerly United States Consul of this Province. We clip the following extract from Mr. Keim's address:—

"The veterans are fast passing away. In a few years how thin will become the numbers at our posts. We read in history of the raboon of having been one of the old guards of France, who, like the Roman legions, made their name and fame only in wars of conquest. You will live in history as having striven to hold fast your inheritance and in having fixed, we hope as long as nations endure, all the stars in their places in the firmament of the flag. See to it that we keep that peace born of fraternal love, which the world alone cannot give. And so, more and more, as the time goes on, will a patriotic tribute be made by all Americans to a true and faithful comrade of the grand army of the Republic."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Bible Puzzle.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Neil McQuarrie's letter in THE EXAMINER of Friday last, allow me to prove my insinuation that he is not the author of the above puzzle. The following is taken from the Presbyterian Witness, dated Halifax, Feb. 9th:—

A RIDDLE.

"Many years ago a prominent merchant in Taunton, U. S., promised an eccentric old woman named Lucy King a prize if, taking her subject from the Bible, she would compose a riddle which he could not guess. She won the prize with the Bible puzzle. (Here follows the puzzle which Mr. McQuarrie claims as his.) The correct answer is 'The whale.'"

I also notice a mistake in the third line of the 10th verse—"no name" for "my name," recorded there. Will Mr. McQuarrie explain if it is a press error or his own, committed while pilfering. OLD CORRESPONDENT.

VALUABLE FARMS.—Among the best of our Island farms, that of Mr. John F. Baker, at Bunbury, Lot 48, stands in the front rank. There are really two farms, one of 100 acres, nearly all cleared, and another of 86 acres, which is also almost cleared. An excellent spring is on the farm, and a clear and sparkling brook flows throughout its entire length. On the premises is abundance of alder and marsh mud. The farm is only two and a half miles from Charlottetown, and is convenient to muckle mud. A fine large house, barns, granaries and all necessary outhouses, and a first-class orchard, stocked with the best varieties of apple and small fruit trees, make this farm one of the best equipped and most desirable in the whole Province. These farms are to be sold by auction on Wednesday, the 26th inst., either separately or together. For further particulars see advt. in another column. jne 11, dy 1 ns, w 2ns.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

HOTEL DAVIN. June 10—D Schurman, S'ide; J E McDonald and wife, Cardigan; W J McCurdy, Fred R Dearborn, St John; J W Verner, Montreal; A W Spike, Halifax; J H McCarrill, Corrie McCarrill, San Francisco; W A Smith, Truro.

OSBORNE HOUSE. June 10—C Rhodes, Halifax; Wm Gunn, Tatamagouche; D R Heisler, Halifax; R W McGregor, New Glasgow; J Rullin, Hantsport; J Denness, Newcasttle; G A Thompson, Montague Bridge; G B McKay, Clifton; A McLeod, Brown's Creek; J M Delaney, North Tryon, D McQuarrie, Craupaud; D Egan, Mt Stewart, H McEwen, do.

RANKIN HOUSE. June 10—Richd Hogan, St Peter's; Mrs Mary Hopkins and child, Trenton, U S; D McLeod, Alex McDonald Orwell; Patrick Cavanagh, New Haven; Martha E Taylor, Henry Taylor, Rice Point.

SHIP NEWS.

S'ide, June 10—Ent, sch Commodore, McKinnon, Cocagne, lumber; Restive, Walsh, Richibucto, lumber; Mary Mac, Cousins, Shediac, lumber; Clid 8—Egte Canadian, LeBlanc, Paspebiac, bal; Victory, Murphy, Hopetown, Bay Chaleur, P Q; Thetis, Porrior, Capelton, Bay Chaleur, P Q; bal.

Challenge Accepted.

WE, the undersigned, hereby accept the challenge of Messrs. Thomas Collins and James Gormley, to row a three-mile two-oared race, for any sun not exceeding \$25.00, on June 26th next.

A. FLYNN, J. CROWLEY.

Man Wanted,

FOR WAREHOUSE AND CELLAR. Steady employment for years for the right man.

NORTON & FENNELL.

June 11—4i

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that if either Mr. or Mrs. Albert Horne do not come to Boston and take their child, Laura, on or before the middle of July, I shall place it in a home for wanderers.

(Signed) JOHN IVESTER.

June 11—2i

House and Premises.

BY AUCTION, on THURSDAY, June 13, at 12 o'clock, noon:—That three-tenement House opposite the residence of Wm. Boyle, Esq., Lower Spring Park, with Out-houses, etc., in good repair. Terms at sale.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

July 10—3i

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I AM instructed by the Rev. M. R. Knight to sell by Auction, at his residence, Little York,

On Thursday, 27th Instant,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.:

All his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, including 1 Bell Organ, 1 Royal Sewing Machine, 2 Book Cases, and 200 volumes from library.

Also—Horse and Buggy.

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July 7

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8 AND 9 CENTS PER YARD.

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at SEVEN CENTS PER YARD, that are really beautiful.

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Cheap Tweeds,

For Boys' Suits—All Wool,

30 TO 40 CENTS PER YARD.

STRAW HATS,

FOR BOYS—CHEAP.

FOR GIRLS—VERY CHEAP.

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May 11—6i 2w & wky

A GRAND BAZAAR

WILL BE GIVEN BY THE

Ladies of the Convent de Notre Dame,

—IN THE—

MARKET HALL,

ON JULY 3rd AND 4th

The object of the Bazaar is to raise funds to aid the Congregation de Notre Dame and St. Ann's School.

In addition to the Bazaar, the Pupils of the Institution intend giving a STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

Those having the matter in charge intend to make it one of the most interesting affairs of the kind ever given in this city by the Ladies of the Congregation de Notre Dame.

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Holidays! Holidays!

BEAUTIFUL PRIZE BOOKS at the British American Book and Tract Depository.

M. F. ELLIS.

June 7—1w eod

TO LET.

HOUSE AND PREMISES on Pownall Street, next to St. Joseph's School. Possession given 1st June. Apply to

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May 30—2w d w pat 2w d w

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June 4—1m eod w pd

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New Prints, New Muslins, New Sateens,

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Charlottetown, May 30 1889—dy & wky

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Boat Races

WILL BE HELD AT

CHARLOTTETOWN,

—ON—

Wednesday, June 26th,

AS FOLLOWS:

1st Race—Sail boats under 25 foot standard length: 1st prize, silver cup; 2nd and 3rd prizes, according to entries. Entrance, \$2.

2nd Race—Four-oared lap streak boats: 1st prize, \$25; 2nd prize, \$12. Entrance, \$2.

3rd Race—Double scull lap streak challenge race for \$25 a side, between Charlottetown and Pictou.

4th Race—Single scull challenge race for \$25 a side and the championship between Pictou and Charlottetown oarsmen.

All contestants will report to the Secretary at 11 o'clock a. m., and races will be started at the option of the committee. The above order will, however, be adhered to as much as possible.

A grand stand will be erected and music provided for the occasion. ju6

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—OF THE—

Business Stand, Land, Buildings, &c.,

Recently occupied by the undersigned.

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The well-known Business Stand at Emerald Junction, containing Four Acres of Land, with large Store, three Dwelling houses, Warehouse and Barn.

Also, at the same time,—The Household Furniture, two Wagons, three Sleighs, two sets Harness and other articles, Store Fixtures, &c.

Terms for the Property:—A portion of the purchase money may remain at six per cent. secured by a mortgage on the premises, or approved payer at three and six months. For particulars see particulars on application on the premises pending the sale. First-class deed guaranteed.

J. W. HUGHES.

P. S.—That the Subway matter and surveys made will be taken up at the next session is guaranteed. Intending purchasers may confidently rely on that necessary undertaking.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY,

JUNE 14th AND 15th,

—AND—

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Tenders must be accompanied by the names of two sufficient sureties in the sum of \$200 for the due performance of the contract, or by a certified cheque or cash to the same amount.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

A. B. WARBURTON, Secretary Treasurer.

June 5

WANTED,

FOR the New Dominion School District, a Second class Male Teacher. Apply by letter to

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June 7