

poems are exceedingly melodious and tender, and his prose sketches graceful to the point of genius. (Pages xxxvii., 290, 407.)

The Hon. THOMAS D'ARCY M'GEE (1825-1868).—One of the greatest orators of the century, one of the first Canadian martyrs, and perhaps the noblest statesman the Irish race has produced, was assassinated at Ottawa on the 7th of April 1868 by an emissary of Fenianism, while returning home late from delivery of a stirring appeal in Parliament for goodwill to the new Confederation. "Jacques Cartier" is a favourite poem in Canada. (Pages 44, 213.)

ALEXANDER M'LACHLAN (1820—).—Is termed "the Burns of Canada." "It strikes me, however, as Artemus Ward used to say, that I would rather be 'the Alexander M'Lachlan of Canada' than the Burns of any place except Scotland. His spirited and courageous songs have won for him, among a large group of admirers, the title of 'the Grand Old Man,' and he was a short time ago presented by citizens of Toronto with a farm at Amaranth, Ontario. He is a sweeping but kindly Radical, whose social diatribes in verse are always interesting. Besides this he ranks well as a Scottish dialect poet." In 1840 he came to Canada, and worked on a farm; in 1845 published a small collection of his poems; in 1858, "Lyrics;" 1861, "The Emigrant, and other Poems;" 1874, "Poems and Songs." He has a vigorous way of describing rural things, and great sympathy with nature, as instance his "Hall of Shadows" and "October." In his sphere—a wide and national one—he has no like. (See Introduction. Pages 109, 115, 168, 392, 429.)

GEORGE MARTIN, Montreal.—For many years a photographer there. Published "Marguerite, and other Poems," in 1887. He was a friend of Charles Heavysege. When the latter's second Boston edition of "Saul" was proposed by the publishers, he was in considerable trouble on account of not having the money necessary, and confided himself to Martin. The latter, who had put aside a sum for publication of his own volume, generously lent it to Heavysege. "Saul" turned out a