

LETTERS FROM BERMUDA.

[We insert here the first of a series of letters written from Bermuda. These letters were not originally intended for publication; but as they contain some interesting and pleasant information concerning the Bermuda Islands, they are now published by request.—EDITOR.]

LETTER I.

HAMILTON, NOV., 18--.

DEAR H.—We arrived safely at Hamilton, Bermuda, after a rough and stormy passage of four days—though three days is the usual time—so you may conjecture how grievously we both suffered from *mal de mer*.

For two days we had a lively "cross sea," which rendered locomotion very inconvenient, if not impossible. The wind, tearing and blustering through the cordage, etc., added to the din, but did not improve our appetite for dinner. Some boots and valises were having a game of leap-frog on the floor of the state room, which at times seemed almost perpendicular. The obliging steward told us encouragingly it was "only a gale, a bit of sea on," but

"O what a storm of sea we passed!
High mountain waves, and foaming showers,
And battling winds, with savage blast."

Twenty-four hours after leaving New York harbor we experienced a decided change of temperature. It had become very warm, and the rolling and shaking of the vessel was, to say the least of it, most unpleasant. We were informed by the captain that we were crossing the Gulf Stream, on the eastern edge of which are situated the Bermuda Islands.

This "River of the Ocean," of which you have often heard, is one of the wonders of the world. It issues from the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, rushes with mighty power through the channel which divides Florida from the Bahamas, and proceeds northward up the coast of the United States. As we neared Bermuda it became calmer.

"A beam of tranquility smiled in the west.
The storms of the evening pursued us no more;
And the wave, while it welcomed the moment of rest,
Still heaved as remembering ill that were o'er."

Those of the passengers who could remain on deck observed, when on the eastern edge of the Gulf Stream, large, floating masses of the Gulf weed called *sargassum bacciferum*, which was blown or drifted from the area known to navigators as the Sargossa Sea. It is said that when Christopher Columbus sailed through this region on that memorable voyage which resulted in the discovery of the new world, the appearance on the ocean of these immense masses of seaweed, intermingled with driftwood and vegetable matter, and bearing upon the surface myriads of mollusca, crustace, etc., confirmed his hopes of the proximity of land, and restored courage and confidence to his panic-stricken crew.

Another object which attracted the attention of the passengers were the flying fish, great numbers of which were observed darting from the water under the steamer's bow when she came within about 150 miles of the Islands.

It was the opinion of some ancient writers that birds, like fish, were originally produced from the waters; and while looking at these singular fishes one could almost fancy them the connecting link between birds and fish, as the bat is between beast and bird. It is not the case, however. The flying fish has elongated, pectoral fins which, when expanded, enable the fish to rest upon the air. During its course it can fly about 50 or 60 yards while the fins are moist, but when they become dry the fish falls into its natural element, again to renew the motive power.

Perhaps you have never met with Tom Moore's poem "To the Flying Fish," written by him during his American tour in 1809. I shall give

an extract from this beautiful poem, which indicates the genuine religious feeling in the heart of our greatest Irish poet:

TO THE FLYING FISH.
When I have seen thy snow white wing
From the blue wave at evening spring,
And show those scales of silvery white
So gay, to the eye of light,
As if thy frame were formed to rise
And live amid the glorious skies:
O, it has made me proudly feel
How like thy wings' impatient zeal
Is the pure soul, that rests not, pent
Within this world's gross element,
But takes the wing that God has given,
And rises into light and heaven!

But when I see that w. so bright
Grow languid with a moment's flight,
Attempt the paths of air in vain,
And sink into the waves again,
Alas! the flattering pride is o'er.
Like thee, a while, the soul may soar,
But evil's man must blush to think,
Like thee, again, the soul may sink.

Our vessel being in sight of land we had to wait for a pilot, as it would be quite impossible for any vessel to effect an entrance safely without the aid of one of those useful personages. The Bermuda pilots, usually mulattoes, are a clever, daring set of fellows, with "eyes like hawk's and nerves of steel," and who, having followed the profession from boyhood, are experts.

The outer reefs which surround Bermuda are extremely dangerous; many a fine vessel has been dashed to pieces against them. These reefs are really a belt of submerged rocks about ten miles from the shore, coated with a sort of stony sea weed of a dark red color called nullipores, etc., twisted serpulæ, marine annelides, inhabiting hard calcareous tubes; also various species of coral, which look like a brown bush until passed through the process of cleaning.

Our vessel entered the "narrows," which is, despite its name, the widest and deepest channel, having a depth of 7 or 8 fathoms at low water. Our pilot took us, sometimes slowly along the shore, again out straight. Then cautiously twisting and turning,

Gently we stole before the whispering wind
That kissed on either side our timid sails,
Breathing our welcome to these verdant vales.
Each wooded island shed so soft a green
That the enamoured keel with whispering play
Through liquid herbage seemed to steal its way

Thus, until we reached Hamilton harbor and landed safely.

"Bright rose the morning, every wave was still,
Wh a the first perfume of a cedar hill
Sweetly awaked us, and with smiling charms
The fairy harbor woo'd us to its arms."

"Never did weary bark more gently glide
Or rest its anchor in a lovelier tide."

Adieu. PLACIDIA.

The Corner Stone of St. Mary's.

In the cavity of the corner stone of St. Mary's church at Richmond Hill, recently laid by Archbishop Walsh, was deposited an iron box containing the following records of the present time:

- A copy of The Liberal.
- " THE CATHOLIC REGISTER.
- " The Catholic Record, of London.
- " The Globe.
- " The Empire.
- " The Mail.

Voters' List of Richmond Hill for 1893.

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On the front face of the stone is engraved a cross and a latin inscription, of which the following is a translation:—"The Most Reverend John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto, blessed and laid this Corner Stone of the Most Blessed Virgin, on the 17th of June, 1894."—*Liberal*.

A sad accident occurred at the works of the O. A. & P. S. Railway in the vicinity of Barry's Bay. A charge of dynamite exploded, instantly killing three men and injuring several others. The names of the unfortunate men are George Marston, from Mattawa; Kellar, from Palmer Rapids, the other being an Englishman, name unknown, lately out from the old country.

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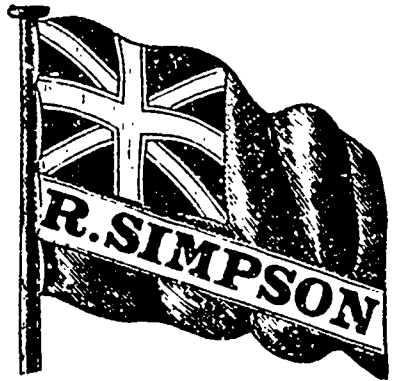
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