

stoutly, as brave as "Fitz James," with his pistol clubbed, when his son, Gustavus William Tidmarsh, who was as heroic as his father, then only "12" years of age, and was acting as his father's second, exclaimed vehemently: "Papa, tell him to shoot and be d—d to him." Fortunately for Governor Wright, he had wounded Governor Lloyd in his right arm, causing his hand to give way. Governor Wright was wounded in the foot, which ended the difficulty. Robert, son of the Governor, fought a duel with Alexander Stuart, who lived at "Denbeigh," not far from Mrs. Charles Dorsey Wright's well-ordered home, "Peace and Plenty." Robert was shot in the shoulder. Gustavus William Tidmarsh, son of Gov. Robert Wright, fought a duel with Benjamin Nicholson. Both of these gentlemen expected to be killed, and their escape was most marvelous, as they stood but six feet apart and each one had two shots.

"Both looked to sun and stream and plain,  
As what they ne'er might see again."

At the first fire, Nicholson was shot in the hand. The second ball entered his side. The wound being considered mortal, the affair ended. Nicholson recovered and fought under Brigadier-General Pike, in the war of '12, who, with 300 of his men, was blown up at Little York, now Toronto, Canada, by the explosion of a powder magazine 13th May, 1813.

This memorable duel between Gustavus W. T. Wright and Benjamin Nicholson was fought at "Slippery Hill," near Queenstown, on the Piney Neck road, not far from Governor Grason's hospitable old home. This is one of the many historic spots around Queenstown, where a battle was fought in the war of '12. There is a tree, not far from the dwelling, under which a British soldier was buried. This property is now owned by the Reeves' family, and still bears its time-honored name, "Slippery Hill."

Mr. Gustavus W. T. Wright fought a duel, too—with Captain Watson, whom he killed. Clinton Wright had a duel with Lieutenant Jarmin. They had two shots. At the second shot Wright was wounded in the arm. After this he fought another duel with Major Hook. Wright was shot down at the first fire, and proposed to Hook, not being able to rise, to lie side by side and 'take another shot.' His second objected to this, but agreed that if they could make Mr. Wright stand he and Hook could again exchange