

called "The Refugee's Daughter," which was published in the Liverpool (N. S.) *Transcript*, in 1857-58, and contained forty-three chapters.

From 1859 to 1861 Mr. Gidney edited *The Acadian* at Digby, published by his son; and in the latter year took a similar position on the *Bridgetown Register*. In 1863 he and his son started the *Bridgetown Free Press*, a strong Liberal paper, of which Mr. Gidney was chief editorial manager most of the time for ten years. He was sergeant-at-arms of the House of Assembly for eleven years, commencing in 1868, and when deprived of that office he lost his chief means of support. Mr. Gidney has written a great many metrical compositions, and some of them had a wide circulation at the time of their first appearance in print, being widely reproduced. One of his religious poems, on the death of Mrs. Ann Hazeltine Judson, the first wife of the pioneer American Baptist missionary to Burmah, was copied into a book (we believe it is "The Judson Offering,") published in the United States more than thirty years ago. The sentiment of his poems is usually very fine, and the rhythm almost perfect.

STERNS JONES,

WEYMOUTH, N.S.

NEARLY a century ago, three brothers, Josiah, Simeon, and Stephen Jones, came into Nova Scotia from New England, and settled in Weymouth, other parties of the same name coming into the same township not long afterwards. From the pioneers of that name have sprung numerous families now spread over this county, the province, and some parts of the United States, they being as a class industrious, enterprising, and well-to-do people. Some of them have been, or still are, quite prominent, and sketches of at least three or four of them are contained in this volume.

Sterns Jones is a son of Cerenó Upham Jones, a native of Weymouth, and a magistrate, member at one period of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, and judge of the court of common pleas, dying in June, 1852, in his 85th year; and was born on the 15th of April, 1814. He received an English education of a limited nature, and worked his way up in life as best he could, supplementing his country school drill with more or less study in private. He was reared on his father's farm, and followed that occupation exclusively until he became a government officer, and is still doing something in that line.

Mr. Jones was appointed a justice of the peace in 1851, and collector of customs for the port of Weymouth in 1863, still holding both offices, together with those of registrar of shipping and surveyor of shipping. He is likewise a health officer. Mr. Jones is a conscientious, thorough-going man, having scrupulous regard to his official duties, and doing everything promptly and well. He is a member of St. Peter's church, Weymouth, and was at one time warden, and for a long time clerk of the vestry. He takes a deep interest in the welfare of his fellow-men, and is an earnest advocate of social reforms, being especially active in the temperance cause, which he espoused more than thirty years ago. He belonged to the sons of temperance, and has held all the offices in the local lodge. No man in the community has more thoroughly at heart the good of his neighbors than Mr. Jones.

He was joined in wedlock on the 22nd of December, 1839, with Margaret Ann, daughter of Isaac Doane, of Waldoborough, Maine, and they have two sons and one daughter. Anthony