

MARSHAL McMAHON.

We publish a likeness of the Duke of Magenta, better known as Marshal McMahon. He was born at Sully in 1808, and is descended from an Irish family, one of whom espousing the cause of James the Second in Ireland, and retiring to France on that cause being lost, became allied by marriage to the old French nobility. His descendant, the present Marshal, entered the army in 1825, distinguished himself in Algiers, took part in the operations against Antwerp in 1832, and rose through the several grades of the military hierarchy to be Commander of Division in the Crimea. To him was assigned the perilous task of assaulting the Malakoff. He also took a prominent part in the Italian campaign of 1859; was created a Marshal of France and Duke of Magenta, in commemoration of the victory of that name, to which his promptitude and skill so much contributed. On the breaking out of the present Prussian war he was appointed to the chief command on the Upper Rhine; but at Woerth seems to have been surprised and out-generalled. He was also the victim of a telegraph operator's mistake, whereby Gen. Faily failed to come up to his support. The result was that the greater part of his corps was destroyed, and the remainder only after much suffering, difficulty and delay, effected a junction with the army at Chalons. The Marshal is considered to be one of the ablest as well as one of the bravest of the French Generals, and has a seat in the Senate.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The Editors and Publishers of the *NEW DOMINION MONTHLY*, in soliciting the continued patronage of the public for the only monthly Magazine in the Dominion of a purely literary character, would point with gratitude and pride to the long list of talented contributors who have kindly favored it with articles and pieces during the three years of its existence. Among these may be instanced the late Hon. Darcy McGee, Dr. Dawson, President of McGill College;—J. G. Bourinot, Esq., Nova Scotia; Rev. Mr. Rand, Missionary to the Micmacs; Rev. Mr. Webster, of Ontario, whose sketches of the early history of the U. E. Loyalists are valuable contributions to the history of

Canada; and J. M. Lemoine, Esq., of Quebec, who has furnished similar sketches of the early history of French Canada. These names do not nearly exhaust the list of gentlemen who have sent interesting and important contributions to this Magazine, though they are among the most prominent and best known.

Of the ladies who have contributed valuable tales and sketches, "Alicia," of Kingston, author of "The Crucible," "Recollections of a Sewing Machine," and other tales; Mrs. Campbell, of Quebec, author of "Rough and Smooth," and many tales and sketches; Nell Gwynn, of Cobourg; Mrs. Rothwell, of Amherst Island; and others will be specially remembered with pleasure by the readers of the *MONTHLY*.

Nor are the poets less worthy of note than the prose writers of this Magazine. Heavysege, Reade, Calnek, Proctor, Withrow, are writers whose contributions would grace any periodical of Britain or America.

Neither is this stream of Canadian literary talent in the least exhausted. Almost every month sees a greater supply come to hand than there is room for, and there are many writers of talent in the different Provinces who have not yet written for the *NEW DOMINION MONTHLY*, some of whom it is hoped will do so in future.

With such a constituency of writers on the one hand, and such an ample field in which to obtain subscribers on the other, the question—Shall this magazine go down like all its predecessors in Canada? seems preposterous; and yet the publishers have been compelled to consider this very question annually on account of the awkward fact that it was not paying. The first year the circulation reached nearly 8,000; but the price was so low, and so much of it went for commissions, and the expenses of starting a magazine are so great, that there was less than no profit; and so for one cause or another with each succeeding year.

The *NEW DOMINION MONTHLY* is now, however, so well known throughout British North America, and the present season is so prosperous for all, or nearly all, the interests of the country, that the Magazine may be expected to share in the general prosperity; but to secure this end it will need the kind assistance of all its friends in the way of obtaining additional subscribers, as well as of its literary supporters in the way of contributing to the interest of its pages.