

HISTORICAL NOTES.*

CANADIAN WHIGS OF 1776.—The Canadians who joined the Americans during the Revolution, were refused, on dying, christian burial by their clergy, and were interred outside of consecrated ground. This was insisted on in all cases where they did not acknowledge the error of their course, and express regret for it. It is related of one of these, that when the *curé* came to exhort him to avow his faults, he half rose from his bed and eyeing him scornfully, exclaimed, "You smell English!" then turned his face to the wall and expired.

LORD AMHERST AND GENERAL WOLFE.—In looking over a pile of letters of a worthy person now deceased, I find the following :—

Lord Amherst, the capturer of Louisburg, and conqueror of Canada, was a personal friend of my father (Collector for a long time of the Port of Halifax), who often related the following anecdote :—

"Wolfe, who was second in command, proposed to take Louisburg in ten days, if the General would intrust the enterprise to him, with the loss of not more than fifteen hundred men." Lord Amherst replied, "I will take it in six weeks without the loss of one." But he did not fulfil all the promise.

"INDIAN SCULPTURES.—Col. J. W. Foster recently presented the Chicago Historical Society four photographs of specimens of sculpture recently exhumed from mounds in Missouri, possessing a marked ethnological interest. The figures are totally dissimilar in outline and costume to the modern "Indian races. Col. Foster designs to present to the Smithsonian Institute a monograph on these valuable and rare archæological remains.

THE HON. THOS. D'ARCY MCGEE AND THE *BRITISH AMERICAN MAGAZINE*.

We have very much pleasure in calling the attention of friends of the *British American Magazine* to the following card, which has appeared in numerous Canadian papers :—

A CARD—THE CANADIAN MAGAZINES.

"Some months ago I promised a few literary friends here, and at Quebec, to aid them in starting a new Canadian Magazine—to be called the *National Magazine*. The project not having matured, up to the period of my late absence from Canada, and the *British American* having, in the meantime, been called into existence at Toronto, under the editorship of one to whom

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