

Aberdeen entitled "Through Canada with a Kodak," giving rapid and graceful sketches of their Excellencies former sojourn and travels in the Dominion; and no one could accuse the author of taking a pessimistic view of our country and life, to which she gives a fuller and fairer justice than the British traveller, as a rule, is apt to do. Probably the secret of this may be found in the broad and unfailing sympathy with human life, even under unfamiliar and unconventional conditions, which shines through all her editorials and addresses in the Magazine. Her editorial paragraphs are always bright and pointed, and full of advice and suggestions, which show clearly that she is herself a practical housekeeper, able therefore to counsel others, and inspired also by that loving desire to help which alone can make counsel acceptable to those who stand in need of it. The varied contents of the pleasant pages include stories of various lands, sketches of interesting persons and places, historical and other questions for answers and competitions, hints for household work, and suggestions "How to make home happy." For mothers and daughters, more especially, it contains much that will be found most interesting and useful.

The little companion magazine, suggestively entitled "Wee Willie Winkle," ought to be as welcome to the little ones, as "Onward and Upward" to the maturer members of the family. It grew out of the "Children's Corner" in the older magazine, which was from the first in charge of the same youthful editor, who, as the title page informs us, is assisted by her mother, as editor of "Wee Willie Winkle." The task is evidently a labour of love to both editors, and besides the usual features of stories, questions, games, puzzles, etc., one of its most original and attractive features consists of the letters from its young readers, who are encouraged to send in descriptions of short stories, of any thing or event that may have specially interested them. The opening number of the present volume contains many interesting sketches of Christmas doings in various countries,—chiefly, of course, in Scotland,—written by children of ages varying from nine to fifteen. The stories and sketches from older pens are admirably illustrated, especially those of children and animals, which are calculated to give much pleasure to the juvenile reader, besides enforcing many a needed lesson in humanity to the dumb creation. The "Classical Legend of Some Antiquity" will delight many small readers who will be somewhat mystified by this new name of an old friend. In the bright little prospectus addressed to Canadian children, these are invited to send in their letters for "the bairns in other countries" to read. They are asked to tell "what you are learning at school—how you like your lessons—how you manage your games—how you spend your evenings—how you get up your clubs, picnics, lacrosse-matches—all about your friends, your pets, and all about yourself—how you go fishing, boating, canoeing, how you go skating, snow-shoeing and tobogganing—where you go in summer, and what you do in winter."

In the companion prospectus, intended for the parents, one of the objects for this invitation is thus explained:—"Amongst other competitions, children are invited to join the Good Gossip Club, to which reports are to be sent of all kindly, heroic, noble deeds and words of which the children hear, as well as any amusing or pathetic incident or anecdotes concerning animals or

birds. It is hoped that this will encourage the young people to look out for all that is good in those among whom they live, instead of catching the habit of repeating ill-natured, evil and untrue gossip.

Presbyterian readers, especially of Scottish descent, should feel a more special interest in these magazines, since the fact that our Governor General and his family belong to their own Church gives assurance that its concerns will not be overlooked, when suitable for introduction in their pages. Here we think the pleasant task of introduction may fitly close, for enough has been said to indicate the character of visitors who are sure to give pleasure whenever they arrive and whose arrival is not at all likely to be considered too frequent.—FIDELIS.

Revival. For some three weeks revival services have been held in Montreal by the noted evangelist, Rev. B. Fay Mills. Hundreds of Christian women have met daily for prayer, and the St. James Methodist Church, with a seating capacity of 2,500, has been largely filled in the afternoon and taxed to its utmost capacity every evening to hear Mr. Mills. Thursday has been held as a mid-week Sabbath, as many as four and five services being held on that day. Hundreds of cards have been signed by young and old, indicating a desire to "henceforth lead a Christian life," and sent to their respective pastors. The meetings closed on Sabbath last, and now the churches will carry on the work, each in its own way, gathering in the harvest.

Rome's New Missionaries. No Church is so fertile in expedients, or so adroit in diverting her people, as the Church of Rome. Order after order of priests and nuns has come from Europe, flourishing its vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, each one, in its turn, soliciting alms from the people, buying costly property, and erecting costly buildings thereon, ostensibly for the good of the people, really for the glorification of itself. The latest order is that of *Agricultural Missionaries*, whose function will be to induce people to take up land in the wilds of Northern Quebec, to allure them to return from the States and settle thereon, and possibly to teach them the elementary principles of farming. The people once settled, will no doubt be taxed for a big church and convent, their farms mortgaged, and, driven by oppression, they will seek relief in the factories of New England—the old story.

The Nestor of Methodism. There has fallen out of the ranks of Canadian Methodism in the person of the Rev. Dr. Douglas, Principal of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, the most illustrious of all her sons. And this is saying much, for she can boast of some stalwart children. As an orator he had few if any equals, and no superior, in Canada, and as a Christian minister he was attractive, zealous, and eminently successful. His physical disabilities were great, loss of sight and severe rheumatic affection—yet he stood at his post, in the College, until within a few weeks of his death, doing his duty as a true Christian hero. His example of self-denying devotion is fitted to make a deep and lasting impression upon the young ministers whom he trained during the twenty years of his connection with the College. He was a great favourite with the Christian public, and his voice was ever eloquent in behalf of every good cause, and in the denunciation of wrongdoing, whether in high places or low. He was one of the greatest gifts of the Presbyterian Church of Methodism.