

on their own ground of deceit and subterfuge ; in consequence of which unequal contest, he could not but be a frequent sufferer.

That he was arbitrary, is admitted ; or perhaps phrenologists will say that the organ of combativeness was largely developed in him ; or others may think that a good degree of the antagonistic element was apparent in his character ; whichever was the case, through fault or misfortune, the man seemed better fitted to make enemies than friends.

Mr. Austin was bred a quaker ; but in consequence of having married out of that society, he was looked upon as an alien, till by continued adhesion to the customs of the sect, he retrieved his standing and was forgiven, continuing to wear the quaker garb and retaining their habits of speech till his death. We are not informed, however, whether he carried these manners into the drawing-rooms and to the tables where he was frequently admitted during his first visits to Quebec, though such was probably the case ; as for the time he was an honored and welcome guest, and likely a privileged person. On one of these visits there, a cannon was presented him by the Government, which in a very unquaker like manner he declared his purpose of mounting on a high point of land running out from his estate into the Lake, which small promontory he had named " Point Gibraltar." But for want of a road, and means of conveyance through the woods, the cannon was left in Quebec, and there remains to this day. He