

THOMAS CHANDLER HALIBURTON.

IN the eyes of the English-speaking world, outside of the Dominion of Canada, Haliburton is the most prominent man of letters yet produced in any existing Province of British North America. Within the last few years three of his works have been republished by one London house (Geo. Routledge & Sons) and no less than six by another (Hurst & Blackett), and some new editions have also been issued in the United States.

Yet in Canada, whose rights and interests he zealously maintained in his parliamentary speeches as well as in his books, he is not generally given his rightful place of honor. In a somewhat flippant *résumé* of "English-Canadian Literature" in *The Week* (Toronto) of August 28, 1884, written by a New Brunswick *littérateur*, Haliburton is not even referred to! And even Nova Scotia, whose resources he has done more than any other human being to make known, has not yet given him his due precedence among her more eminent sons. His biographer in the "Bibliotheca Canadensis" has illustrated this comparative lack of appreciation for Haliburton in the land of his birth by pointing out that, shortly after his own college gave him the honorary de-

*This sketch contains the substance of two papers read by the author before the N. S. Historical Society last winter. Some changes and additions, however, have been made.