

pamphlets, and forty-eight folio volumes of historical autographs, embracing a vast collection of revolutionary and other letters connected with our military and political history. The purchase of the Force library by the Government gave a completeness to the Congressional library which it would never have had otherwise, and Mr. Force's efforts in collecting so large and so curious a library of books, pamphlets, letters and manuscripts were certainly not spent in vain. After the sale of his library had been made, Mr. Force said to a visitor: "Well, I've worked hard up there (pointing to his library) and I have been hopeful. Whatever I have done I have done with great self-denial, I have been very poor all my life. If I had known the world more I should have accomplished less. For thirty years I have worked from four to eighteen hours up there, and a hundred thousand dollars is not much to a dead man, after all. Few men have ever lived in this country, or indeed in any other, who were such marvels of industry in that direction as was Peter Force in gathering facts and books.—*Boston Journal*.

— The University of Cambridge, on the 10th inst, conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Hy. W. Longfellow. A large number of distinguished ladies and gentlemen were present, while but few of the students of the University attended. On receiving his degree, Longfellow met with an earnest demonstration of welcome from the assemblage. The Vice-Chancellor delivered an address in Latin, in which he alluded in suitable terms to the Poet's character and works; and also to the generous reception given to Mr. Dickens, by the Americans, and concluded with expressing a hope for the enduring friendship of the two nations.

— Mr. Alexander Somerville, the "Whistler at the Plough," intends proceeding to England shortly, with the design of publishing a book on Canada, calculated to influence emigration.

The funeral of the late Mr. Charles Kean took place at Catherington Church, Hants. It was strictly private. Mrs. Kean had summoned fortitude enough to be present, and was accompanied by her daughter and Miss Chapman. The funeral service was read by Dr. Gatty, sub-Dean of York, one of the oldest friends of the departed. The Queen has sent to Mrs. Kean a letter sympathising with her in her severe bereavement.

— *International copyright.*—The *Boston Advertiser* says: The friends of international copyright, and of the interests of American authors, will be gratified by a recent English decision on that question, in a case that had been carried up to the House of Lords. The case is briefly this: Miss Cummins, a citizen of the United States, went to Canada, and, while residing there, her work "Haunted Hearts" was published in England. Copyright was claimed, and the case was a prosecution for violation of it. Lord Cairns, who delivered the opinion, concurred in by the other Law Lords who were present, said there were three questions to be determined: 1. Where, in order to obtain a title to a copyright, must publication take place? 2. What is the area over which the protection of this copyright extends? 3. Who is entitled to the protection of this copyright?

In answer to these three questions, Lord Cairns said:

"Firstly, it is clear that to obtain the benefit of the act the publication must take place in the United Kingdom. Secondly, I have no doubt that the area over which the protection extends is the whole of the British Dominions. Thirdly, which is the most important, I hold that every author who publishes in the United Kingdom is entitled to the protection of copyright, wheresoever he may be resident, and to what sovereign soever he may be subject. The aim of the Legislature was to increase the stock of literature in the country; and if an alien publishes in this country, and so adds to that stock of literature, he is entitled in return to the benefit of this act." The liberality of this decision is the more noticeable from the fact that it concedes more than was claimed in the case pending, and extends the protection of the act of Parliament over every author whose works are deemed worthy of reproduction in Great Britain, wheresoever the author himself may reside. It is no longer necessary for an American writer to pitch his tent in Canada while the process of publication abroad is going forward. He can remain undisturbed by his own fireside with the assurance that the book he has chosen to publish in England will be as safe under the protection of English law as if his own personal allegiance were there also."

It is an important step towards the solution of the copyright question; the next step is to protect from piracy the author who has not published his work abroad; and that step will doubtless be taken as soon as our Government is disposed to extend reciprocal protection.

METEOROLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Abstract of Meteorological Observations.—From the Records of the Montreal Observatory, lat. 45°31 North; long —4h. 54m. 11 sec. West of

Greenwich, and 182 feet above mean sea level. For May, 1868. By Chas. Smallwood, M.D., LL.D., D.C.L.

| DAYS. | Barometer corrected at 32° | | | Temperature of the Air. | | | Direction of Wind. | | | Miles in 24 hours. |
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| | 7 a.m. | 2 p.m. | 9 p.m. | 7 a.m. | 2 p.m. | 10 p.m. | 7 a.m. | 2 p.m. | 10 p.m. | |
| 1 | 29.763 | 29.762 | 29.800 | 29.7 | 49.9 | 40.0 | NE | NE | NE | 82.24 |
| 2 | .750 | .683 | .662 | 37.0 | 63.7 | 43.0 | NE | SW | W | 80.00 |
| 3 | .725 | .701 | .690 | 46.0 | 73.3 | 53.0 | N | NE | NE | 71.11 |
| 4 | .682 | .611 | .500 | 41.1 | 75.3 | 59.0 | NE | W | W | 81.24 |
| 5 | .498 | .462 | .407 | 46.0 | 48.7 | 42.9 | NE | NE | NE | 17.10 a |
| 6 | .393 | .351 | .460 | 41.7 | 43.2 | 42.0 | NE | NE | NE | 86.20 b |
| 7 | .450 | .414 | .352 | 40.3 | 48.4 | 41.1 | NE | NE | NE | 91.11 |
| 8 | .261 | .247 | .303 | 39.2 | 44.7 | 41.1 | NE | NE | NE | 77.24 |
| 9 | .364 | .449 | .550 | 40.2 | 54.7 | 46.2 | W | N | N | 66.12 c |
| 10 | .711 | .797 | .869 | 41.7 | 49.3 | 43.4 | NE | NE | NE | 124.10 |
| 11 | .989 | .954 | .910 | 40.2 | 61.7 | 52.2 | NE | E | E | 101.00 |
| 12 | .999 | .887 | .865 | 46.0 | 72.4 | 62.0 | W | W | W | 81.12 |
| 13 | .864 | .800 | .710 | 53.4 | 74.4 | 56.2 | S | S | S | 101.10 |
| 14 | .499 | .498 | .500 | 54.3 | 60.0 | 53.4 | NE | NE | NE | 91.12 d |
| 15 | .687 | .694 | .710 | 54.1 | 66.3 | 57.4 | NE | NE | NE | 124.10 e |
| 16 | .662 | .611 | .601 | 55.1 | 72.4 | 54.1 | NE | NE | NE | 91.11 |
| 17 | .574 | .563 | .550 | 52.7 | 74.7 | 50.2 | NE | E | NE | 64.24 f |
| 18 | .601 | .500 | .661 | 46.9 | 81.0 | 43.1 | NE | NE | NE | 124.10 g |
| 19 | .747 | .790 | .809 | 42.6 | 44.0 | 44.0 | NE | NE | NE | 109.29 |
| 20 | .850 | .811 | .789 | 44.0 | 53.1 | 42.4 | NE | NE | NE | 97.74 |
| 21 | .544 | .352 | .331 | 53.7 | 56.1 | 50.3 | NE | NE | NE | 66.21 h |
| 22 | .397 | .564 | .600 | 51.7 | 53.1 | 50.0 | NE | NE | NE | 177.10 j |
| 23 | .650 | .651 | .698 | 52.7 | 60.6 | 53.0 | NE | NE | NE | 101.12 |
| 24 | .500 | .460 | .451 | 53.2 | 56.7 | 52.1 | NE | NE | NE | 109.10 k |
| 25 | .501 | .579 | .654 | 51.7 | 54.4 | 53.2 | NE | NE | W | 114.10 l |
| 26 | .711 | .644 | .560 | 52.2 | 80.1 | 62.1 | NE | W | W | 121.10 |
| 27 | .589 | .480 | .400 | 60.0 | 82.3 | 63.0 | WSW | S by E | S by E | 84.20 |
| 28 | .442 | .464 | .516 | 63.4 | 81.2 | 65.1 | S by E | S by E | W by S | 74.21 m |
| 29 | .551 | .550 | .549 | 59.7 | 70.2 | 62.1 | N by E | NE | NE | 114.10 n |
| 30 | .447 | .430 | .450 | 56.2 | 66.0 | 61.0 | NE | S by E | W | 101.24 p |
| 31 | .550 | .575 | .650 | 55.1 | 64.2 | 53.4 | W | W | W | 20.10 |

RAIN IN INCHES.—a, 0.524; b, 0.691; c, Inapp.; d, 0.291; e, 0.941; f, 0.484; g, 0.110; h, 0.172; j, 0.097; k, 0.474; l, 0.424; m, 0.055; n, 0.048; p, 0.100.

The mean temperature of the month was 53.89 degrees, which was 3.64 higher than the mean temperature of May, 1867, but 4.31 degrees lower than the *Isothermal* for May, reduced from a long series of years.

The highest reading of the barometer was on the 12th day and indicated 29.999 inches; the monthly range indicated only 0.752 inches.

The amount of rain which fell during the month was 3.462.

— *Meteorological Report for month of May, 1868, Quebec, Latitude 46°48'30" N.; Longitude 4h. 44m. 49s. W.; height above the St. Lawrence, 230 feet; By Sergt. John Thurling, A. H. Corps, Quebec.*

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| Barometer, highest reading on the 12th. | 30.084 inches. |
| lowest | 29.282 |
| range of pressure | .802 |
| mean for month reduced to 32°. | 29.691 |
| Thermometer, highest reading on the 28th. | 88.0 degrees |
| lowest | 23.2 |
| range in month | 64.8 |
| mean of all highest | 60.3 |
| lowest | 39.2 |
| daily range | 21.1 |
| for month | 49.7 |
| maximum in sun's rays, black bulb, mean of. | 93.7 |
| minimum on grass | 37.9 |
| Hygrometer, mean of dry bulb | 53.2 |
| wet bulb | 49.9 |
| dew point | 46.2 |
| Elastic force of vapour | .273 inches. |
| The weight of vapour in a cubic foot of air | 3.1 grains. |
| Weight of vapour required to saturate do | 1.4 |
| Mean degree of humidity (Lat. 100) | 67 |
| Average weight of a cubic foot of air | 524.7 grains. |
| Cloud, mean amount of cloud (0-10) | 7.01 |
| Ozone, mean amount of (0-10) | 1.16 |
| Wind, general direction of | East. |
| mean daily horizontal movement of | 158.8 miles. |
| Rain, number of days it fell | 19 |
| amount collected on ground | 4.01 inches. |
| " " 10 feet above ground | 3.86 " |
| Snow, number of days it fell | 1 |