

financial loss, however, much to the sorrow of the latter, who went to George Martin on the day his note fell due. Martin took the note in his hands and tore it into pieces. It was never mentioned again to poor Heavysege. (Pages 38, 297, 427.)

KATHARINE L. MACPHERSON ("*Kay Livingstone*"), Montreal.—Graceful verse-writer. "*Aca Nada*" is based on a current etymology of the name "Canada" from two words signifying "nothing here,"—an expression attributed to early Spanish seekers for gold.

WILLIAM M'LENNAN.—A young professional man of Montreal, widely known as the author of "*Songs of Old Canada*" (translations of chansons), and of other verse. (Pages 71, 76, 80, 83, 308.)

CHARLES MAIR (1840—).—The "North-West" poet is a manly figure. He was educated at Perth, Ontario, and at Queen's University, Kingston. While studying medicine, his love and knowledge of North-West and *voyageur* history attracted the attention of the Government, who engaged him in researches in the Parliamentary library, and in collecting and collating evidence bearing upon the Hudson Bay Territories for the Commissioner appointed to go to England to treat for their transfer to the Dominion. This also led to his being sent to Red River in the autumn of that year, and it was while engaged in Ottawa upon these researches that he published his first volume, "*Dreamland, and other Poems*." Meanwhile Mr Mair began in Red River a series of letters descriptive of the country, which had hitherto been a *terra incognita* to the eastern people. These letters went the round of the whole Canadian press, and induced the first Canadian immigration to the North-West Territories by their graphic truthfulness and force. Subsequently the machinations of the enemies of Canadian extension in the Territories came to a head. After a series of complications and incidents the Governor was compelled to leave the country, and Mr Mair and the other loyal Canadians, led by Dr Schultz, afterwards Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, whose niece Mr Mair married in 1869, surrendered to the large insurrectionary party led by Riel. Being informed by