

the shadow of a ladder quite perceptible. 19th, lightning in evening in NW. 23rd, ordinary meteor in NNE, 30° high, fell towards NE. Fogs on 20th, 21st, 28th. Gales of wind on 1st, 2nd, 9th, 10th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 29th. Rain on 2nd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 21st, 28th. Month remarkable for calmness and freedom from storms of all kinds, the last three weeks especially fine, and reported as Indian summer.

PEMBRROKE.—On 2nd, lightning, thunder and rain. 22nd, rainbow. 29th, three shooting stars observed. Storms of wind on 2nd, 5th, 22nd, 31st. Fogs on 1st, 7th, 8th, 18th, 28th, and very dense on 16th and 19th. Snow on 5th and 9th. Rain on 2nd, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 17th. Nearly all summer birds have migrated; a few robins seen occasionally. Trees nearly stripped in the last of the month. Deer and partridge not very plenty this fall. Month unusually fine. Considerable sickness; colds prevalent and throat disease, with some typhoid fever.

PETERBOROUGH.—On 2nd, strong auroral light over NH at 8 p.m. in large irregular patches—presently streamers appeared, the light being considerably intensified where they sprang from the auroral light near H; the streamers danced and flickered and apparently moved rapidly from side to side; they extended at one time to Z, and formed, together with faint streamers which then for the first time appeared to the southward, a slight corona, which, however, faded away in about 12 minutes; before the hour for the next observation, the sky became overcast. 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, Indian summer. Fogs on 1st, 4th, 8th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 24th, 25th, 26th. Rain on 2nd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 21st, 28th. Month remarkable for the steadiness and mildness of the weather, as well as the almost total absence of the rains usual in that part of the autumn. The "oldest inhabitant" does not recollect so fine an October in this part of Canada.

SIMCOE.—Fog on 13th. Rain on 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 21st. The month presents nothing calling for remark here except the very delightful weather, and the wide range of barometer.

STRATFORD.—On 2nd, lightning, thunder and rain; at 9 p.m. large lunar halo. 19th, lightning. Indian summer from 16th to 21st, and 24th to 27th. Fogs on 1st, 14th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 24th, 26th. Rain on 2nd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 21st. Weather during the month very dry and pleasant.

WINDSOR.—On 1st, first frost of the season, injuring only the more delicate plants. 2nd, lightning, thunder and rain. 7th, meteors from Z to N. 14th, two meteors from Z to NW. 15th, three meteors from Z to SW. 23rd, meteor from N to E. 24th, first ice. Storms of wind on 9th, 16th, 21st, 26th. Fogs on 1st, 4th, 8th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 28th. Rain on 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 21st, 30th. Month unusually fine, with considerable barometric variation and high mean temperature.

IV. Biographical Sketches.

No. 32.—JOHN CAMERON ESQ.

The deceased was formerly cashier in this city of the Commercial Bank of Canada, and after his connexion with that institution ceased, he was elected member of Parliament for the county of Victoria. He represented the interests of his constituents faithfully during one Parliament, and was very active and successful in his efforts to open up for settlement the fine agricultural country in the northern part of the county. Mr. Cameron was a candidate at the recent election in North Victoria, but was unable to win success over the superior claims of a resident candidate, Mr. Morrison. Mr. Cameron was moderate in his political views and highly patriotic in his feelings. He held the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the militia at the time of his death, and during the Trent difficulty was very energetic in putting his battalion into an efficient condition.

No. 33.—THE REV. JOHN SMITHURST.

The late Mr. Smithurst was born in the County of Derbyshire, England, on the 9th of September, 1807, and, consequently, had he lived another week, he would have been sixty years of age. In his early youth he was intended for a mercantile life, and passed some time in the counting house of the celebrated firm founded by Sir Richard Arkwright. When his attention was turned to the clerical profession, Mr. Smithurst entered the Missionary College at Islington, under the patronage of the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East, whence he was ordained Deacon and Priest, somewhat later in life than usual, and was appointed Missionary and Superintendent of the Mission Farm near Fort Garry, in the Red River Territory. Here he remained about twelve years, ministering with great usefulness to both Whites and Indians, and acquiring a considerable amount of influence in the affairs of the Territory and Colony. At the end of this time he returned to England, but finding the climate unsuitable, after a tour on the Continent of Europe, he came out to Canada. He was employed for a short time on temporary duty in the Niagara district, and in the autumn of 1852, he was appointed to the Mission of Elora and Peel, in the County of Wellington. At this post he ministered until the end of the year 1857, when his health, which had never been sufficiently good for the duties of such a mission, compelled him to

retire to his property in the Township of Minto, where he passed the remainder of his life, improving, not merely his own estate, but contributing in a most marked degree, by his advice and example, to the advancement in moral and material welfare, of that fine township. As a settler, as a magistrate, as a municipal officer, and as a Clergyman, Mr. Smithurst's influence was most beneficial to those amongst whom he lived. He never entirely gave up clerical duty, although he was physically unfit for any severe or continued work of this kind, being unable to read or speak with comfort to himself.—*Church Chronicle.*

No. 34.—RECENT CANADIAN DEATHS.

—MR. SAMUEL SHERWOOD was the third son of the late Hon. Livius Sherwood. He was born in the town of Brockville, on the 31st day of October, 1819, and educated at U. C. College. He received the commission of ensign in the "Queen's Light Infantry," under Col. Hill, on the 1st of January, 1838, in which regiment he served on the frontier for three years. Among his brother subaltern officers was the present Premier of Ontario, Hon. J. S. Macdonald. Mr. Sherwood was with the detachment of his regiment that marched to the assistance of the 32nd and 34th regiments at Point Pelee. He was Chief of Police in this city for 7 years, and afterwards represented the ward of St. George, as alderman, for three years. He was appointed City Registrar in 1860, which position he held at the time of his decease. On the 15th of May, 1863, he was appointed captain in the 10th Royal Volunteer Regiment, in which (although suffering from ill-health at the time) he served as major on the frontier during the Fenian raid of 1866.

—MR. W. R. GRAHAME.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. R. Grahame, a gentleman well known in this country, and highly esteemed by his numerous friends and acquaintances. Mr. Grahame was son of the Rev. James Grahame, author of the poem on the *Sabbath*. He was for a number of years a resident in Vaughan where he settled when a young man, at the time when that part of the country was but thinly inhabited. He was a man of great ability, a good scholar, and of strong literary tastes and capabilities. He carried with him into the "bush" his love of learning, as his well-filled book shelves testified. He kept himself fully acquainted with the current literature of the day and delighted in the society of learned and literary men. A few years since he returned to Annan in Scotland, where he resided until his death.

V. Miscellaneous Friday Readings.*

1. THE SCHOOLMASTER'S DREAM.

(For the Journal of Education.)

One midsummer's day as the evening drew on,
The school was dismissed and the day's work was done,
The Schoolmaster sat in his old arm chair,
Resting a moment from trouble and care;
When Morpheus seized him and bound him in chains,
Which trammel the body but loosen the brains.
His mind being free followed Old Father Time,
Far, far through the future so distant—sublime;
And in a vagary (queer work of the brain)
He fancied the school in the school room again.
The room seemed to widen, the walls to recede,
A vast spreading plain seemed to be in its stead,—
So vast that the world was quite plain to be seen
With its multitudes busy, the bound'ries between.
The people seemed children let loose from their school,
Rejoicing to know they were free from its rule.
They gathered in groups all intent on some plan
Of gain or amusement peculiar to man,
The Schoolmaster looked on the wonderful scene,
Without a conjecture of what it could mean.
He sauntered among them and listened awhile,
The words that he heard made the old master smile,
For his maxims of wisdom and precepts received,
Gave strength to the weak and the weary relieved;
Greatly improved by the lessons he taught,
Though the Teacher, himself had long been forgot.
Then touching a bell he summoned them all,

* NOTE TO TEACHERS.—FRIDAY READINGS FROM THE JOURNAL.—Our chief motive in maintaining the "Miscellaneous" department of the Journal is to furnish teachers with choice articles selected from the current literature of the day, to be read in the schools on Fridays, when the week's school-work is finished, as a means of agreeable recreation to both pupil and teacher. Several teachers have followed this plan for several years with most gratifying success.