

CONCERNING EXCHANGES.

"INTERESTING from beginning to end" is our verdict on the *Weekly Express* of Buffalo, N. Y. Judging from our exchanges New York and Connecticut are the two best newspapered states in the Union.

The *Meriden (Conn.) Recorder* is a proof of the correctness of the last remark. It is an independent newspaper, and spices up its daily dishes of news and politics, with a plentiful sprinkling of mirth provoking jokes. The "genial" Riggs is its leading spirit.

The *Observer*, a Thursday paper, published in Greenwich, Conn., has gone into the funny column business, and makes free with our name thusly:

Some girls are like old muskets; they use a good deal of powder but don't go off.—*St. John Torch*.

The Torch Know(les).

WOODSTOCK PRESS.—The Messrs. FLETCHER Bros. of Woodstock have commenced the publication of this new weekly. They propose keeping it independent in politics, and to make it essentially a news paper.

The *St. Louis Journal* is one of the leading dailies of the west. Each number being a complete synopsis of local and foreign news. EUGENE FIELD is its editor and humorous paragrapher.

THE LAWYERS should be thankful for one of the results of the incorporation of the St. John Law Society, and that is the establishment of Judge's Chambers in the new Law Library Rooms. Mr. Justice DUFF has announced his intention of holding Chambers, there, every Tuesday and Friday, unless prevented by Circuit duties. The next step should be the passage of a law authorising the holding of Equity Sittings in this City.

EARL BEACONSFIELD met with a fitting reception on his return from Berlin. The Colonies share in the triumph of the Empire—and are proud of the English Premier. This was apparent, so far as this city is concerned, in the hearty applause which followed Mr. KING's reference to Earl BEACONSFIELD, in his speech in Gardner's Building, on Monday evening. LORD CAHENS and LORD SALISBURY share with Lord BEACONSFIELD, in the honor of England's victory at Berlin.

THE HON. MICHAEL ADAMS, Surveyor General, and Hon. Mr. LANDREY, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, go back to their constituents for re-election, without the probability of opposition. The Government has certainly been strengthened, in its reconstruction.

AND NOW the Russians are reported to have outraged a British ship, and to be "going for" India. Thus they prove conclusively their anxiety for the preservation of peace.

THE unselfish courage shown by Mr. CHAS. YOUNG—in saving FENWICK FRASER, from drowning on Monday last, is worthy of honorable record.

Mr. Chas. Hilman is our only authorized agent to solicit subscribers for the Torch in this city and Portland.

PITHY PERSONALS.

—Brigham Young's heirs get \$21,000 each.

—Mr. Beecher went to California July 15.

—Farjeon, the English novelist, goes home in July.

—Elihu Burritt's last book is called "Chips from Many Blocks."

—P. T. Barnum is reported to be very ill in New York city.

—Mr. Bierstadt sailed last week for Paris; afterward, he will spend a year upon the Nile.

—Stanley, it is reported, will again set out for Africa; this time under the auspices of the King of Belgium.

—Bryant wrote "Thanatopsis" at eighteen, Dickens wrote "Pickwick" at twenty two and Bulwer wrote "Pelham" at the same age.

—The f. m. of *The Stamford Advocate* will shortly visit Toronto. Can-aids pass without these paragraphs, perigrinating promiscuously?—*N. Y. News*.

—Chrystal & Lukens have been foraging for wooden nutmegs. They crossed the Meridian at the usual hour and found nice Riggs awaiting them, to convey them about.—*Whitehall Times*.

—Messrs. Moody and Sankey are expected in Baltimore next winter to prosecute their mission as evangelists, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

—Union College has linked the degree of Ph. D. to Edison's name. The *Graphic* says it means Photograph Designer.

—President Hayes will spend part of the summer with J. B. Hayden, on one of the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence river.

—Thomas Nast, the caricaturist, with family, has sailed for Europe.

—Mr. Chas. E. Stowe, the son of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, has just been licensed to preach by the Congregational Association. He is a graduate of Harvard, and has studied at Bonn.

—Mark Twain, who is now in Germany, has written to his pastor in Buffalo to make the tour of Switzerland with him at his (Mark's) expense. The Reverend gentleman has accepted the invitation.

—J. C. Ayer left \$20,000 for his Ayers to fight over.—*Turner's Falls Reporter*.

The Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick has resigned, but he remains in office till his successor is appointed.—*Toronto's Grip*.

—Johann Strauss, within two months after his wife's death, has married again, his second spouse being Angelina Bitrich, a pupil of Prock, the Viennese singing master.—*Norristown Herald*.

The loss did not appear to dis Strauss him much.

—Messrs B. W. Wilkinson, of H. B. Claffin & Co., T. D. Adams—a brother of the Hon. Michael Adams, Surveyor General—who holds a prominent position with Messrs Claffin, Arthur D. Williams and James Dunne, legal gentlemen, were at the Hotel Dufferin on Tuesday en route to their New York homes after having enjoyed a glorious fishing cruise on the Tabosintac. The fact that they were the guests of the Hon. P. Mitchell, R. H. Call, E. G. and other whole-souled, good hearted Northerners, is sufficient guarantee that they had a first rate time. Mr. Anslow, of the *Advocate* was formed one of the party, gives a graphic and interesting sketch of the trip. On Tuesday afternoon accompanied by a couple of St. John friends, they drove out to Torryburn and were delighted with the Kennebecasis and its surroundings, and left by the evening train for New York.

"GOOD WORDS."

The Torch, of St. John, N. B., has sprightly dramatic items. It is a lively and well edited paper, and credits the *Mirror* straight along with all selections it makes from it.—*Philadelphia Dramatic Mirror*.

The St. John (N. B.) Torch is a bright scintillant light, which has recently appeared in the literary firmament. We know-les about it than we do many of our exchanges, but hope to know more, having placed it on our list of exchanges.—*Meriden (Conn.) Recorder*.

THE TORCH, published at St. John, New Brunswick, by Joseph S. Knowles, who is also its editor, is a bright and shining light in journalism, and its crisp paragraphs are quoted everywhere.—*Bridgeport Standard*.

WHAT THE EDITOR OF THE "STAMFORD ADVOCATE" THINKS OF THE "TORCH."—Hitherto the journalism of the Queen's Dominions to the north of us, while it has not been wanting in many features of excellence, has been notably lacking in those bright and crispy paragraphs which are so quotable and which, more than any other possible feature of a local journal, tend to carry the fame of a town or city to distant points, and make its name "familiar as a household word" throughout the length and breadth of the land." This is what the Torch has already done for St. John, New Brunswick. We suppose there are other weekly and even daily papers long established in that city, but the Torch in its comparatively brief career, has done more than all its local contemporaries combined, to advertise St. John, and attract to it a pleasant, wide and general attention. The Torch very ably supplies an element which has been conspicuous from its absence in Canadian journalism. It is bright, witty and original—abounding in those short paragraphs of blended humor and philosophy which often convey useful suggestions and often amuse the reader. The editor is Mr. Joseph S. Knowles.—*Stamford, Conn., Advocate*.

As the *Advocate* man, himself a brilliant writer, truthfully says, there are plenty of editors who are always sneering at those writers whose work is widely recognized and copied, while they are unable to attract the slightest attention. A town is advertised to the outside world more in six months by a good paragraph writer than it would be in a thousand years by those dull fellows who never succeed in writing what other journals think worth copying for the benefit of their readers. J. M. Bailey of the *Danbury News*, and Robert J. Burdette of the *Burlington Hawkeye*, have made the names of those places familiar to all the world by their brilliant paragraphs, and we could mention plenty of others who are doing the same good service for their respective towns. Sneers from jealous rivals only serve to show how envious they feel about it. With all due modesty we must say we know that the thousand of paragraphs clipped from and credited to the *Bridgeport Standard* and circulated in as many different papers all over the United States has done more than any one thing to make our beautiful city known to the outside world, and therefore we consider that we are doing a work which is indirectly a benefit to every one of our citizens.—*Bridgeport Standard*.

MR. PHILLIPS THOMPSON, of the Boston *Traveler* editorial staff, and a gentleman of high literary attainments, has authorized us to say that in future he will be a regular contributor to the Torch. Mr. Thompson, years ago established his reputation as a clever writer, under the nom de plume of "Jimel Briggs" in the *Toronto Telegraph* and *National*.

LADIES and gentlemen wishing choice bouquets can obtain fresh ones every day at the drug store of Mr. Chas. Lee, King street.