

Brittania close by
 With hope twinkling eye,
 Seems watching the base of its pole;
 As the Angel of light,
 In the darkness of night,
 Watches over the innocent soul.

The Recent Historical Celebration in Maine.

AN occurrence of very great historical interest, was the celebration at Fort Popham, State of Maine, on the 29th of August last, of the first English occupation of North America, at that spot, in the reign of king James I. The celebration was instituted by the Maine Historical Society, and was held partly within the walls of the new Fort, now in course of erection, and partly under canvass on a neighboring eminence. About 7,000 persons, of both sexes, were present; the religious services adopted, were those of the church of England—the identical formula used by the chaplain of the first colonists, being scrupulously adhered to on this occasion. The oration was delivered by the Hon. John A. Poor, of Portland, the chief promoter of the celebration, and the services were conducted by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Burgess, Bishop of Maine.

By permission of the United States government, a memorial stone, bearing the following inscription, was placed in the walls of the new Fort, with all the rites and ceremonies of the Masonic society:—

In Memoriam

GEORGII POPHAM,
 Angliæ qui primus ab oris
 Coloniam collocavit in Nov., Angliæ terris,
 Augusti mense annoque MDCVII.
 Leges literasque Anglicanas
 Et fidem ecclesiamque Christi,
 In hac sylvas duxit.
 Solus ex colonis atque senex obiit
 Nonis Februariis sequentibus,
 Et juxta hunc locum est sepultus.
 Societate Historica Mainensi auspicante,
 In præsidio ejus nomen ferente,