

sketch given by G. B.—and which has been cut from the *Fife Herald*, gives a very lively and correct portraiture of the Dr. There are a few points in it, however, which require to be noticed. He says that Dr. Taylor was upwards of 25 years in Auchtermuchty. In this expression the word upwards requires to be taken in its negative signification. The Dr. succeeded in Auchtermuchty to the Rev. Dr. Baird,—who had been removed to Paisley, where he still labours,—and he had not completed his quarter of a century by the time he came to the Fife. The biographer rather says that the Dr. studied Divinity and Medicine, whereas the Dr. following a course, not uncommon in Scotland with persons in comfortable circumstances, studied Divinity and Medicine at the same time. With these trifling exceptions, we believe the picture is complete. One word, however, would perhaps require to be explained. The biographer quaintly remarks, that "the Dr. is a great broker of the gospel," and in these days of share-brokers and pawn-brokers, the idiomatic meaning of the word may be lost sight of. We have no correct synonyme for it in the English language. The nearest approach to it is the word—*scouter*, a word which has so amplified a signification, that we could not apply it as a counterpart to the word broker. We must endeavour then to draw a sort of inferential meaning for it, by saying that the Dr. is very lavish in the use of the gospel, and consumes more of it in one sermon than would suffice many men for half a dozen. This, however, does not imply that he hawks it about in the share-market, or doles it out at an enormous usury. With this brief explanation we leave the reader to the perusal of the sketch, after having expressed our best, and most sincere wishes for the welfare, comfort and prosperity of the Dr. and his family.

ART IN THE PROVINCE.

Mr. Wheeler, Engraver King St., has favoured us with an impression of a new seal, which he has just engraved for the Toronto and Guelph Railway Company. The principal of the Seal, represents the Genius of Canada—a lovely and highly intellectual looking woman, standing on a platform in the Bay, her face turned towards the east. In her right hand, which is in an ascending attitude, she holds a bundle of wheat in the stalk; expressive of the staple of our country's produce. Her left hand is extended and perpendicular, the index pointing to the zenith, and the other fingers turned inwards to mark the motion of beckoning, as if the figure, in obedience to her motto,—*Onwards*—was beckoning to the hardy sons of toil, across the ocean wave, to come this way, and they would find happiness and a home in the vast region over which she as the genius of Canada presides. The general expression of the figure is very good, the symmetry well regulated and the drapery graceful and well displayed. In the back a representation is given of Toronto, and of a locomotive and a train of cars running along the esplanade to the depot. There is not so much grouping in this seal, as in several others we have recently noticed as emanating from the same source; but the work

is of a fine description, and such as to stamp this as the most finished seal Mr. Wheeler has yet given to the public. We wish him great success in his calling, and shall ever cheerfully record his progress.

PALEMON ON PROGRESS.

A few months ago your correspondent P. made a few remarks through the columns of a city Journal on a decision that had been come to in reference to the location of a professor of Theology in Toronto, and these remarks have exposed him virtually to a persecution as relentless and unsatiable, as it is puny and splenetic. In that article, after alluding to the decision, I said:—

If for the future prosperity of the Church a Professor is required, there is no spot in Canada West, so admirably adapted as Toronto for his location. It would be an unhappy circumstance that a Minister sent out here as Professor of Divinity should, previous to entering upon his sphere of usefulness, undertake the task of collecting a congregation in a thinly peopled locality, or small town, where his people might be so widely scattered that he would require to abandon one of the principal departments of a Pastor's duty, and thus enjoy the affection of only a limited portion of his flock; or else bid farewell to the hope of devoting himself faithfully to the training of students, in such a way as to ensure the future welfare of the Church. Besides all this, there seems in the one case, as in the other, the same "incompatibility with Constitutional and Presbyterian Law." Toronto is not only the Metropolis of Canada West, but it is the principal seat of learning. Here, students come from all parts of the country, to attend some one or other of the Colleges, as well as to be instructed in divinity, and it would seem desirable for the importance of the Church itself, that the Professor should take up his abode in the Queen City of the West. Very many of the lay members would hail such a consummation; and while the Mission Board are willing to pay all, or at least the greater part of his salary, it is matter of deep regret that their proposition should be so scornfully rejected. It may be deemed pecuniarily judicious that the future Professor should have a pastoral charge; but this is only a secondary consideration after all, and in the present instance, ought not to weigh against the promotion of the cause.

Although your little sheet takes no part in politics or religion, in order that it may be acceptable to all parties, I crave a large portion of your space this week to express my gratification that that professor has been located amongst us, and my joy at the great accession of literary talent of a high order that has thus been made to our city. I do so the more readily that the name of that professor in former years found a warm response in my heart, and his living representation dwelt the more sweetly upon my imagination as "distance lent enchantment to the view." The Rev. Dr. John Taylor of Auchtermuchty, in the kingdom of Fife,—Scotland—having accepted an invitation to be professor of Theology to the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, a valedictory service took place in Boston Church, Cupar, on the evening of Friday, the 28th of May last, when a very valuable presentation was made to the worthy Doctor, on his prospective departure to our Canadian Wilds. As the parties present may not be known to many of your readers it is perhaps enough to say that the

Rev. J. Rankine occupied the chair on the occasion. Dr. McKelvie of Balgownie—that sweet spot at the base of the Lomonds—on the banks of Loch Leven, where Michael Bruce first saw the light,—one of Dr. Taylor's oldest friends, addressed the meeting at some length, and passed a warm eulogium on the Dr. as a man of the greatest worth, talent, and christian character,—a man of firmness of character, integrity of purpose, and perseverance of mind,—a man whom the church at home could very ill spare, and who was parted from with the deepest possible regret. Then Mr. Rankine in presenting the testimonial thus alluded to the manner in which it had been got up. He said:—

Our original desire was to be: "circumstances present the Doctor with a copy of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," in 21 volumes, costing £20—a work so valuable in itself, and so appropriate in the circumstances in which he is placed;—but as the tide of liberality continued to rise—as the vein on which we worked proved so productive, our ambition also increased, and we aimed at putting into his hands, along with the Encyclopaedia, a copy of the "Critical Sacri, and Thesaurus," in 13 volumes folio, costing eleven guineas, and this also we have reached, and sincerely trust that the judgment of the committee, in making this selection, will meet with the cordial approbation of the subscribers. It has been our desire, not only to put into his hands a memorial of our esteem, but to equip him so far in professional armour—to furnish him with materials for training up a learned, pious, and devoted ministry—yea, to provide seed which, under the blessing of God, may yield an abundant increase, so that "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

The Rev. gentleman then turning to the Dr. addressed him in the following terms:—
Permit me now, my dear and honoured brother, in the name of the members of the Cupar Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, and other friends, to present you with this very handsome copy of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," along with the "Critical Sacri and Thesaurus," in thirteen volumes so, as a mark of our esteem for your character, admiration of your talents, and earnest desire for your future usefulness. Accept this gift as a memorial of the past—of past labours and past success—and as your eye rests on these handsome volumes, and as you gather therefrom the stores of learning and wisdom, think kindly of the friends from whom you are parted; and as we pledge ourselves to be mindful of you in our prayers, we would cherish the conviction that in your supplications at a throne of grace, we shall also have a part. The presbyterial tie by which we were united has been loosed, and ere long we shall be separated by the wide Atlantic; but being members of Christ, we are still "members one of another." Receive this our gift as an expression of our desire for your success in the important and highly responsible sphere of service on which you are entering. We anticipate great results from your present appointment—great good to the souls of men—great glory to our God. We expect to hear from time to time of your movements; and, as the school of the prophets is enlarged, we cherish the hope of yet seeing you amongst us an honoured, and sure I am, a welcome deputy from the sister Church in Canada. And should help be needed to give assistance in the erection of some suitable theological hall, we trust that the gold mine, which we have at this time merely touched, will then be worked to good purpose, when "for brass, we shall bring gold, and for iron, silver." And should this be denied us, may God give grace to us all, so to occupy our talents and the spheres of usefulness to which we have severally been appointed, that