

citizen is announced. Mr. Sherwood was in the 95th year of his age; having been born near Montreal in the year 1779. In May 1784, his father (who had been an officer under King George the Third) moved to this section and settled on lot No. 1, in the first concession of Elizabethtown. At that time the country was a howling wilderness, there being not a single house of any description within fifty miles of his father's location; not even roads or foot-paths. In the 17th year of his age he received a commission as Ensign in the first regiment of Leeds Militia. After serving fifty years, in all grades, as a militia officer, from Ensign to Colonel, he resigned in 1846, being then 67 years old. When about 18 years of age he commenced teaching a school, about three miles below the present site of Brockville. The school was attended by the children of the early pioneers; the Jones's, Buell's, Sherwood's, Cayley's and others. In 1815 he was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Crown, and in 1816 a magistrate. He also served as Treasurer of the district of Johnstown about 28 years. In 1829 he was appointed Sheriff of the District of Johnstown, which position he ably filled until 1864 when he resigned. Mr. Sherwood was probably the oldest Free Mason in America, having joined the order when about 21 years of age. He was instrumental in starting the Royal Arch Chapter which was established in Brockville, but which, after a few years' existence, passed away. In 1850, he became a member of the Sons of Temperance, and strictly adhered to it up to the time of his death. He was appointed President of the Brockville Bible Society—the first established in Canada—and in 1811 became an attendant of the First Canada Presbyterian Church, then under the ministrations of the Rev. Wm. Smart. In the same year he became a teacher in the first Sabbath School established in Canada, started in connection with Mr. Smart's church. He was afterwards appointed an Elder of the church, in which capacity he served until the present date. In the years 1837-38, he was confidentially employed by the Government, and though it was an onerous duty, for which he received no pay, he had the satisfaction of knowing through information given by him, Brockville was saved from being pillaged by the lawless men who came from the U. S., and who caused so much trouble and anxiety throughout the country. That he has seen wonderful changes no one can doubt,—Brockville, Prescott, and the adjacent villages have sprung from the wilderness and grown into thriving towns; fine cultivated farms have taken the place of the almost boundless forests. He has lived to see the Grand Trunk and Brockville and Ottawa Railroads spring into existence, and steamboats and sailing vessels plying on the river in all directions; and has beheld the friends of his boyhood grow up and pass away. Few, indeed, have ever lived to behold such changes. Mr. Sherwood was an earnest christian, and a zealous worker for his Master's cause, and was a bright and shining ornament in the church to which he belonged.

#### 6. B. C. DAVY, ESQ.

The subject of our notice was born at Bath in the year 1829, the third son of Peter Davy Esq., a justice of the peace, and native of that village. He was educated at the Grammar School at Bath, and commenced the study of the law as a clerk articled to Sir John A. Macdonald, in the office of Messrs. Macdonald and Campbell, at Kingston. In due course he was called to the bar in his twenty-first year, and began the practice of his profession at Bath, from which place after a short time, he removed to Kingston, where he opened an office and continued to practice for some time. He then went to Napanee, where he established his residence, and continued to live for upwards of twenty years. At the time of the admission of the Province of Manitoba into the Dominion, Mr. Davy visited that province with a view of settling there, and had excellent prospects of success in his profession, but these were clouded by ill health, by which he was forced to return to his native county.—*News.*

### X. Short Critical Notices of Books.

—NEW DOMINION MONTHLY FOR MARCH.—The contents of this magazine for the present month are varied, and comprise much that must both instruct and interest. The second instalment of the "Review of the Times" more than fulfils the expectations arising from the February instalment. An article entitled "Canada's Early Marine," contributed by Mr. J. B. A., Kingston, contains much information not generally known, concerning the rise and

progress of shipbuilding and shipping in the Dominion, and must contribute towards the strengthening of that love of country so necessary for the welfare of any nation.

—LYMAN'S HISTORICAL CHART\* is an attempt to enable the student of history to collate and arrange in the mind contemporary events in the history of different nations. The eye is brought to the aid of the mind. Nations existing at the same period are represented by parallel bands of different colours. Where a nation's history begins, the band begins. Where one nation conquers another, the band widens and overspreads the conquered nation. On each band are given the chief events in the history of the nation, and on it are inscribed the names of the most distinguished personages. The Chart is divided into centuries, so that the eye takes in at a glance the leading events in the history of nations for any century under consideration. It may, therefore, be described as a compendious chronological history. The era adopted as the standard to which all other subordinate epochs, eras, or periods are adjusted is the Christian era, and at the top of each century-division is printed in bold type the year before or after the birth of Christ. The year of the world, however, is also given directly under the border, but in small type. The system of chronology followed in the Chart is that of the authors of the Universal History, which is nearly identical with that of Usher. The year of the world adopted in one part of the Chart is that of Hevelius and Marsham—viz., B.C. 4000. In eight pages we have the leading events and dates from the Creation to the Birth of Christ, and in twice that number an epitome of the Chronological History of the World from the latter event to the year 1872. The latter is the more valuable part of the work, as the compiler does not pretend to embody in the Chart the result of late researches into the early history of the most ancient nations. Prefixed to the Chart proper are valuable Tables showing the chief events in the history of the principal countries of Europe and of the United States. In the Chronological Table of the last-named nation the battles of the "Secession War" are enumerated with great minuteness. The Chart and accompanying Key will enable the attentive student to obtain a knowledge of Historical Chronology with greater facility and comprehensiveness than by the old method of committing dates to memory.

—THE LAND OF MOAB, by Rev. A. B. Tristram, M.A.—A most interesting work by the Hon. Canon of Durham, England, on a country but little known and rarely travelled, though of great interest. In addition to the literary attractions of the book itself, it contains descriptions of discoveries and explorations through the country, all tending strikingly to verify those passages in the Bible relating to the Land of Moab. This makes the volume very valuable to the student, while the interesting way in which the incidents of travel are portrayed give it all the charms of the author's former book.

—THE ALDINE for April. Toronto Office, 50 King Street East.—The April number of this work contains illustrations of the beautiful Lake George, making one wish for a trip down to where we have often pictured "Leather Stocking" and his two companions as fit accompaniments of the scenes represented on the lovely Lake Horicon. "An Old-time Sea-fight," executed with a good deal of spirit, and owning a picturesqueness impossible in the present days of ironclads and floating fortresses. The other illustrations are a "Spring day," "Knickerbocker days in New York," "Fishwife of Matthew," by Rudolph Jordans, and a very speaking picture, "In the Cloister Cellar." This number is quite up to the preceding ones.

—AMONG OUR SAILORS, by J. Gray Jewell, M.D.—A practical work on the "cruelties" of American ship-masters towards their sailors, and the avariciousness of American ship owners, by a gentleman well fitted by his position to have seen the one and detected the

\* Lyman's Historical Chart: Containing the prominent events in the Civil, Religious, and Literary History of the World from the Earliest Times to the Present Day. National Publishing Company, Cincinnati, O.; Memphis, Tenn.; and Atlanta, Ga. 1874. Agent for Canada, Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, Aurora, Ontario.

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