THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

The question of hours of labor is discussed by General Walker in the *Atlantic* for June. The author of the article will be remembered as the writer of a criticism of Mr. Bellamy's "Looking Backward," which appeared in the *Atlantic*, and to which Mr Bellamy replied at some length. General Walker has made social questions a study, and his criticisms and suggestions on the present "Eight-Hour Law Agitation" come from a man more fully fitted to speak with authority than almost any one in the United States. Charles Dudley Warner's article on "The Novel and the Common School," is a keen analysis of the duty of the public schools in the supply of reading for our young citizens. This and Hannis Taylor's consideration of "National House of Representatives: Its Growing Inefficiency as a Legislative Body," are the two articles which make up the solid reading of the number. Miss Repplier has a whimsical paper called "A Short Defense of Villains"; and Dr. Holmes discusses "Book-hunger," the uses of cranks, and tells a curious story, entitled "The Terrible Clock." Speaking of cranks, he makes one of the Teacups say, "Do you want to know why that name is given to the men who do most for the world's progress? It is because the cranks make all the wheels and all the machinery of the world go round. I suppose the first fool that looked on the first crank that was ever made asked what that crooked, queer-looking thing was good for." Mrs. Deland's "Sidney" and the second part of "Rod's Salvation," furnish the fiction of this issue, and there are two poems, an account of a pilgrimage to the localities immortalized in the legends of King Arthur, and several short papers of interest.

"The Children of Tomorrow."*

The poet William Sharp has followed the example of other famous poets and essayists of our generation and written a novel, and, like Robert Louis Stevenson and Hall Caine, he has written a very good one—*The Children of Tomorrow.* The name "Children of Tomorrow" is explained on page 75:

"We 'Children of tomorrow' are Jews in all verity, though perhaps we have no right to adopt a name which our Dutch compatriot Siwaarmill has bestowed in no exclusive sense."

"May I ask what Siwaarmill's words are?"

"They are in Dutch but they run thus: 'We, who live more intensely and suffer more acutely than others are the "Children of tomorrow," because in us the new forces of the future are already astir or even dominant.' Siwaarmill does not allude to Jews or any other religious nationalities, but to those of all peoples who, as he says, live more intensely and suffer more acutely than others. He sees, as do many of us, that the old conventionalities, the old moralities even, in process of rapid evolution, if not of dissolution, and he perceives that now, as always heretofore, the future is foreshadowed in the present, the tomorrow is told in certain vivid moments of today."

Mr. Sharp has the courage of his theory, making his brilliant hero, Felix Dane, willing to see Mrs. Dane, with whom he has nothing in common, in love with Gabriel Ford whom he loathes; and making his exquisite heroine, a Jewess named Sanpriel Acosta, offer to live with Dane as his mistress because she loves him so passionately and her father has cursed her if ever she should marry a Christian The book is exceedingly clever—full of surprises, such as Gabriel Ford's murdering Mrs. Dane, the woman he idolises, the refined and etherial Sanpriel's offering to become Felix's mistress, the sudden death of Felix and Sanpriel leaving the reader in doubt it they have commenced this relation, Felix's destroying the sculpture that would have won him his "R. A.," &c. The story is constantly developing new situations. It is briefly this. Felix Dane, a prosperous and successful young sculptor, has a rich, beautiful and highly connected wife who is no nearer to him than the marble of his statues. She, as the story develops, proves to be in love with a rich young Jew named Gabriel Ford, who moves in good Christian society, concealing his Jewish birth, but among the Jews pretends to be a leader in the Jewish national movement. Then besides sundry minor characters there are the famous musician Adama Acosta and his exquisite daughter Sanpriel, a poetess, with whom Felix Dane falls triumphantly in love, thereby regenerating his Art. The Acostas are "Children of tomorrow" and heart and soul in the Jewish national movement. The fact of his already having a wife makes no difference to the adoration which Felix lays at Sanpriel's feet, and which is returned. But after his wife's murder their marriage by a strong dramatic touch is prevented, and their sudden and violent death takes the reader quite unawares. It is wonderful what a short story Mr. Sharp has made out of these simple materials. Of course it goes without saying that, living the life he does in the Society of the most brilliant authors and artists of England, the bits of literary and artistic life are brilliantly and sympathetically done. And the hand of the poet is evidenced by two delightful songs ascribed to Sanpriel, as well as by the exquisite descriptions scattered through the book, and some of the moralizings put into the mouth of the sculptor and the poetess.

Mr. Sharp makes the part the Jews play in the story the vehicle for introducing or reintroducing to the English reader, that extraordinary woman Emma Lazarus, the greatest of all Jewish poets who have written in the Anglo-Saxon tongue. Anyone who has 'been through' American poetry lately, as I have for my *Younger American Poets*, must recognize the justness of Mr. Sharp's estimate. I have quoted two of the poems he alludes to, "The crowing of the red cock" and "The banner of the Jew" in my anthology. But the book is addressed rather to the American audience, as the rebuke administered to the *Critical Review* (O thinly veiled) and the conversations about the Rubaiyat, so familiar to American readers from the beautiful editions of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., testify.

This remarkable book will commend itself alike to the lover of dramatic situations, strong surprises and brilliant repartee, and to the fastidious reader, who enjoys fine writing, poetical passages, and sly satire. The successful poet, essayist and critic has added 'novelist' to his armory.—*Douglas Sladen in the Japan Gazette.*

**Children of Tomorrow,*—February, 1890, number of Lovell's International Series (New York).

RESIGNED FROM THE CITY CLUB.

A Member of the Select Moncton Coterie Retires for Good Reasons.

MONCTON, May 21.—Intense excitement was caused in club circles last week by the report that "Peter" Cooke had formally resigned from all the rights and privileges accruing to those fortunate and high toned members of the sterner sex who are members of the Moncton City Club.

There is no special reason assigned for the rash act, but friends of the late member say that for a long time past "Peter" has been acting in a very proud and haughty manner. I have never mentioned the fact before, but a short time ago "Peter" refused to recognize me on the street, the dignity of the press and the sovereignty of literature were evidently non-existent for him, and I have heard of his passing other equally prominent men with cold disdain and uplifted nose on more than one occasion.

It is an open secret in Moncton that, amid all our social enjoyment and good comradeship, there is an undercurrent which, though it flows quietly and gently, is still strong and deep. Perhaps I should have said two currents, not the flesh and the spirit, but the East and West Ends, and these two war the one against the other. "Peter" represented the East End, and being the only canine member from that part of the town he was naturally inclined to give himself airs, both on that account and also on the score of being the biggest dog in the club. "Buff" Archibald, "Gaunt," "Jerry" and "Rocket" considered that what they lacked in size they fully made up in aristocratic bearing, belonging as they did to the West End F. F's. So the relations between the canine members became so strained that "Peter" was virtually sent to coventry. Such treatment amounted to blackballing, and "Peter" felt that his own dignity demanded his resignation, which was finally sent in, as he preferred his own society to that of upstarts from the West End, who did not know a gentleman when they saw one.

I know that there has been a rumor extant to the effect that "Peter's" resignation was caused by a super-fastidiousness on his part, which led him to object to the club on the grounds that the stairs were not scrubbed with sufficient frequency, nor the ebony balustrade pipe clayed as often as he thought necessary. Neither is it true that he objected to Jamaica rum as a beverage. I know he drew the line at American whiskey, and cherished loyal objections to the American consul as a member of the club, but as long as the Star Spangled Banner was never hoisted from the masthead, he confined these sentiments to his own breast, and said nothing. The robbery which took place at the club rooms last winter preyed on his mind a good deal. It seemed a sort of reflection on his ability as a watch dog, even though he was absent at the time. But his true reason for retiring from the City club is now for the first time made public.

A dog and a citizen—

He was a dog whom, taken all in all,
We ne'er shall see his like again.

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ROB ROY'S SWORD.

The Claymore of the Famous Highland Chief on View in Brooklyn.

On one of the tables in the library of the Long Island Historical Society's building in Brooklyn there lies an object that is more than ordinarily interesting. It is a sword bearing the marks of time, as well it may, for it is more than two centuries old. None but a strong man could wield it. Its original owner was a strong man, if what we read of him is true, for the battered sword in question is none other than the claymore of Rob Roy MacGregor, whose fame has been perpetuated for all time by the genius of Scott.

The wars of the Highlanders were concluded long ago, but looking at this great blade one can almost imagine that those fierce feuds and battles which Scott has so graphically depicted were but things of yesterday. Rob Roy's blade was not drawn in the fights of the Highlanders alone, for it was swung right sturdily in many of the battles over the border between the Cavaliers and the Covenanters.

The famous claymore is about five feet long, weighs some fifteen pounds, and has a broad, two-edged blade of the finest tempered steel. It has a basket hilt of strongly wrought brass, so fashioned that the weapon could be used with one hand or both. This was at one time covered with leather, which has been worn away by time and hard use. There is a wee piece left, however, on which the name "Rob Roy," with the exception of the first letter, may still be seen. The blade, though much nicked, is as strong as it ever was.—*N. Y. Mail and Express.*

A Pointer.

"I find it is a good plan to lay my poems aside for a month or so. When I have almost forgotten what I wrote I take them up, criticise them carefully, and re-write the parts that seem weak."

"I know that it is a good plan, but I never can keep from reading my poems all the time while I have them about me."

"Well, why don't you send them away to some magazine, and then criticise and fix them up when you have them returned?"—*N. Y. Sun.*

Had Enough of Them.

Undertaker (to newly-made widow): What trimmings would you like on the coffin, madam?" N. M. Widow: "Trimmings! Why, no trimmings. I've had enough trimmings. It was trimmings wot killed 'im?" Undertaker: "What trimmings killed him?" N. M. W.: "Why, delirium trimmings."—*Sydney (N. S. W.) Bulletin.*

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

DORCHESTER.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Dorchester at George M. Fairweather's store.]

MAY 21.—Miss F. S. Chandler left on Monday for a brief visit to Richibucto. She will probably be absent for ten days.

Mr. C. E. Knapp is contemplating an extended trip to New York, Philadelphia and other American cities. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Knapp.

Miss Hanington returned to Dorchester on Wednesday last, after her long visit to St. John.

Miss Julia Godfrey, who has been absent in St. John and Moncton for some months past, reached home on Thursday.

Hon. Judge Landry made a short visit to St. John last week, returning to Dorchester on Saturday.

Mr. M. G. Teed spent Saturday in Albert county, on legal business.

Messrs. George F. Wallace and John H. Hickman left last week for a trip to Prince Edward Island, intending while there to purchase some fine horse stock. They are expected home about the last of the week.

Miss Church, of Albert, is visiting the Misses Backhouse.

Mr. W. W. Wells spent Thursday in Moncton on professional business.

Letters have reached his friends here from Dr. Frank Teed announcing his safe arrival in South America after a two months' voyage. Dr. Teed left here last January, hoping that a long sea voyage would restore him to his former health, and his friends are glad to know that he has not been disappointed in his expectation. He is probably on his way home again by this time.

Messrs. Fulton and Charles Cole, of Moncton, spent Friday and Saturday in Dorchester.

Mr. W. J. Robinson, of Moncton, registered here on Saturday, as did Mr. Jas. W. McQueen, of Point de Bute.

W. A. Russell, Esq., barrister, of Shediac, was in Dorchester on Monday.

HAMPTON.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

MAY 22.—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gerow and family arrived last week, and have taken rooms at the Vendome for the summer.

Judge Palmer was in town on Thursday and Friday holding a session of the Equity court, and while here was the guest of his father-in-law, Mr. Gilbert Bent.

Mr. C. N. Skinner, M. P., Mr. C. W. Weldon, M. P., Mr. W. Pugsley, M. P. P., Mr. Silas Alward, M. P. P., and Mr. A. A. Stockton, M. P. P., were in Hampton on Thursday attending the Equity court.

Miss Minnie Hammond went down to St. John on Tuesday.

Mr. S. W. Sprague, jr., is selling off by auction, intending to close up his business, but I trust that he will not remove from Hampton. Mr. E. R. Whittaker, of St. John, has taken Mr. Sprague's cosy residence for the summer and will arrive next week.

Mr. Bradbury Bedell and Mr. B. H. Anning, of Philadelphia, were in town last week.

Miss Minnie Travis is making a two weeks' visit with friends on Orange street, St. John.

Mr. A. S. White, M. P. P., and Mr. George W. Fowler, Sussex, were here on Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Palmer, who have been spending the winter in St. John returned to Hampton on Monday, and will spend the summer here as usual.

Mr. George E. Frost paid a short visit to the city on Tuesday.

Dr. F. E. Barker, Mr. E. McLeod, Mr. E. T. C. Knowles and Mr. John V. Ellis, jr., were in town on Friday.

Mrs. N. M. Barnes spent Monday in the city.

Mr. F. H. Foster, of St. John, was at the Vendome on Monday.

Mrs. Caldwell and Miss Jennie Raymond went down to the city today. X.

RICHIBUCTO.

MAY 21.—Messrs. William Forbes and James Walker left for Belleville, Ont., on Thursday last, to take a course in the business college.

Mr. Wm. Hudson spent last week in St. John.

Dr. J. W. Begg, who moved here from Jacquet River last fall, and opened an office, returned to the latter place a few days ago.

Mr. H. C. Hanington, of Moncton, was in town last week.

Arbor day was celebrated by the schools on Friday last. It was spent in tree planting and other useful work.

Rev. J. S. Gregg, of Buctouche, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday evening.

Mr. Mordant Samuel, of London, Eng., reached here on Monday. He is here for the purpose of receiving the property left him by his uncle, the late Samuel J. Samuel.

Miss Hunt, of Kouchibouguac, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. H. H. James, of Buctouche, was in town on Monday.

Mr. Fred Black, who has been studying dentistry in Philadelphia, returned home on Monday evening, to spend his vacation.

Mr. J. D. Phinney, M. P. P., who has been confined to his house for the past week, is able to be out again.

Rev. Father Richard and Mr. Clifford Atkinson, of Kouchibouguac, were in town Tuesday. REGINA.

AMHERST, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Amherst on the streets, by George Douglas.]

MAY 21.—Among the many strangers in town last Wednesday I noticed Miss Trueman, of Sackville, Miss Alice Bent, of San Jose, Cal., Dr. James Trueman, of Maccan, and Mr. A. Wilson, of Pugwash.

Mrs. and Miss Burwash, of Sackville, were in town for a day last week.

Mr. A. Bateson, C. E., arrived in town last week, after a three months' trip to England.

Miss McIlreffey went to Halifax on Saturday to spend some time there.

Mrs. Walter R. Robb accompanied her sister, Miss Powel, to Halifax last week.

Mrs. John Hugh Bent, of Boston, is in town with her mother, Mrs. Ferguson, who is quite ill.

Mr. Egar, of Halifax, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tremaine went to Truro last week for a short visit to Mr. Tremaine's parents.

Col. Blair, of the Experimental Farm, was in town on Wednesday.

Sheriff McQueen was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ketchum has returned to town after six months absence in England and on the Continent. Mr. Ketchum is expected shortly from Ottawa.

Miss Alice Moore arrived from Boston on Tuesday evening to spend a few weeks. MEG.

TRURO, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's.]

MAY 21.—Senator T. McKay has returned from Ottawa.

Miss Campbell, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home in Tatamagouche.

Miss Blanche Tremaine entertained a select number of friends at a card party last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ynill Longhead and family, who left Truro sometime ago for California, for the benefit of Mr. Longhead's health, have returned from the West, and are stopping at Mrs. Longhead's paternal home, the residence of Mr. J. K. Blair, on Halifax road.

Rev. Dr. Pollok preached it St. Andrews last Sabbath, and Rev. Dr. Hopper, late of Brussels street Baptist church, St. John, occupied the pulpit of the West End Baptist church.

Mr. Thos. Notting, B. L., of Dalhousie, Halifax, has been spending a few days among Truro friends.

Mrs. Fred Prince gives a dancing party tonight.

The ladies of the West End Baptist church are to be congratulated on the success of their very unique entertainment of last Thursday evening, which was of a very social character, and added $65 to their funds. PEG.

MUSQUASH.

MAY 21.—Mr. Charles Ludgate, wife and two children, have gone to St. George to visit friends.

Mr. T. Burke, of St. John, was here last Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Sharkey and Mr. L. DeForest of St. John were here on Saturday last, trout fishing.

Miss Hattie Knight went to St. John on Monday.

Mr. J. Richards spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. B. D. Wyatt, manager of the Inglewood club, went to St. John on Monday.

Mr. T. P. Byrne has returned home after a week's visit to Nova Scotia.

Mr. W. B. Wallace, of St. John, was here on Tuesday. VEGA.

Mr. A. T. Dunn went to St. John, Monday, to attend the funeral of Mrs. James Quinton.

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