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COLONEL BLACCER, who resides on the Bann side near Portadown, Co. Armagh, composed the thrilling Poem, entitled "Oliver's Advice," which was originally published in the *Dublin University Magazine* for 1835. The gallant Colonel is one of the oldest Orangemen in Ireland, and was a member of the Trinity College Lodge when a Scholar in T. C. D. At a subsequent period he was the principal in seizing a numerous band of Ribbon Conspirators, sitting in conclave and conspiring against the Government of the country. They attempted to swallow their treasonable documents, but he forced them from their throats, and succeeded in lodging them in a place where ample time was given to them for the most deliberate reflection !

OGLE ROBERT GOWAN, ESQ. the father of the Orange System in British North America, at present resides in Toronto. His father, Captain John Hunter Gowan, and his god-father, the Right Hon. George Ogle, M.P. distinguished themselves during the Rebellion of 1798. Mr. Gowan was for many years Secretary for the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, and it was under his auspices the present Grand Lodge of British North