

## REVIEWS.

WE very cordially welcome the March number of the *Andover Review* as a decided acquisition to the more advanced literature of our humble sanctum table. Its trim blue cover is not exactly in accord with its advanced theology, but rather suggestive of the traditional theology which for ages has been regarded as pre-eminently "true blue." We had heard before of this *Review* as the leading exponent of the so-called "progressive theology" of our time. We heartily welcome anything that is progressive in the line of advanced thought, and while we shall exercise due caution before committing ourselves to the *Andover* as the *ne plus ultra* of theological thinking, we shall very carefully and very impartially study its pages. The first article in this number on "Reason and Revelation" is an able paper from the advanced standpoint of evolutionary theology, but very far indeed from being invulnerable to criticism. Of the two brief editorials of this number the first is a sensible discussion of "the Signs of Spiritual Energy in the Church." But the second on the "Noteworthy Controversy" now in progress in the *Nineteenth Century Review* is decidedly progressive. The theme of this controversy is the old vexed question of the account of the creation given in the first chapter of Genesis. The combatants are Mr. Gladstone, that marvelous encyclopaedia of knowledge of all subjects,—from "Home Rule," to the higher criticism of Professor Drummond, of "Natural Law in the Spiritual World" fame—on the old lines; and Professor Huxley and Dr. Reville on the new. The editor of the *Andover* sides with the new view, and strikes out vigorously from the shoulder at both the statesman and the theological professor, nor hesitates to commit himself to this very advanced attitude. "The inaccuracies of the account (of the creation in 1st Gen.) make it difficult to believe that it was given to men directly by God." This is decidedly hard on inspiration. But our space is limited and so is our knowledge. Let the *Andover* come on. We shall as honest seekers after truth—and not mere absorbers of traditional theology—"read, learn and inwardly digest" its contents. The young men of Queen's who are looking forward to the ministry of the gospel are taught to follow truth, even if that should involve the throwing overboard of "the traditions of the fathers."

There is much interesting and instructive reading in the *Andover Review* apart from its new and progressive theology.

"OUTING," an illustrated monthly magazine, published in New York by the Outing Company, is more than welcome to our table. Its fine artistic cover, its soft heavy paper, its bright breezy pages, are redolent with the breath of the coming spring. Their hearts delight here for the athlete, the cyclist, the canoer, the cricketer, the camper, the angler, and indeed the "Outer" of all classes. It is a charming magazine of manly sports.

And when the dreary ordeal of the finals are over, the *Outing* will find an honoured place beside our hamper in our summer rambles in fields and forests,

"On hills, through valleys and on river's brink."

One doesn't know what to admire most in this bright magazine, its exquisite illustrations, its sprightly and varied reading, or its long list of distinguished contributors. Even its poetry is fragrant with "field and wood," with "bird and brook."

"Of winds and waves, and heaven's starry brook."

It makes us wish that these dreary winter days were over that we might grasp our fishing rod and away, away

"Far above Cayuga's Waters."

The publisher of *Outing* deserves the thanks of all for both his ink and pencil pictures of manly recreation. They are the nearest approximation to the real thing that we have had since the glorious September days ago.

## DIVINITY HALL.

THERE are only four lady missionaries to every million of women in India.

Dr. King has received £100 for Manitoba College from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland.

In the Christian life there is no firm indurance without constant labor for Christ.

"We ought to make our politics religious" says Mr. E. Crossley, M. P., "but not our religion political."

"Young men keep your record clean" were the last words of John B. Gough.

Queen's sends 10 men this year, we hear, to the North West. Six of these are sent by the Missionary Association.

We hope that if the eleven Seniors soon to leave the Hall don't "strike oil" in eleven months they will give up *boring*.

A minister to be successful, says Mr. Moody, must get rid of all personal ambition; it is a long road for a man to get to the end of himself, but a minister has to do it.

The Presbyterian Church in Chicago of which Rev. Dr. Kittredge is pastor, has the largest weekly prayer meeting in America. The lecture room seats a thousand and is usually full.

The U. P. Presbytery of Ireland has passed resolutions against Home Rule, and in favor of the present unsectarian, as opposed to a denominational system of education as being best suited to the wants of the people and just to all parties.