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[This sonnet was suggested by an explanation given by Dr. Jones, of Acadia, of the derivation of the word which forms the title.]

A full-sailed ship that comes from foreign shores
With costly bales and still more costly hopes.
The haven near, and in the tugging ropes
The winds of home singing their old-time lores.
A fugitive abreast the city doors
Pressed by a foe whose footfalls he can hear,
Life, rest ahead, behind blank death and fear
And drifts of darkness sweeping o'er the moors.
The ship delays to list the mermaid's song ;
The outcast turns to mock his enemy.
A storm-cloud splits, a ship sinks in the sea ;
An arrow whistles from an angry thong.
Without the harbor sad waves fall and rise ;
Abreast the city doors a dead man lies.

—L. P. N. S.

Honorable J. Wilberforce Longley.

Honorable J. Wilberforce Longley was born in Paradise, Annapolis County, January 4th 1849. His father was Israel Longley, a respected farmer, and brother of Avarid Longley, who was for some time in the Provincial legislature, afterwards in the House of Commons, and well known for active work in the temperance cause, and for several years a Governor of Acadia College. On two occasions Israel Longley and Avarid Longley were candidates for election to parliament on opposite political tickets, Israel running in the interests of the Liberal and Avarid the Conservative party.

His mother was Frances Manning, daughter of Rev. J. Manning, daughter of Rev. J. Manning, one of the pioneer Baptist ministers, who labored most of his life in Lower Granville, Annapolis County,