

reply, so I wrote a note to the Rev. Robert Laird jr., and he forwarded it to his father Rev. Robt Laird sr. at Kingston, and in reply Mr. Laird sr. writes:

"I have no difficulty in answering the question. It was Robert, not David Laird who reported in conjunction with Mr. Kirwin in the session of 1857. I have a distinct recollection of him, but never learn-what became of him. The next winter I was in Edinburg and lost all connection with reporters of the time. I reported alone in 1856. Mr. Whelan was an able speaker and a clever writer. He was from Halifax. David Laird reported some years later."

ROBERT LAIRD.



Dear Sir,—I was well pleased with Mr. Fletcher's article in the November magazine. It called up recollections of boyhood. I wonder if Mr. Fletcher remembers the time when he lectured at Uigg on "Uncrowned Heroes?" Before the lecture began he came down to where we boys were enjoying ourselves. He happened to put his hand on my head, saying at the same that he hoped we would be quiet during the lecture. I said that I supposed his own oratory would command silence when he got agoing. This from so small an urchin took him a little by surprise, and he turned my face to the light and asked me my name. The lecture was well listened to, but I smile when I think of the part of it that interested me most. It was about Pat and Mike and the log that was to be rolled to the middle of a slope and then stopped. Pat tied a rope around the log and about his own waist. . . . "Pat came up to the log (laughter)—Pat went over the log (great laughter)—the log went over Pat—(great laughter)—Pat went over the log—the log went, etc. 'Well done Pat,' said Mike, when the bottom was reached, 'you were on top half the time'." (boisterous laughter).

M. L.



Sir,—In looking over a late number of the PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MAGAZINE I was glad to note the advance made in the Province in literature, etc., during the last twenty years. I am a descendant of one of the old settlers of Cascumpec and would be glad to assist Mr. A. Matthews in his history—there are many tales long forgotten of the Cross Roads, now Alberton. I was touched by the picture of the church and graveyard which illustrated the article on Alberton. I remember it well.—A P. E. Islander abroad.



A QUERY. Sir,—Can you or any of your readers furnish me with any information bearing on the fact, which has been stated to me, that John Cobbett—who afterwards became a member of the British Parliament and prominent in the Reform Party,—at one time resided in Charlottetown. I have been told that he