

OLIVER CROMWELL.

[Born at Huntingdon, April 25, 1599. Died at Whitehall, September 2, 1658. Lord Protector for 5 Years.]

This was one of the most illustrious men in English history. He was a private gentleman at Huntingdon, and had represented his native town in Parliament. He very soon became attached to the popular party, and was so disgusted with the conduct of the Government in the matter of the ship money, that he made up his mind to take his family to New England, in America, and was actually on board a vessel at Gravesend, when he was forced, by a Royal proclamation, to return. A few years afterwards he was returned to Parliament for Cambridge; and when the war broke out between the King and the Parliament, he raised a troop of horse. He soon rose to be colonel, and gained so many victories that he was made lieutenant-general, and a pension of £2,500 was given to him by Parliament. He defeated the Scotch and the Welsh, and became the most powerful leader in the army. He was one of King Charles's judges, and signed the death-warrant. Afterwards he went to Ireland, and put down an insurrection there; and terrible indeed was the manner in which he punished the Irish. He then marched to Scotland, and on the 3rd of September, 1650, gained the battle of Dunbar. Exactly a year afterwards, he defeated Prince Charles at Worcester, and the young prince was obliged to hide himself in an oak tree, and in other places, till he could escape to France. England was now ruled by the Parliament; but the members disagreed, so that regular government was difficult, and Cromwell went to the House of Commons with a military force, dismissed the members, and a few months afterwards, on the 16th of December, 1653, was made Lord Protector of England. He was offered the title of king, but refused it. He showed great ability as ruler. He defended the Protestants of the Continent against persecution; and, assisted by Admiral Blake and other great men, made England powerful and respected throughout the world. He died on the 3rd of September, 1658, and was buried with great state in Henry VII.'s chapel at Westminster. His son, Richard, succeeded as Protector; but he was a weak man, and resigned the office in six months' time. To put an end to the uncertainty as to the Government, General Monk, who commanded the army, invited Prince Charles to return; and the nation, tired of fighting and confusion, welcomed the Restoration.—*The Sovereigns of England.*

POETRY.

Indian Summer.

Just after the death of the flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season,
When nature is all aglow—
That rivals the beauty of Spring,—
Aglow with a beauty more tender
Than aught which fair summer could bring.

Some spirit akin to the rainbow,
Then borrows its magical dyes,
And mantles the far-spreading landscape
In hues that bewilder the eyes,
The sun from his cloud-pillowed chamber
Smiles soft on a vision so gay,
And dreams that his favorite children,
The flowers, have not yet passed away.

There's a luminous mist on the mountains,
A light azure haze in the air,
As if angels, while heavenward soaring,
Had left their bright robes floating there;
The breeze is so soft, so carressing,
It seems a mute token of love,
And floats to the heart like a blessing,
From some happy spirit above.

These days so serene and so charming,
Awaken a dreamy delight—
A tremulous, tearful enjoyment,
Like soft strains of music at night:
We know they're fading and fleeting,
That quickly, too quickly, they'll end,
And we watch with a yearning affection,
As at parting we watch a dear friend.

Oh! beautiful Indian Summer!
Thou favorite child of the year,
Thou darling whom nature enriches,
With gifts and adornments so dear!
How fain would we woo thee to linger
On mountain and meadow awhile,
For our hearts, like the sweet haunts of Nature,
Rejoice and grow young in thy smile.

Not alone to the sad fields of Autumn
Dost thou a lost brightness restore,
But thou bring'st a world-weary spirit
Sweet dreams of its childhood once more,
Thy loveliness fills us with memories
Of all that was brightest and best—
Thy peace and serenity offer
A foretaste of heavenly rest.

Public Opinion.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



Ministry of Public Instruction.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Lieutenant-Governor,—by an Order in Council, dated the 3rd inst.,—was pleased to make the following appointments:

MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

BEAUCE.

The Revd. Jean Thomas Alfred Chaperon, and Gabriel Narcisse Achille Fortier and Henri Duchesnay, Esqrs., in the room and stead of the Very Revd. Grand-Vicaire Proulx, and the Honorables Elzéar Duchesnay, deceased, and Judge Taschereau, resigned.

CHICOUTIMI.

The Revds. MM. David Roussell and Téléphore Boily, and Néron Tremblay, Esq., in the room and stead of the Revds. Joseph Hudon and H. Delage, and John Kean, Esq.

PROFESSOR IN LAVAL NORMAL SCHOOL, QUEBEC.

Mr. Joseph Letourneau, Professor in the above named Institution, in the room and stead of Mr. Norbert Thibault, resigned.

The Lieutenant-Governor, by an Order in Council, dated the 27th ult was pleased to appoint the following

SCHOOL COMMISSIONNERS.

Sacré Cœur de Jésus, Co. of Beauce: MM. Achilles Gravel, Hilaire Dodier, Gervais Couture, Philippe Cayouette, and François Laroche; Sacré Cœur de Marie, Co. of Beauce: MM. Joachim Delille, Hilaire Poirier, Godefroi Gamache, Ferdinand Bolduc, and André Perron; St. Malo d'Auckland, Co. of Compton: MM. Jean-Baptiste Paradis, Louis Boire, Flavien Laperte, Eléazar Leblanc, and Eléonor Robert; St. Columban, Co. of Two Mountains: Mr. Denis McCarthy, in the room and stead of himself;

Paspébiac, Co. of Bonaventure: M. Placide Aspirot, in the room and stead of himself, and M. Jean-Baptiste Horth, in the room and stead of M. Louis Brunet;

St. Denis, Co. of Kamouraska: MM. Stanislas Dionne and Paul Dionne, in the room and stead of MM. Etienne Henri Hudon and Alexandre Sansterre;

Laval, Co. of Montmorency: M. Jean Verret, in the room and stead of M. Célestin Thomassin;

St. Laurent, Co. of Montmorency: MM. Honoré Langlois and Pierre Brosseau, in the room and stead of MM. Honoré Côté and Jérôme Lapointe;

St. Marie de Blandford, Co. of Nicolet: MM. Théophile Lafèche, Pascal Poisson, Noël Beauchêne, Joseph Beauchêne, and Joseph Fournier; Hartwell, Co. of Ottawa: MM. Ferdinand Perrier, Suplien Proulx, Sévère Désabrais, François Daoust, and Hilaire Lavallée;

St. Mathieu de Rioux, Co. of Rimouski: The Revd. Mr. C. T. O. Bédard, in the room and stead of the Revd. Mr. A. Chouinard;

Aylmer, Co. of Ottawa: MM. George Archambault, and David J. Walsh, in the room and stead of MM. Alexis Marcoux and James McArthur;