



OLD FORT, NEAR ANNAPOLIS ROYAL,  
(From an old print.)

## Stray Notes.

One of the boys of a class that was being examined before the Rev. Sydney Smith, or other English wit, persisted in pronouncing the word "patriarch" "partridge." The wit declared that the boy was making game of the prophets.

On hearing two angry female disputants wrangling from the windows of their respective homes, on opposite sides of the street, the Rev. Sydney Smith remarked to his companion: "Those women will never agree, as they argue from different premises."

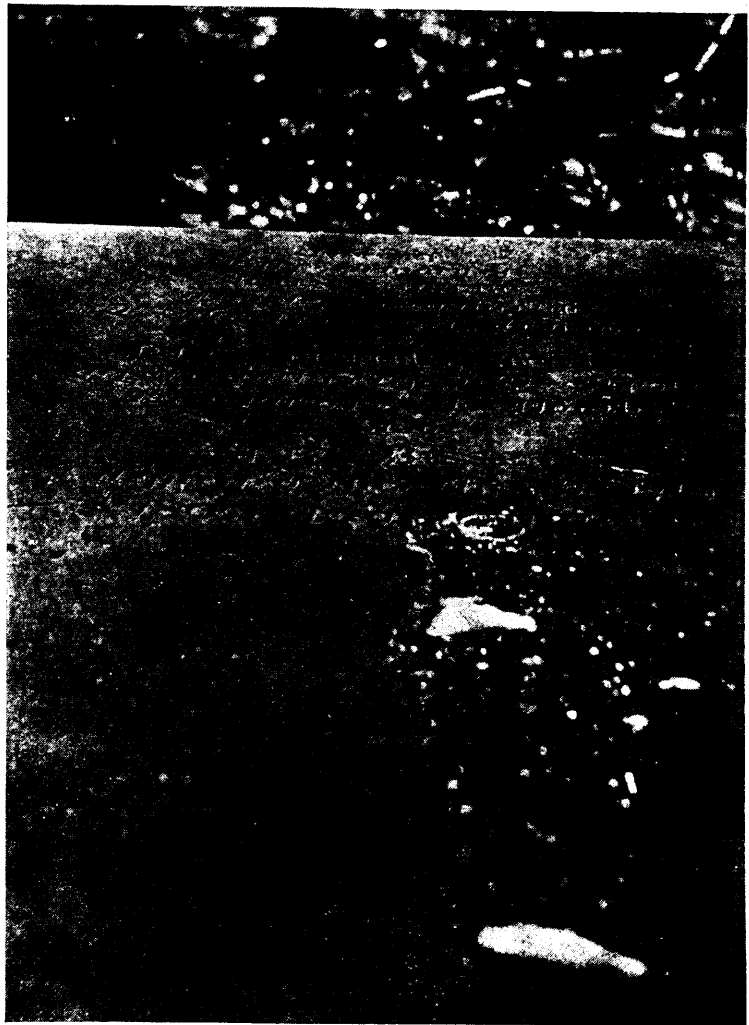
An Irish labourer was fixing a drain in front of the Rev. Dr. Abernethy's house. The wrathful doctor roundly abused the poor man for piling the stones before his door, and answered the offender's question as to where he should put them, by telling him to place them in hades. The other quietly said, "yer honour, if I put them in heaven they'll be more out of your way."

Two Irish duellists, of unequal size, confronting each other on the field of honour, the stout party demurred on the ground that he was more likely to be hit. The famous John Philpot Curran was present and suggested that the dimensions of the lean combatant be chalked on the person of his opponent, and that no bullet striking outside the chalk line should count.

An Irish beggar man once asked Sir Walter Scott to give him sixpence. Not having the exact coin named, he gave a shilling instead, and remarked to the son of Erin, "Remember, you owe me sixpence." "May yer honour live till I pay you," was the answer.

Old Hawkie, a noted character and wit of Glasgow, Scotland, was asked what he thought was the height of Nelson's monument on the "Green." He reflected a moment and said it was the height of d---d nonsense.

A sailor on rescuing a drowning man at Greenock was offered a shilling for his trouble, but indignantly refused the paltry sum. A bystander advised him quietly, to take the money, as the unfortunate man knew the value of his own life best.



OLDEST TOMBSTONE IN SOREL CEMETERY.