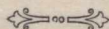


criticized, imitated and abused without stint during the forty years or so which have elapsed since his death; and now no statue is erected of him, no club commemorates his fame, no voice is lifted in his praise. Perhaps the world thinks he enjoyed enough of such things in his own time, and busies itself with honouring other less lucky geniuses. It is the Chatterbons, Burnses, Shelleys and Edgar Allan Poes that appeal to posterity; those whose lives have been wrecked or characters pitilessly assailed on their upward flight. The pathos of a career has more attraction in it than the most envied success and prosperity.

H. PERCY SCOTT.



OLD COLONIAL SILVER.

NEW YORK, June 15th, 1901.

D. R. JACK, ESQ. ST. JOHN, N. B.:

DEAR SIR,—I received, with great interest, the second number of ACADIENSIS, and beg to enclose a dollar, for which kindly send me No. 1 and following numbers. I am very much interested in regard to old silver, and I send you a copy of my book on old plate. Can you not start an investigation as to the names and marks of old silversmiths in Canada and as to old silver? For instance, at the evacuation of Boston by the British, Dr. Caner took with him at least 2800 ounces of silver, the gift of churches in that city of three kings. I understand that some of this is in Saint John and other cities of Canada.

Thanking you for your courtesy in sending me No. 2,

I am, yours very truly,

JOHN H. BUCK.

The above letter has been received from Mr. John H. Buck, who is associated with the Gorham Manufacturing Co., silversmiths, a very large firm having establishments at New York, Chicago and San Francisco, and works at Providence and New York, U. S. A.

The subject touched upon by Mr. Buck is a most interesting one, as much for the historical data which might be brought to light in connection with some of our old Acadian silver, as for other reasons which space will not permit us to enlarge upon in our present number.

We shall be pleased to hear from any of our contributors who may know of the existence of old silver in Acadia, with a view of securing information and possibly photographs of the same for a series of articles for future publication. Church silver, as well as that in private use, will be included.

DAVID RUSSELL JACK.