

In reply to a communication I addressed to a literary friend across the border, Mr. Edward Denham, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, drawing his attention to Dr. Kingsford's error, I received a voluminous memoir, disclosing considerable research through the United States libraries and archives.

With his permission, I herewith subjoin the leading authorities set forth :

"Colonel Donald Campbell to General Wooster, dated Holland House (near Quebec), Saturday, December 31, 1775 :

'DEAR SIR,—It is with the greatest distress of mind that I have the task of communicating to you the event of an important attempt that was made to storm the town of Quebec between the hours of two and seven this morning, by four different attacks. \* \* \* \*

'Thus you have had the four attacks that were concerted between our dear deceased General Montgomery and Colonel Arnold, which was for many respects hurried from the circumstance of the enlistment of the troops under Colonel Arnold, whose service expires this day.'

"Here we have December 31, but the day is called Saturday, which should have been Sunday. Here we also have the information that the attack was hurried, because the term for which the troops enlisted had nearly expired, which I have also seen elsewhere.

"The Journal of Captain Simeon Thayer, from September 11, 1775, to August 12, 1776, published in the 'Collections of the Rhode Island Historical Society,' vol. vi, Providence, 1867, pp. 2 to 5, says :

'December 30.—The enemy kept up a smart fire all day on St. Roques, but done little or no damage. This evening received orders that the General determined to storm the city this night, ordering our men to get their arms in readiness. It was very dark and snowed. The plan was as follows.' \* \* \*

"The 'Historical Magazine, second series,' vol. vi, October, 1869, p. 249, contains an extract of a letter from Adam Bainfair, master of the 'Fell' transport ship, to his owner in Whitby, dated Quebec, May 15, 1776 :

'We have got the troubles of this winter over, and have kept the town of Quebec in spite of our enemies. \* \* \* Before this comes to hand you will hear of our town been attacked on the 31st December, when I had the honour to command at that part where the grand attack was made, and had the fortune of killing the General and his Aid-de-Camp by the first guns I fired, which was a great means of saving the garrison.' \* \* \*

"This letter is taken from the 'Middlesex Journal,' London, June 22, 1776, and is in the 'Historical Magazine,' as mentioned above.

"On the day before the attack Major John MacPherson wrote a letter to his father, stating that the order was given to storm the city that night. His brother held a commission in the British army, and he refers to him in the letter. He also directed that his letter should be sent to his