

one, and friend and foe alike joined in giving him that highest of all praise, credit for strict honesty and honourable motives. On account of his wealth he was frequently applied to for assistance in pecuniary matters, and he was always known as indulgent with those who shewed an earnest desire to meet their just obligations, and many a thriving farmer in this County, will remember him in past days as one of their kindest of creditors, indeed more of a helper and counsellor than aught else.—*Welland Telegraph*.

### 3. MRS. PEARCE.

The late Mrs. Pearce, whose maiden name was Edmunds, was born in Brownville, Jefferson County, State of New York, May 29th, 1815, and came with her parents to Canada not very long afterwards. Most of her youthful years were spent in the family of her uncle, the late Mr. Keeler, of Colborne, under whose direction she came a settler to this township in 1835. She was married to Mr. Pearce, then in charge of her uncle's mill, May 29th, 1837, and took up her residence adjacent to the old mill, known to the early settlers as Keeler's Mills, and immediately commenced that long reign of whole-souled, warm-hearted, generous hospitality, which has made her name as a household word throughout all this section of the country. In the early days of our township history, when places of entertainment were few and far between, her house was often a resting-place for the weary and benighted traveller, and no one, however poor or unprepossessing, was sent cold or hungry away from her door. Especially to the Ministers of the Gospel, of all denominations, was her hospitality shown. Many of those pioneer preachers have gone home to their reward, but a few still linger on, and cherish the fondest remembrance of the welcome smile and the warm grasp of the hand that always met them as they crossed her threshold after their weary journey through the back woods. One of these, the venerable Father Sanderson, came all the way from Peterborough to attend her funeral, remarking to an acquaintance who expressed surprise that he should be able to come so far, "She was such a friend, that I could not stay away." She was peculiarly a home woman. Home was her theatre of action, her pedestal of beauty, her throne of power. She was not often seen abroad, and then almost always on some errand of love or mercy. She was always ready to enter, and as reluctant to leave, the abode of misery. It was frequently her office, and lovingly was it always performed, to stay the fainting head, wipe from the dim eye the tear of anguish, and from the cold forehead the dew of death. Though nearly always at home, yet she had a large circle of friends, and exerted a wide influence for good. It was the influence of an open, willing, visible example, enforced by that soft, persuasive, colloquial eloquence which is like the noiseless but balmy influence of spring. The last decade of her life was spent at Havelock, in the township of Belmont, making home happy for her family, and taking affectionate care of an aged and helpless mother, who still survives her.

Thus died, and was buried, another of that little band of brave men and women, who, amid great hardships and difficulties, succeeded in laying the foundation of our now prosperous settlements. It is only fitting that we should revere their memory.—*Peterborough Review*.

### 4. MR. MARCUS HOLMES.

Deceased, who was an American by birth, came to London in 1832, then a small village. He was a blacksmith by trade, and opened a shop on King Street. He soon added the manufacture of carriages and waggons to his business, and acquired considerable property, and many years ago retired from active life, to enjoy the competence accumulated. He was for some time a member of council of the then Town of London, and in 1854 succeeded Mr. Murray Anderson as Mayor.—*London Herald*.

### 5. "FANNY FERN."

"Fanny Fern," a writer of short essays of considerable merit, is much better known to the world under that name than by her own, Sara Payson Willis, she being a sister of N. P. Willis, the poet, and wife of James Parton, a biographer. Her death took place at her residence in New York, on Thursday evening, in the sixty-first year of her age. She was born in Portland, Me., in 1811. While still a small child her father removed with his family to Boston, and in that city she spent her early years. She was educated in Hartford, Conn., by Miss Catherine Beecher, who considered her a clever and capable, but not a brilliant girl. While still very young she married Mr. Eldridge, of Boston, and in 1850 she was left a widow in straitened circumstances, with three children. To support herself and little ones she began to write sketches for the Boston weeklies, under the name of "Fanny Fern." She became famous at a single bound, and her pseudonym is now as familiar as a house-

hold word. In 1856 she was married to Mr. James Parton, and since that time her writings have not been voluminous. It is said that Mr. Bonner has paid her the magnificent sum of \$150,000 for her contributions to the *Ledger* alone. Mrs. Parton had been afflicted for many years with inflammatory rheumatism. She has been able to ride about, however, and walk about in her garden—she was an ardent admirer of flowers—until this fall. She passed last summer at her villa in Newport. Her right arm was so affected as to be powerless, and she has not left her room since her return to the city. She was forced to sit in an easy chair, her arm being supported by a frame. To lie down caused intense pain and a difficulty in breathing. In this chair, where she has sat for two months, she died, surrounded by loving friends, and her eyes resting on the beautiful flowers which were her comfort in life.—*Gazette, Montreal*.

### 6. J. F. MAGUIRE, Esq., M. P.

The death is announced of Mr. John Francis Maguire, one of the most able of Irish members in the British Parliament. He had been for many years proprietor and editor of a newspaper published in Cork, and was a strenuous defender of Roman Catholic interests at home and abroad. A work published by him on the state of the Papacy and of the territories under its sway, to which he appended some valuable statistics bearing on the temporal and financial condition of the state of the Church, gained for him honours at the hands of the Pope. Mr. Maguire was the author of several other works, principally relating to Ireland and the Irish, and he took a leading part in promoting Irish industries, being a prime mover in the introduction of the linen industry into Cork. He was only 57 years of age. It can truly be said of the deceased gentleman, that his services in advocating the claims of Ireland in the British Parliament will be much missed, and that in Mr. Maguire Ireland loses one of her most able statesmen.

### 7. SKETCH OF CAPTAIN JOSEPH BRANT.

*John Brant's Death.*—In the year 1832, he was returned a member of the Provincial Parliament for the County of Haldimand; but as a large number of those by whose votes he was elected, held no other title to their lands than long leases, conveyed to them by Indians, his return was contested by the opposing candidate, Colonel Warren, who was declared chosen.

But it mattered not which should, for a short season, wear the Parliamentary honours. Death soon laid both low. The desolating cholera swept fearfully over the country of the Great Lakes, cutting down, in the prime of manhood, and just as a bright and brilliant career of usefulness promised future service and honour, this noble, this proud example of what civilization and letters can do for a son of the American forest!

On the death of her favourite son John, the venerable widow of Joseph Brant, pursuant to the Mohawk law of succession, conferred the title of *Tekarihogea* upon the infant son of her daughter—Mrs. Kerr. This son, Simcoe Kerr, still lives on the old homestead at Wellington Square, the recognized head Chief of the Six Nation Indians.

The widow of the late old Captain died at Brantford, on the Grand River, the 24th November, 1837, thirty years to a day from the death of her husband. Her age was 78. Dignified and stately in manners, tall and handsome in person, she well merited the title of "the Indian Princess."

*Brant's Personal Appearance.*—General P. B. Porter describes Brant as "distinguished alike for his address, his activity, and his courage, possessing in point of stature and symmetry of person, the advantage of most men, even among his own well-formed race—tall, erect, and majestic, with the air and mien of one born to command. Having, as it were, been a man of war from his boyhood, his name was a tower of strength among the warriors of the wilderness."

*His Manners* were affable and dignified, avoiding frivolity as one extreme, or stiffness on the other. Not noted for eloquence, his power lay in his strong, practical good sense, and his deep and ready insight into character.

*As a Man of Rule.*—The Rev. John Stewart represents "his influence to have been acquired by his uncommon talents and addresses as a councillor and politician, by which means he subdued all opposition and jealousy, and at length acquired such an ascendancy that, even in the hour of action and danger, he was enabled to rule and direct his warriors as absolutely as if he had been born their general."

*As a Warrior.*—He is represented as brave, cautious, and sagacious. His constitution was hardy, and his capability of endurance great, his energy untiring, and his firmness indomitable. In his business relations he was prompt, honourable, and a pattern for integrity.—*From New Dominion Monthly for November*.