

b. at Hants, Trinity Bay, Nfld., Oct. 11, 1847, and is of Anglo-Scotch descent. Coming with his parents to Ont., 1856, he became a practical printer. Joining the reporting staff of the London *Free Press*, 1865, he was afterwards asst. ed. of that journal, and on the death of Josiah Blackburn, 1890, was chosen to succeed him as ed-in-chief of the *Free Press*. In this position he has done much to sustain the high character previously earned by the paper under Mr. Blackburn and others.—*London, Ont.*

**BRETON, Pierre Napoléon**, numismatist, is the s. of François Breton, and was b. in Montreal, June 10, 1858. Ed. at the sch. of the Christian Bros., he commenced the battle of life at 13, his first employer being a money broker. In this way he first acquired a taste for numismatics. Subsequently, he entered the stationery and fancy goods trade, and for some yrs. has been in business for himself having a branch devoted to the coin trade.\* Mr. B.'s first collection of Can. coins was commenced 1880. It was sold for a high price. His second collection, which was more complete than the other, was sold to the Govt. of Quebec, to found a numismatic museum in the Dept. of Education, for \$4,000. He has published "Breton's Illustrated Coin Collector," (1890) and the "Illustrated History of Coins and Tokens relating to Can," (1894), both of which have been approved and endorsed by leading authorities in Am. and Europe, and have enjoyed an extensive sale. He was one of the founders of the Montreal Numis. Assn. and is now Secy. of that body. He is also an active member of the Numis. and Antiq. Soc. and of the Montreal Phil. Assn. He m. 1879, Miss M. L. Lafricain.—Room 5, "Star" Bldg. 163 St. James St., Montreal.

**BRETT, Robert George**, M.D., is of Irish origin. B. at Strathroy, Ont., Nov. 15, 1851, he was ed. at Strathroy Grammar Sch., and graduated M.D., at the Univ. of Toronto, 1874.

He practised in the Co. Lambton, where he became Reeve of Arkona. Moving to Man., he was one of the founders of the Med. Coll. there, and held the chair of Mat. Med. and Therap., therein. He is now Em. Prof. of Midwifery in the Coll. In 1886 he established a sanitarium and private hospital at Banff, of which he is med. dir. He was a mem. of the Advisory Council, N.W.T., 1889-92 and was local Premier for a brief period, 1889. He has sat in the Assembly since g. e. 1888. He holds a variety of local posts. Politically, Dr. B. is a Con.; in religion, an Ang. He m. June, 1878, Miss Louise T. Hungerford; Watford, Ont.—*Banff, Alta., N.W.T.*

**BRICK, Rev. John Gough** (Ch. of Eng.), was b. in Worcestershire, Eng., Mch., 1836. Ed. at the Grammar sch., Weobley, Herefordshire, he followed commercial pursuits in early life. Coming to Can., 1866, he settled in the E. T., P.Q., where he entered the ministry. In 1882 he was selected to establish the Ch. of Eng. mission at Dunvegan, Peace River, N.W.T., and proceeded there with his wife and children. He remained in occupation up to 1894, when illness compelled him to return east, and he is now doing ministerial work in the U.S. In 1888 he succeeded in obtaining a govt. grant, to aid him in purchasing an agricultural outfit for the mission, which he left in a prosperous condition. He m. Miss Emma Marie Newson Allan, of London, Eng. (she d. June, 1895).—*Barrytown-on-Hudson, N.Y.*

**BRIDGMAN, Rev. George H.** (Meth.), is the s. of a farmer, and was b. at Smithville, Ont., about 1840. Ed. at the local schs. and at Victoria Univ., Cobourg (B.A., 1864; M.A., 1867), he entered the ministry, 1864, and was ordained, 1868. After serving at Paris, Dundas, Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Brantford, he withdrew from the Can. Meth. Ch., and joined the Meth. Ep. Ch. in the U. S., 1873. He was for some years Presdt. of Lima Academy, N.Y., but has