

There is at present flourishing in the highly-cultivated and productive garden of Lieutenant Campbell of Rear Bank, Campbelltown, an apple graft, which has this season made the extraordinary growth of four feet six inches. What gives a peculiar interest to this vigorous shoot, is the fact that it is the scion of a transatlantic parent, being one of several slips sent from Canada. In December last, by Thomas H. McKenzie, Esq., of Dundas, a native of Ardersier, and a gentleman who feels a lively interest in the improvement of his native parish. The slip, after its voyage across the Atlantic, was stuck into the earth to preserve its molitura, where it remained for two months. At the usual grafting period in March, it was inserted into a Scottish stock, and its thriving state shows the fostering care which has attended its adoption. Other grafts of the same importation are thriving well in the parish, but none come near the one mentioned in vigorous growth.—*Interests Courier.*

Biographical Calendar.

Dec. 5	1764	D. K. Nuttman, born.
	1791	Wolfgang Mozart, died.
" 6	1608	General Monk, born.
	1737	Sir David Dalry, born.
	1788	Rev. R. H. Barham, born.
	1834	Rev. Edward Irving, died.
" 7	1542	Mary, Queen of Scots, born.
	1683	Algernon Sidney, executed.
	1784	Allan Cunningham, born.
	1815	Marsial Ney, shot.
	1826	John Fitzgibbon, died.
" 8	1643	John Pym, died.
	1078	Horace, Lord Walpole, born.
	169	Richard Baxter died.
	1746	Earl of Dorsetwater executed.
" 9	1662	John Milton born.
	1567	Rev. Wm. Whitton born.
	1674	Lord Clarendon died.
" 10	1747	Duncan Forbes died.
	1812	General Lord Hill, died.
		Dr. Milford died.
" 11	1718	Charles XII of Sweden died.
	1732	John Gray died.
	1781	Sir Richard Upwater born.

Duncan Forbes, Lord Forbes, a celebrated lawyer and distinguished Judge, was born of a respectable family at Cullspden, in Invernesshire, in the year 1685. Though naturally inclining to the profession of arms, his talents were already so conspicuous that he was prevailed on to study law, moved to it also by a desire to support the credit of his family, which was then straitened. Admitted to the Scottish Bar, he soon obtained great encouragement, but never prostituted the nervous and persuasive eloquence, for which he was no doubt, to support an unworthy cause. That, with a generous contempt of money, soon made him eminently distinguished, and in 1717 he was appointed Solicitor General for Scotland. Soon afterwards he was elected a member of the Imperial Parliament; a trust which he discharged with so much honour and fidelity, as to obtain the thanks of his constituents and the favour of his Sovereign who, in 1725, nominated him to the dignified office of Lord Advocate. As he advanced in years his usefulness increased; and his great capacity, and unsullied reputation were the sole reasons assigned for his exaltation, to the President's Chair, which he filled as creditably. But his patriotism and loyalty were equally conspicuous; and in no instance more than during the rebellions in 1715 and 1745;—witness his celebrated letter to Lord Lovat, who was afterwards beheaded for high treason. He was also a good Hebrew scholar, as is evident from his 'Letters to a Bishop.' He wrote also "Reflections on Infidelity," and "Thoughts on natural and revealed Religion." After a life devoted to honour and virtue he died Dec. 10, 1747, universally regretted.—*Virtu.*

Miscellaneous.

PASSING BAD MONEY

Two men named Freeman were brought up at the Police Court on Monday, charged with passing bad money in the purchase of a pair of horses from a gentleman named Henderson, residing at Port Hope. The horses were valued at £75, for which the prisoners paid \$225 in cash, and a watch valued at \$75. Shortly afterwards Mr. Henderson found that the notes, which were from the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of the District of Columbia, were of no value, the bank having ceased to operate. They were bound over for further examination.

THE ARCTIC REGIONS.

The Isabel screw steamer, Commander Inglefield R.N., has returned from the Arctic regions, after an absence of four months, having explored the whole north coast of Baffin's Bay and the various inlets and channels leading out of it, he being with Wolstenholm Sound and Whal Sound which latter presented two large openings to the northward—Smith Sound, at the head of Baffin's Bay, long considered as a promising field for discovery—Jones's Sound, which was penetrated as far as 55° west longitude, very far beyond any preceding exhibition, the west side of Davis's Strait. It is now demonstrated that Franklin has not been driven into Baffin's Bay from the north, nor been wrecked within that part of the Arctic region, nor proceeded in any other direction than that long since pointed out. So that now and for ever, the absurd and frightful theories of catastrophe and disaster, which some have delighted to urge, are exploded, and we may direct our individual attention towards the quarter whither Sir Edward Belcher is pressing forward under circumstances the most favourable that can be desired.

Captain Penny, at a recent meeting of the Geographical Society, proposed that two steamers be dispatched to Behring's Straits, so that they should be early on the ground to take advantage of the land ice. That they should pass along the Asiatic shore through the strait formed by Cape Yakan and the land seen by Wrangell and her Majesty's steamer Herald, into the Arctic Basin, where an extensive sea must exist in the months of June, July, August and September. Any one can easily conceive what an extensive search would be accomplished in four months by traversing in every direction that was open. The whole distance from Cape Farewell to Baffin's Bay, although one thousand miles, is icebound in April, but in August frequently not a piece of ice is to be seen. If now you will turn your attention to the north end of Spitzbergen, and lay down by compass one thousand miles, you will see that it will reach New Siberia and the Asiatic shore. This proves unquestionably that a large sea must exist even to the Pole. And who is he that would not be proud to see the flag of our beloved Queen floating upon it. With these facts before us, we should urge upon the government the adoption of Mr. P. termant's Nova Zymbia route, the practicability of which he so clearly demonstrates, and which possesses such great advantages of commercial wealth to this nation. I would suggest that a small screw steamer, of a light draught of water, not more than six feet, be likewise dispatched to Captain Maclure to search along the American shore in order to watch over the brave men on board the Enterprise and Investigator, who have become second Fathers. Likewise Dr. Rae should be despatched again along the Victoria Land towards Banks' Land to watch that coast for the arrival of the same party, since Captain Maclure and his crew will probably be compelled to abandon his vessel in the spring. I have this day received a letter from Stromness, which informs me that twelve American seamen who left their ship and wintered in an inlet discovered by me on the west side of Davis's Strait have killed thirteen whales during the season, an amount of food upon which Franklin and his whole crew might have subsisted during the whole time he has been absent. With these valuable facts before us and such inducements, is England to lag behind in the solution of the greatest geographical problem of the last three centuries, and which by the aid of steam power might now be happily resolved?

MY SPIRIT'S HOME.

Where is the home my spirit seeks,
And this world of sin and care,
Whom even joy of ocean speaks,
And I wish to bid every where
I find not what I find below
My weeping soul can find repose,
For weapons lurk beneath its bowers,
And thine surround its throne.

The home of earth is not for me,
I feel my spirit's dwelling here,
The eye of faith alone can see
Its glory rises to tread the skies,
The ear of faith alone can hear
The music of its ceaseless song,
As near to each passing year
Its angel-chorus rolls along.

There is the home my spirit seeks,
Above the fabled stars on high,
Where not a note of discord breaks,
The silver chain of harmony,
Where light without a shadow lies,
And joy can speak without a tear,
And death alone—the transient dies,
And home my spirit seeks is there!

M. Y. G.

Varieties.

It is stated that the Malin Law has been petitioned for in Canada by 62,000 persons.

Baynard, the artist, has arrived in New York from Europe.

Sobriety, temperance and tranquillity, are nature's best physicians.

Lord Rglinton has been elected Lord Rector of the Glasgow University.

A Telegraphic Line is contemplated, for 900 or 1,000 miles, to the Island of Cuba.

Always turn a deaf ear to a slanderous report, and lay no charge against any one unless it is well founded.

Mr. Green, a reformed gambler, is delivering lectures in Montreal, illustrative of his former career.

The Baltimore Sun says, G. P. R. James, the novelist, has arrived at Norfolk to assume the duties of British Consul.

The Paris Star says that the village of Wagon, in the township of Blenheim, will hereafter be known as Wolveston. It contains a Post Office.

Messrs. Gzowski & Co., contractors for the Toronto and Guelph Railway, have opened an office in town at the Albany Chambers, King Street.

The Hon. Mr. W. Robinson has been appointed Commissioner of the Canada Company in this Province in place of J. M. Jones, Esq., who retires on a pension.

The new monster telescope of Rev. Mr. Craik, in England, has revealed the fact that what was supposed to be Saturn's rings, are not rings at all, but in reality arches of the most perfect geometrical formation.

An interesting little girl of ten years of age, in Nashua, N. H., was so badly frightened recently by a man disguised in a mask, at a window she was passing, that an affection of the brain ensued, of which she died.

It is now said by the Washington correspondent of the New York Courier and Enquirer that the Japan Expo it on, will sail, and in detachments. All the officers have been ordered to report themselves at Norfolk, by the first of December.

The Cleveland Herald says that New York was over a far off city, cut off by four days' staging, and twenty-six hours of railroading, over a flat rail, variegated with sundry snakeheads. Now, we can breakfast in Cleveland and sup in Cincinnati or Pittsburgh, and leaving Cleveland the same day, find ourselves lodged in the New York.

The Limerick Examiner states that the Rev. Eugene McAmare, a Roman Catholic clergyman, native of Clare, has recently died in Paris, leaving property to the amount of £48,000, which Mr. Murphy, a solicitor is gone over to look after on behalf of a brother of the deceased, "a very well-conducted and meritorious member of the Irish constabulary."