

present number, and, if we mistake not, there is another sister, who is not inferior as a writer to these—a remarkable instance of talent in a single family; for all of them are possessed of genius of a very superior order.

We shall look forward with interest to the receipt of the succeeding volumes of these "Lives." The extent to which they may run, when completed, we cannot pretend to guess; but, judging from what we have already seen, they must be somewhat voluminous; and, we do not doubt, their popularity will be commensurate to their excellence.

THE COLONIAL PEARL.

The last number of this neat and excellent weekly announces that its publication has been discontinued—a most unexpected result of its industrious and useful labours. This journal has been in existence nearly four years, and has borne a most respectable appearance—being the only periodical representative of the literature of Nova Scotia.

MR. BUCKINGHAM'S LECTURES.

IN common with our fellow citizens, generally, we have recently derived much gratification from the very interesting lectures of Mr. Buckingham, upon the antiquities, history, geography, manners and customs of the East.

The "Oriental Traveller," for by this name Mr. Buckingham is widely known, has for some time been making a tour on the American continent—laying the treasures of his memory before the people, in the different towns through which he necessarily passed, and gathering, in return, a popularity beyond parallel with that of any individual of whom we have heard, on any such or similar mission. Indeed, in almost every part of Canada which he has *professionally* visited, he has found it somewhat difficult to obtain accommodations for the many who thronged to hear him.

We confess ourselves to have been highly gratified. We are, it is true, of opinion, that Mr. Buckingham sometimes introduces digressions comparatively too lengthy—though never tedious; and by this means impairs the value, though he may increase the interest of his lectures. We must, however, admit, that the clearness of his descriptions, and his happy manner of introducing anecdote, with the piquancy and richness of his digressions, which uniformly tend more fully to illustrate the subject matter of discussion, will, with many, if not with all, amply counterbalance the objection which we have taken to their length.

Mr. Buchanan will continue his lectures for a few evenings, when he will proceed on his tour. That he may continue in his hitherto successful career, we believe, is the universal wish of those who have heard him speak.

DR. HALL'S LECTURES ON POPULAR CHEMISTRY.

THE rooms of the Mechanics' Institute possess a very unusual attraction, in the weekly lectures of Dr. Hall, which, we rejoice to state, give every promise of excellence. The first lecture was extremely well and respectably attended, and gave much satisfaction to the audience.

FINE ARTS.

MISS DEMING.—We have recently seen several very fine miniatures—excellent likenesses—from the pencil of Miss Deming, an American lady, who has for some weeks resided in this city. We are glad to see encouragement so freely given to this clever artiste. It speaks well for the taste of our citizens, whose liberality, in this instance, at least, is eminently deserved.

MR. INGALLS.—The "Portrait Gallery" of this gentleman is generally well filled. He has taken a number of excellent likenesses, several of which may still be seen in his rooms. We would recommend such of our friends as have an anxiety to procure correct portraits of themselves, to pay Mr. Ingalls a visit.

THE DAGUERRETYPE.—This *original* discovery, which has created so great a sensation in Europe, and from which so wonderful a revolution in the arts has been predicted, is now in operation in this city, and may be seen at the rooms over Mr. Herbert's Music Store. Several "sun-likenesses" have been already taken, which, if they do not realize all the expectations that have been formed, are yet sufficiently striking and strange to call for the admiration of all who witness them. The likenesses are of the size of small miniatures, and are very correct in their delineations of the original.