

INTRODUCTION.

The best introduction to this *brochure* will be found in the following extract from the *Toronto Morning Telegraph* of the 2d January, 1869.

A NEW YEAR'S CALL.

"In company with a friend, the writer of this paid a New Year's visit, yesterday, to a survivor of the Nile and Trafalgar, who will complete his *one hundred and seventh* year, if he should get through the cold season, on the 20th of March next. The veteran, who still retains wonderful possession of his faculties, is not exactly in a position to receive many visitors. His house—the better half of which is underground—the elevated section being framed of loose boards with no incumbrance of lath and plaster—is about ten feet square, and is remarkable chiefly for the perfection of its ventilation. It is well situated about three miles from the St. Lawrence Hall, and near to the ravine which runs parallel to Yonge street on the east side of that great thoroughfare. The furniture of the dwelling consists of a broken stove, two chairs, and two benches or cots, on one of which the old man makes his bed; the other being reserved for his daughter and her two children. The commissariat of the establishment, we must say, is but indifferently supplied. It consisted at the time of our visit of one whole pancake, and the half of another; a chunk of the saltiest imaginable pork, about half a pound in weight; nearly an ounce of green tea or something resembling it, and about two table spoonfuls of brown or rather black sugar; altogether a very frugal supply for a hero who was fighting by the side of Nelson, before one in a hundred of us was born. Some of our readers who fare sumptuously every day, might possibly be able to supplement the old man's winter stock. He gets a daily supply of milk through the kindness of Judge Morrison. And if we add that his name is Cordingley, and that his place of abode is easily reached by Yonge Street; a quarter of an hour or so from Yorkville being sufficient for the journey—we shall have possibly said enough to interest some good people in the subject of our notice.