

as far as the eye can see. One may travel many a hundred miles in the valley of the great lakes without finding a prospect to match this in picturesque beauty. At the rear end of the house, as you step out of doors in the second story, you are in the grounds of the Old Fort, teeming with historical reminiscences, with the stump of the flag staff still standing where it was erected "long, long ago." On that spot, said to be the highest ground in the county of Essex, cast up as a defence against the threatening foe, stand huge poplars, black walnuts, maples, and the handsomest English lime the writer ever saw. Beautiful shade trees in front as well as in the rear, add very much to the loveliness of the place—a rural retreat which a poet might covet, and a prince be proud to own.

Mr. MacLeod has a library of about 3,000 volumes, the works of the standard European and American authors, from Dante and Chaucer to Tennyson and Bryant, from Froissart to Froude, Motley and Parkman, nearly all in the best editions for library purposes. It is the best private collection of books which we have seen in nearly a year's travels in Ontario. It is specially rich in illustrated works—Dante, Shakspeare, Milton, Don Quixote, etc., etc., with such works of Art as Hogarth, the Wilkie Gallery, Boydell's Shakspeare, and the like. Mr. MacLeod has the *London Illustrated News* complete for thirty-two years. He reads a great deal, and is thoroughly posted in European and American history.

NOTE.—One of the early and most prominent settlers at Amherstburg, was Francis Caldwell, who came to America in 1773; was an officer under Lord Dunmore, in an expedition against the Indians, in 1774, and was wounded in the battle of Ran-away; commanded a company at the storming of Norfolk, Va., in 1776, and was there wounded; was on the Niagara frontier from 1777 to 1780; whipped Col. Crawford by the aid of Indians at Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), O., in 1782; was Paymaster General in 1812; was at the battle of Fort Meigs, Frenchtown, Chippawa, Lundy's Lane, etc.; and was a member of the first Upper Canada Parliament, which met at Niagara in 1792. He died at Amherstburg many years ago.

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JOHN STOKES CLARKE, Pastor of the Canada Methodist Church, Oshawa, and son of John and Rose (Stokes) Clarke, was born in the town of Clones, in the north of Ireland, February 8, 1833. His father was a merchant and Clerk of the Peace, the ancestors leaving England about the time of William III., the family holding various civic and important positions in the County of Monaghan, Ireland. Our subject received his literary education in the old country, his tutor being the Rev. William White, a Presbyterian Minister.

In his seventeenth year he came to Canada West; studied Theology in the Methodist School at Toronto; entered on the ministry in 1854, and has since been pastor at Barrie, London, Bradford, Napanee, Grimsby, Thorold, Whitby and Oshawa, three full years at each