

Like the milky way that stretches its marvel through the skies,
 (The wondrous golden alphabet of untaught mysteries)
 The influence of whose glory is to wise and simple given,
 When it casts its splendid silence across the distant heaven.

Of course you are vain enough to claim an interest in these rhymes, and may be permitted, I suppose, to feel reasonably flattered in the reading; and now, that all good and pleasant things may abound with you, is the hope and prayer of

MAUDE.

OUR MONTHLY GOSSIP.

PROVINCIAL matters during the past month afford little that is interesting or eventful to record. The season has been unusually warm and pleasant, and the growth of vegetation proportionally rapid and vigorous. The fishing interests promise well, and as the result of the exertions of Admiral Sir George Seymour for their protection by the employment of armed steamers and other swift cruisers, much success is anticipated.

The latest novelty in Colonial literature is a new work by Judge Haliburton, under the designation of 'Sam Slick's Wise Saws and Modern Instances.' The work has met with high commendation from the English press, but as it will probably be reviewed in the 'Provincial' at an early period, we must reserve an opinion of its merits.

We must also notice a little publication having reference to Nova Scotia, it is entitled: 'A Treatise on the remains of a Reptile (*Dendropepon Acadianum*, Wyman and Owen) and of a Land Shell discovered in the interior of an erect Fossil Tree in the coal measures of Nova Scotia.' By Sir Charles Lyell and J. W. Dawson. It is illustrated with plates, and will be a valuable acquisition to the geologist and antiquarian.

We have again to record the death of a leading member of the medical faculty in Halifax, Dr. A. F. Sawers, on the 20th June, in his 49th year. He filled the position of Health Officer for the port of Halifax.

The corner stone of the new Halifax Market House was laid on the 29th June, with Masonic Honours, by his Worship the Mayor, Hon. A. Keith, Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Fraternity.

Active railway preparations are proceeding in New Brunswick, both on the line from Shediac to the Bend of Pettiteodiac and on the St. Andrew's line. The Honbles. Messrs. Chandler, Hazen, Wilmot, Gray, Hayward, and Montgomery, have been appointed Government Directors in that Province for the European and North American Railway.

The Canadian Assembly was prorogued on the 14th June, after the transaction of much important business.

In Montreal and Quebec riotous proceedings have lately taken place, on the occasion of a lecture by the celebrated Italian Orator, Father Gavazzi. The police force being insufficient to preserve the peace, the troops were called out, and fired among the people, when about twenty persons were either killed or wounded. The Padre was thrown from the pulpit of the church, and together