

ciseness with which M. Faillon places the exploit, we must conclude that the *old* Place d'Armes cannot have been the place; that it was at some distance beyond, and probably to the north of, the Hotel Dieu, and may fairly accept the tradition which fixes it as the present Place d'Armes.

[Communicated by MR. CHARLES M. HOLT.]

The following interesting item is from the note book of Mr. W. B. Lambe: "June 26, 1856.—Rev. Joseph Abbott, formerly Rector of St. Andrews, Canada, afterwards lecturer in History, McGill College, Montreal, told me that George Washington, first President of the U. S. of America, was born in Westmoreland, England, about six miles from where Abbott himself was born. That Washington was christened by the Vicar of the Parish (Burns, whose son was the author of 'Burns' Justice'), and that Washington was taken from England to America by his parents when about two months old. Rev. Mr. Abbott, at my request, wrote for a certificate from the Register of the Parish and received for reply 'that the register had been defaced.'"

Publications Received.

THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER or Memoirs of the Noted Henry More Smith. By Walter Bates, Esquire. Saint John, N.B.; printed by Geo. W. Day, corner Prince William and Princess streets. 5th Edition. 1887.

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One of the most popular publications, of a social character, in the Province of New Brunswick, is the pamphlet entitled "The Mysterious Stranger; or, Memoirs of the Noted Henry More Smith." This little book, it is stated on the title page, contains "a correct account of his extraordinary conduct during the thirteen months of his confinement in the jail of King's County, Province of New Brunswick, where he was convicted of horse stealing, and under sentence of death." It also purports to give "a sketch of his life and character from his first appearance at Windsor, in Nova Scotia, in the year 1812, until the time of his apprehension and confinement." To which is also added "a history of his career, embracing an account of his imprisonments and escapes, selected from the most authentic sources, both public and private." Walter Bates, Esq., the author, was High Sheriff of King's County during the period of Smith's imprisonment and for many years after.