

rainy, with slow vegetation. About the 17th a sudden change, and the latter part of the month hot and dry, with rapid vegetation.

PETERBOROUGH.—Sundog seen on 4th. Lightning and thunder with rain, 7th. Lightning with rain, 24th (11 p.m.). Lightning alone, 8th, 24th (9 p.m.). Frost, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 12th, hard, 17th, 18th, 26th. Wind storms, 2nd, 3rd, 12th, 14th, 15th, 19th, sudden gust at 5.30 p.m., 20th, 26th. Snow, 1st, 2nd, 14th, with rain. Rain, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th—9th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 24th, 29th. Swallows seen, 21st. Plum and cherry trees in bloom, 22nd. Trees in full leaf, 31st—a week or so later than usual.

GODERICH.—Lightning and thunder with rain, 8th, 14th, 21st, 28th. Fog, 12th, 22nd, 25th. Snow, 1st, 2nd, 12th. Rain, 1st, 5th, 7th—12th, 14th, 21st, 24th, 28th. Remarkable halo round sun on 30th, between 2.30 and 3 p.m.; band apparently about double the width of a rainbow—the outside of it slightly closed, like a dull rainbow. Late spring; fruit trees not generally out in bloom until the last week in May.

STRATFORD.—Lightning and thunder with rain, 8th. Thunder, 9th, 14th, 23rd. Lightning, 24th, 28th. Frost, 1st—7th, 13th. Wind storms, 1st, 2nd, 12th. Snow, 1st, 2nd, 12th. Rain, 1st, 5th, 6th, 8th—12th, 14th, 21st, 24th, 29th. The mean temperature of the month was the exact average for May as observed for fourteen years.

HAMILTON.—Hail, 15th. Frost, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 19th. Snow, 1st. Rain, 1st, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 25th, 29th.

SIMCOE.—Lightning and thunder with rain, 8th, 9th, 29th. Hail, 1st. Frost, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 13th. Wind storms, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 12th. Fog, 22nd. Snow, 2nd. Rain, 1st, 5th, 9th, 11th, 14th, 21st, 24th, 29th. Maple trees began to open into leaf on 21st.

WINDSOR.—Two meteors in N. on 4th. Lightning and thunder with rain, 1st, 8th, 9th, 12th, 21st. Lightning with thunder, 23rd, 28th. Lightning, 7th, 22nd. Wind storms, 2nd, 12th. Fog, 19th, 21st. Snow, 2nd. Rain, 1st, 5th, 8th—12th, 14th, 21st—23rd, 29th.

III. Biographical Sketches.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD, Bart., P.C., K.C.H., and Knight of the Prussian Military Order of Merit, son of the late Mr. James Roper Head, was born at Hermitage, near Rochester, January 1st, 1793. After serving with the Royal Engineers at Waterloo, and under the Prussian General Ziethan at Fleurus, in which battle his horse was twice shot under him, he took charge of an association which started from Falmouth to Rio de la Plata in 1825, to work the gold and silver mines. He rode six thousand miles, and drew up a narrative of travel under the title of "Rough Notes of a Journey Across the Pampas," published in 1826. In 1835, while holding the post of Assistant Poor Law Commissioner in the County of Kent, he was appointed by Lord Glenelg, at a moment's notice, Governor of Upper Canada. Here, under the greatest difficulties, with the aid of the militia, he not only suppressed an internal rebellion, but repelled the invasion of large bodies of "sympathizers" from the United States, for which services, having received the thanks of the Legislatures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Upper Canada, he was created a baronet in 1838. The title of Privy Councillor was conferred on him December 24th, 1867. He enjoyed a pension of £100 a year "in consideration of his contributions to the literature of his country."

LADY JANE FRANKLIN.—The news of the departure of the Pandora expedition a few weeks ago, in search of Sir John Franklin, was followed the next day by that of the hopeless illness of Lady Franklin, who fitted the expedition out as the last hope of recovering the remains of the husband for whom she had searched and waited for thirty long years. The last expedition will never bring the remains to a living widow, but Lady Franklin's hope is none the less consummated, for on Sunday night she died. When Sir John, then Captain Franklin, returned from his first expedition, he was honoured with a fine poem, written on the subject of his cruise, and became acquainted with its author, Eleanor Ann Parden, an English poetess of considerable merit. This romantic friendship led to a marriage, and Mrs. Franklin proved a devoted wife. She died from consumption the day following her husband's second expedition to the Arctic regions. In March, 1828, after his return, he married Jane Griffin, the second daughter of John Griffin, a London gentleman. On her mother's side, the second wife was of French Huguenot extraction, and was born about 1805. She spent most of her married life with her husband, and accompanied him on most of his sea voyages in different quarters of the globe. Sir John's fatal expedition of 1845 brought out the noble qualities of her nature, and displayed to the world a fidelity which finds few parallels in domestic history. The career and fate of few, perhaps none, of the great explorers and navigators have excited a more world-wide interest and sympathy than Sir John Franklin's, and one great cause of that sympathy was that a faithful wife spent her years and her fortune in endeavours to recover her lost husband, and that the lapse of more than a quarter of a century, did not dampen her ardour or diminish her perseverance, against the reasonings of others who judged better but loved less.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

IV. Short Critical Notices of Books.

The Work of God in Great Britain under Messrs Moody & Sankey, 1873 to 1875, by Rev. RUFUS W. CLARK, D.D. New York: Harper & Bros. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

This is a record, as appears from the bills, of the marvellous work in England, Ireland, and Scotland which the two great evangelists, the preacher and the singer, are doing. The book commences with a sketch of the career of both noted revivalists, and recounts the effects of their ministrations throughout Scotland and in Ireland. It then accompanies them to London, where they are yet holding meetings. The movement has excited a great deal of criticism, favourable and hostile, while the great fact yet remains that a wonderful blessing has followed it, while a vast amount of good has been done to multitudes whom perhaps the ordinary services of the churches would have failed to reach. There is scarcely a doubt but that the spiritual life Messrs. Moody & Sankey have, with God's blessing, infused into the various congregations throughout the British Isles will have a powerful effect on the successful promotion of Christian work, and that their influence for good will be felt long after their immediate teaching has ceased.

Early Kings of Norway; also, an Essay on the Portraits of John Knox, by THOMAS CARLYLE. New York: Harper & Bros. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

This little work, from the pen of the author of the "History of the French Revolution," seems to have been written because the struggles of the Norsemen suggested, amid all their romance and wildness, something nobler than the petty squabbles and deceptions of so-called democracy—rather an unpopular sentiment now-a-days, and deduced from a strange text. The *Essay on John Knox's Portraits* with which the volume concludes, is an examination of the various portraits supposed to represent the great Scottish Reformer, on one of which, the Somerville portrait, the author fixes as the only faithful representation extant. In this Essay is included a sketch of Knox's life and works, chiefly derived from his own writings.

Livingstone's Last Journal, by HORACE WALLER, F.R.G.S. New York: Harper & Bros. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

This is one of Messrs. Harper's "Complete, Cheap, and Popular" editions of the above work which has been already noticed in this *Journal*.

Walter's Word, by JAMES PAYNE, author of "Cecil's Tryst," "Carlyon's Year," &c., &c. Harper & Bros., New York; Hart & Rawlinson, Toronto.

Blue Beard's Keys, and other Stories, by MISS THACKERAY, author of "Old Kensington," &c. Harper & Bros., New York; Hart & Rawlinson, Toronto.

V. Departmental Notices.

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