

No. 6.—F. C. T. ARNOLDI, ESQ., M.D.

Francis Cornelius Thomas Arnoldi, a distinguished physician in this city, died at his residence on the 1st Dec. He was the fourth son of an eminent physician of Montreal. If not himself a German—we speak of his father—he was of German extraction. The family, however, had passed into Italy, whence the original name Arnold was changed to Arnoldi. The subject of these few remarks was born on 26th October, 1805, at Riviere du Loup, so he was upwards of 56 years old. In his early boyhood he was sent to Ayrshire in Scotland where he received his education, and on his return to Canada was apprenticed to his father. After he had passed through a certain routine in the Province he proceeded to Edinboro' where he continued his studies, and also passed over to Dublin and to Paris, for joined to his other accomplishments Dr. Arnoldi was a finished French scholar. Taking his degree at Edinboro', he returned to Canada in 1827, and continued in partnership with his father until 1830, when he went back to Edinboro'. He again established a connection with the University, for he had never ceased his relations with the Professors, and from association and habit as much as from scientific motives continued his visits to the Lecture Room. In 1832 he revisited Canada, never again to leave it; and from that period until within three days of his death he was actively engaged in the duties of his profession. In the events of 1837-38, Dr. Arnoldi, ever a leading spirit among the British population of Montreal, took a very prominent part in the politics of the hour; and on the breaking out of the rebellion joined a troop of Cavalry as Surgeon. In this capacity he was present at Saint Denis in November, 1837, and at Saint Eustache in December, 1838. Subsequently he was appointed Captain of the Volunteer Infantry—a choice dictated by the confidence in his firmness and enterprise. He still, however continued his professional life, which indeed he never abandoned, for it was to him a labor of love. In Montreal, in connection with Doctors Sutherland and Badgley, he established the School of Medicine, so long and so successfully the opposing School to McGill College, with which, if we err not, it was subsequently fused. Dr. Arnoldi's connection with McGill College was not of long duration. Some seven years ago Dr. Arnoldi moved to Toronto. It was then the seat of Government; an extraordinary impetus had been given to the trade and commerce, and the opinion prevailed that in less than ten years we should number some one hundred and fifty thousand of a population. We need not recall the error of the prediction; but if we allude in any way to the exaggerated expectation, it is only to say that Dr. Arnoldi at once took the highest professional position among us, and that he succeeded in obtaining his share of material recognition.—*Leader*.

VII. Short Critical Notices of Books.

— ADVENTURES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. New York: Harper and Brothers.—This book contains a lively and interesting sketch of a whaling voyage in the Southern Pacific Ocean. It is written by a "roving printer," from the log book and recollections of two young men who spent five years in the whale fisheries. There are a number of very good wood engravings.

— PICTURES OF HEROES. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott and Co.—This is a handsome reprint of an interesting English book. It contains stirring sketches of King Alfred, Constantine, Barbarossa, Gustavus Adolphus Sobieski and others. The author in his preface says "Some of the more scenic incidents in the long procession of History have been chosen for description in the following pages. The moment has generally been selected when the great man of the age was at his greatest, or when the age had most need of its great man."

— ONE SUMMER AT SUNNY BROOK. New York: A. D. F. Randolph.—This is a pleasant sketch of a family of boys and girls residing at a little village near New York. The great object of the book seems to be to correct the faults incident to youth, and to lead the little ones into the paths of truth and virtue.

— SCENES AND NARRATIVES FROM GERMAN HISTORY. London: Christian Knowledge Society.—This little work contains eighty interesting Sketches illustrative of German History. They are chiefly biographical; and among the noted men included in the Sketches are Arminius, Otho, Henry IV., Barbarossa, Luther, and Frederick the Great. The illustrations, like all those in the Society's books, are well executed.

— HOWITT'S FAVOURITE SCHOLAR, &c. New York: James Miller.—Mary Howitt's juvenile works have become so deservedly popular, that we need scarcely recommend the "Favourite Scholar." In addition to this story by Mrs. Howitt, the book contains tales by Mrs. S. C. Hall, an equally popular writer, and by other authors. The illustrations are very good, and the book itself is handsomely bound.

— WIN AND WEAR. New York: R. Carter & Brothers.—This book contains a sketch of boy life under very trying circumstances. Through all the vicissitudes related in the book however, Willy Sumner triumphed, and finally did "Win and Wear."

— GLEANINGS FROM SCHOOL-LIFE EXPERIENCE. By Hiram Orcutt, M.A.—This little book contains useful hints to Common School Teachers, parents, and pupils. It is by an experienced and successful teacher, and will be found of service in the cause of education. The hints, directions and advice will prove valuable to teachers, being the result of experience and not theory.

— TABLES OF MEASURES. Montreal: B. Dawson & Son.—This is a useful little publication. It contains tables for reducing English, old French, and Metrical Measures. The author is Mr. A. Wurtele, Provincial Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer. We cordially recommend these tables.

— ALLENS' CLASSICAL HAND BOOK. Boston: Swan, Brewer & Tileston.—This is a most valuable compilation. Like Bird's classical manual, it groups together all those more striking facts which it is essential that every student of the classics should be acquainted with, but which it would take a great deal of time to pick out of classical dictionaries, &c.

— RULES OF ORDER. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston.—This little book is designed as a manual for conducting business meetings, societies, boards, and other deliberation bodies. It is based on parliamentary, congressional and legislative practice. The author of this useful compilation is B. Matthews, M.A.

VIII. Educational Intelligence.

THE LATE MR. HERBERT BUTTERWORTH,
(Of the Educational Department, Toronto.)

Died, at the residence of Mr. Unwins, Provincial Land Surveyor, Seaton Street, Toronto, on Thursday, the 19th December last, Mr. Herbert Butterworth, aged 25 years. Mr. Butterworth was born at Mansfield, in Nottinghamshire, England, and was connected with the Educational Department for Upper Canada during the last four years and a half of his life. During that time he won the esteem and confidence of every person connected with the Department. He was singularly unobtrusive and amiable in his disposition; while at the same time his promptitude in the discharge of the varied and some times difficult duties assigned to him in the Department, was especially gratifying. During his fatal illness, he was most kindly cared for by the excellent family with whom he resided; and in his last moments he was cheered by the presence of his pastor, the Rev. W. S. Darling, who, on the morning of his death, administered to him, at his special request, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. His remains were interred in St. James' Cemetery, on the 21st of December, and were followed to the grave by his late associates in the Educational Department.

— NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION.—The teachers of the Cobourg Grammar School Circuit held a meeting recently for the purpose of discussing educational topics, such as the best means to be adopted of arousing a deeper interest in the minds of parents and guardians generally. The chair was taken at seven o'clock, by E. Scarlett, Esq., Local Superintendent of Common Schools for the county, when a spirited discussion on the several topics at issue took place. It was universally admitted that the success of the teacher would be affected very materially by the classification of his pupils. The chairman of the meeting, in concurring with the remarks made on this subject, read an extract from the report on Common Schools, laying before the teachers the system approved of by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada, and pointed out in clear and forcible language, how far this system can and ought to be adopted in our rural districts. Among several resolutions that were adopted was the following: "That whereas, in the opinion of this meeting, teachers' associations have a tendency to cause more unity of feeling among the teachers, and a more thorough system to be adopted in our schools; therefore we do meet in the Town Hall, Coldsprings, on the last Saturday in January, for the purpose of re-organizing such an association, and that trustees and friends of education be respectfully requested to attend." After the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, &c., the meeting adjourned, to meet at the time and place specified in the resolution.

— SCHOOL MATTERS IN NORTHUMBERLAND.—At a public meeting of the Trustees, Teachers and friends of Education, held in Colborne Grammar School, on the 18th inst.—J. C. Young in the chair, W. L. Johnston, Secretary—the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—Moved by C. M. Gould, seconded by J. B. Dixon—"That in comparing the state