

Niagara by the Society's Bard, Mr. M'Killop The historian of Canada will meet with papers of interest on the settlement of the townships of Aldborough in Elgin and Locheil in Glengarry by Sheriff MacKellar and Archibald MacNab, ex-M. P., respectively. He who would go further back into the past, will learn from the pen of the late Rev. D. W. Rowland that the Madoc, or Welsh Indians had no real existence; and the Rev. A. M'Lean Sinclair will discuss with him the question, "Are the Kelts of Kimmerian Origin?" To philologists the Rev. John MacKay's paper on Gaelic Substantive Verbs should prove attractive. The late Mr. Neil Brodie and the late Rev. Neil MacKinnon, have left as their literary memorials two articles entitled respectively "Ought the Celtic Language to be Continued?" and "The Highlanders and the Gaelic in Canada"; while Mr. Hugh MacColl's contribution is on "Gaelic Poets in Western Ontario and an Old Settler's Narrative." The first article of all is by the honoured President of the Society, the Rev. Dr. MacNish, and is the translation by Gaelic of a tablet in cuneiform character, but in a supposed unknown language, found at Tel el Amarna in Egypt, whither it was sent in the 16th century B.C., to Amenophis III. by a Syrian monarch named Tarkhundaras. This tablet is No. 7 of Dr. Winckler's Collection I see, by the London *Times* of December 4th, that Major Conder proposes to translate Dr. Winckler's No. 27, which is in the same language, by a Mongol or Tartar dialect, but, as in the case of his Hittite translations, he fails to furnish proof of having done so beyond the mere presentation of his long English version. Neither Dr. MacNish nor I have yet had this No. 27 under our eyes. In the meantime, the scientific method of my distinguished colleague, and the unreserved honesty of his statement of proof, give to his version the claim of priority and correctness of reading. I have no hesitation in saying that my acquaintance with over 400 Hittite documents of all ages precludes the possibility of these Tel el Amarna tablets being, as Major Conder contends, of Hittite origin. They are most certainly Midianite, and, almost as certainly, Celtic.

The printed proceedings of the November meeting of the Society of Biblical Archæology are singularly small and poor. The Rev. James Marshall has a learned comparison of Points of Resemblance between Ancient Nations of the East and West; the President, Mr. Renouf, furnishes Egyptological notes, and Mr. F. L. Griffith continues his account of the Rhynd Mathematical Papyrus The Transactions of the Canadian Institute for the current year contain Dr. MacNish's paper on "Surnames and Place-names of the Isle of Man" Mr. Alan Macdougall writes on the Boeothick Indians, of whom the Rev. Dr. Patterson, of New Glasgow, N.S., has also made a study. Mr. Arthur Harvey's article on Bone Caves was copied in the *Week* of December 18th. Other contributions are Notes on Nickle by George Mickle; The Luminiferous Ether, by J. M. Clark; Art in Canada to-day, by