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MRS. ISAAC BUCHANAN

We present as a fitting frontispiece to this number of the NEWS, a portrait of one of the most notable ladies of Upper Canada, identified as she has been with many religious and philanthropic enterprises of the Province. Mrs. Buchanan's maiden name was Agnes Jarvie, and she is the second daughter of Robert Jarvie, Esq., an eminent merchant in Glasgow, Scotland. She is a native of that city, and was married to Isaac Buchanan, Esq., M. P. P., in January, 1843.

Mrs. Buchanan is a lady of fine mental culture, and possessed of originality of thought, a clear perception of ideas, with pleasing conversational powers. She is courteous and hospitable in her nature, and munificent in her charities. The truly needy always obtain her sympathy and assistance. Her love of Canada, and a desire for its progress and welfare, are too well known to require panegyric here. It was this patriotic spirit which prompted the magnificent gift and presentation which we have pictured and narrated elsewhere. Her partiality to Canada is so great, as to incline her and her husband to permanency in a residence here; for Mr. Buchanan, unlike many men of wealth, who retire from the Province to the mother country, remains to use his means for the advantage of Canada and Canadians. In all his enterprises Mrs. Buchanan takes the deepest interest.

We feel that it would not be gratifying to Mrs. Buchanan to enumerate the many excellent societies with which she is now, or has been connected, and certainly, as we believe, many of her deeds of kindness are unknown; but we feel justified in at least making the observation, that not a benevolent or laudable institution has an existence in our midst with which she does not sympathize or act.

Mrs. Buchanan is accomplished as a linguist, and excels in painting and music, particularly in the latter, to the frequent delight of the many guests of "Auchmar House."

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PARTIZAN FEELING.

THE feeling of a mere partizan is that which engenders most of the difficulties experienced in nations or communities. When a man becomes so steeped in partizanship as to be blinded to justice and right, then look out for a demagogue or a despot. When a set of men, having extended power, are governed by no other desire than the success of a party, then beware—anarchy or despotism is close at hand.

In the midst of the excitements which seem to environ most every country at the present day—a time when "wars and rumors of war" abound—it is the duty of every

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thinking person to guard well against partizanship. Let us be understood—not to abate a jot or tittle of national or individual honor, or our duties as citizens or subjects, but to remember that true courage requires not partizan blindness or vindictiveness to render it effective. Bluster and brag are by some mistaken for bravery and manliness. A rotten cause delights in the prop of bullying and bragging, and the mere partizan uses these commodities, for lack of truth.

We should be fulse to our idea of a dignified journal, did we not at all times condemn—in proper language and manner we hope—anything which tends to create acri-

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moulous feelings between nations or individuals, merely for the gratification of party spite. We feel that all that is required of any of us is to "dare do all that becomes a man; who dares do more is none."

This spirit we desire to govern the columns of the NEWS, amidst all the vexed question: that are likely to arise in these times, when the horizen is so frequently overcast. Parties are necessary things; differences of opinion are natural, and to be expected; but men who are governed by no higher motives than the success of a faction, are bad men, though robed in garbs of purity and sincerity.

APPOINTMENT.—A special telegraphic dispatch to the Times, on Thursday evening, states that Thomas White, Esq., of this city, has been appointed Collector of Iuland Revenue for the division embracing the city of Hamilton and counties of Wentworth and Halton, vacant by the death of Archibald Macdonnell, Esq.

THE St. John's Globe says that a'new and improved battery, complete, is on its way out in the Cunard steamer, to Captain Morris, in that garrison; and orders have been received to put the troops in garrison on the most thorough war footing.

THE government has declined the offer of the Ontario County Council for the Whitby Roads, but are anxious that the York County Council should purchase York Roads.

RIFLE MATCH.—A Grand Ritle Match, under the auspices of the Officers of the 5th Military District Association, is to come off in Toronto, on Wednesday and Thursday next. A number of prizes will be shot for.

Arrangements are now completed for the erection, at Quebec, of the bronze statute of Napoleon I., presented by Prince Napoleon.

CHATTANOOGA EVACUATED.—Later dispatches, received since our Summary was made up, state that the Confederates were evacuating Chattanooga, and Gen. Crittenden was marching in that place. The army of Rosecrans is said to be in fine spirits.