

pathos and beauty it reminds us much, without being in the least an imitation, of Tennyson's earlier idylls of the "Dora" class. We give it welcome as a noteworthy addition to our nascent literature.

Memoirs and Remains of the Rev. Walter Inglis, African Missionary and Canadian Pastor. By the REV. WILLIAM COCHRANE, D.D. Brantford, Ont. Toronto: C. Blackett Robinson.

Dr. Cochrane has here paid a worthy tribute to a noble life. The story is one of characteristic Scottish energy and success. The lad, inured to toil, wins his way to Edinburgh University, and to a theological college, becomes a missionary among the Bechuanas and a champion of the oppressed, shares the expulsion of the missionaries by the Boers, comes to Canada and wears out his life as a faithful pastor in the town of Ayr. Not merely to his own congregation and personal friends, but to all who admire consecrated culture and active Christian service, will this memorial prove interesting and profitable reading.

Land, Labour and Liquor. By the REV. WM. BURGESS, with an introduction by MAYOR HOWLAND. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. Price \$1.00.

Mr. Burgess has for many years been an active temperance worker, both in the Old World and the New. But we think he never rendered more valuable service to the temperance cause than in the preparation of this volume. As Mr. Howland remarks in his introduction, the great weight on the back of the wage-worker hindering his rise, which would otherwise be rapid in this freest of all countries, is the liquor trade. This thesis Mr. Burgess amply proves with great array of statistical tables and diagrams, and with convincing argument. The book will be a perfect mine of in-

formation on all social and economical questions connected with the temperance cause.

The Victorian Half Century—A Jubilee Book. By CHARLOTTE M. YONGE. London and New York: Macmillan & Co., and Methodist Book Room. Price 35 cents.

This is a very attractive review of the reign of Her Gracious Majesty by one of the most accomplished writers of the Victorian era. It has a good portrait of our widowed Queen, and introduces sketches of the principal events of her life.

Building, An Architectural Weekly. W. J. Comstock, New York. 15c. per number.

This is an admirably conducted periodical. The designs are fresh, piquant, and abreast of the great architectural movement of the times. All about to build private residences, civic structures or churches can learn much to their advantage from its pages.

THE ACADIAN SCHOOLMASTER.

Of the many noble and beautiful characters described in the writings of George W. Cable, we know none to surpass the Acadian Schoolmaster in the short story of "Grande Pointe" in the March number of *The Century* magazine. His unsophisticated innocence, his love for the children and enthusiasm in teaching, not merely the rudiments of learning, but nobility of soul, and his quaint English, make him a most winsome, delightful character—a study for the whole teaching profession, worthy to be classed for devotion to his calling with the world-renowned Pestalozzi. Compared with the inspiring stories of Cable, with their noble moral motive, the uninteresting photograph of commonplace persons and everyday life by Howells is, to our taste, but "as moonlight is to sunlight, or as water unto wine."