

## NOTES AND NEWS

### Judge Baker's Ancestry.

Judge Frank Baker, of the Circuit Court of Chicago, who has been chosen president of the Illinois Society, Sons of the American Revolution, comes from a line of ancestry that took part in the very early struggles of the pioneers of America. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Baker, served with the New York troops during the later years of the revolution, and his maternal great grand father, Silas Wheeler, was a volunteer with the Rhode Island troops in 1775. He accompanied Benedict Arnold's expedition to Canada and was captured in the assault on Quebec. He was eventually released by an exchange of prisoners, and after that served his country during the rest of the war both on land and sea.

### Out-of-price Books.

Mr. Geo. D. Smith, in a recent Catalogue of "Charming books", says :

Every time a bookseller asks a hundred dollars for a book somebody cries out, "My! what an *awful* price!" Somebody else (about a hundred of him) writes to the bookseller and insinuates that he is a thief. I sold a few years since a copy of "Denton's New-York" for seven hundred and fifty dollars. The usual howl went up. A week or so ago the only copy sold

since mine was on the market was bought at public auction by a bookseller for two thousand dollars. I sold the late Thomas Jefferson McKee a copy of "Knickerbocker's New-York", first edition, in the original boards, uncut, for thirty-five in cash and a cut copy of the book. Some addle-pates said, "Well, McKee does know something about books, but *this* time he is fooled." Was he? The same book sold at the recent auction of his library for two hundred and ninety dollars.

### Monument to Pere Marquette.

Pere Marquette, the zealous Jesuit missionary, who, with Joliet, first explored the Mississippi valley is at last to have a becoming monument. The idea of erecting a memorial in his honor was first suggested by George Bancroft, the historian. It has now been seriously taken up and at a meeting of the trustees of the Marquette Monument Association lately held in Chicago, Mackinac Island was chosen as the site upon which the memorial will be erected, and it was decided to raise \$30,000 for the purpose. Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul was amongst those present at the meeting, and it is understood that the monument will be located in the national park on Mackinac Island, and will consist of a shaft of New-England granite seventy feet high, crowned with a heroic figure of the great explorer.