

## LITERARY NOTES.

That the public press of the Dominion has received a valuable addition in the new Conservative journal is a fact that no one will deny. The *Empire* is a paper of great promise, and seems to be a fitting exponent of the views of the most powerful party in Canadian politics. It numbers on its staff men who have been well known in every department of journalism, and in many cases it has obtained the services of the best writers in the columns of the other large dailies. Its city and Canadian news is copious and more complete than any other newspaper in Ontario. The foreign news cannot be said to equal at present the *Mail's*, but doubtless as the *Empire* widens its connection this department will be better equipped. The tone of the young journal is marked by a manly Conservatism, and by a patriotism and belief in Canada's prosperity, which is refreshing after the pessimistic views on this question that the *Mail* and *Globe* delight to indulge in.

In the *Century* for December, appeared the following address, the farewell of Abraham Lincoln to his friends and neighbours, on his departure from Springfield to assume his position as President at Washington. We consider it a perfect model:

"MY FRIENDS: No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him, who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

CRICKET ACROSS THE SEA; or, The Wanderings and Matches of the Gentlemen of Canada, 1887. By Two of the Vagrants.

Such is the title of a book which has just been published, neatly bound, and containing an official record of the doings of the team.

On the fly leaf is a cabinet size photograph of the team reduced from one taken at Portsmouth, where they were playing the United Service Club, and which is by far the best one taken. This photograph alone would be inducement enough for any cricketer to secure a copy; and when we find combined with this, entirely new accounts of all the matches, interspersed with anecdotes and experiences amusing and otherwise, we think the success of the book assured.

On account of the small number of copies to be printed, this venture must necessarily be a work of love in the interests of Cricket; and, indeed, the object of the authors is so set forth in their preface; and more especially as the price is only 50c. It is hoped that the public in general, and cricketers in particular, will make a point of securing at least one copy of this book.

Undergraduates wishing to secure copies can do so by sending in their names to Mr. J. S. Broughall, together with 50c per copy ordered.

Subscribers can secure copies by writing Mr. Edward Taylor, York Chambers, Toronto, and enclosing price of book and postage.

## BISHOP COXE'S BALDWIN LECTURES.

By the courtesy of the Bishop of Western New York, we have received a number of references to the Catechism of the Council of Trent. We ought to say that, after the notice of his work appeared, we discovered some references in another part of the volume which we had overlooked. We may also remark that we have compared the following extracts with the context, and we believe that they fully bear out the Bishop's statements in his Lectures:

The *Catechismus Romanus ex Decreto Concilii Tridentini*—Concerning the Sacrament of Order, Quæst xii.

"It must then be thought that, according to the uniform tradition of the Catholic Church, the number of these orders is seven, and they are called porter, reader, exorcist, acolyte, sub-deacon, deacon, priest." [These are the *Holy orders*; the former *minor orders*.]

Again Quæst xxii.

"The third and *highest degree* of all the Holy Orders is the Priesthood. The Ancient Fathers distinguish persons endowed with the priesthood by two names, sometimes calling them *presbyters*, they also call them *priests*."

Again Quæst xxv.

"The priesthood, although one, has yet different *degrees of dignity and power*: The first is that of those who are simply called *priests*; the second is that of *bishops*; the third degree is that of *archbishops*, etc."

## COLLEGE NEWS.

The conversazione takes place this year on Tuesday, February 7th. Active preparations are now being made for the coming event, and the affair will doubtless be more successful than ever. The invitation cards, which are quite elaborate, were issued at the beginning of last week. The following gentlemen constitute the different committees: Invitation—Martin, Broughall, Norgate; Music—Houston, Plummer, Johnstone; Printing—Shutt, Tremayne; Finance—Houston, Shutt, Bedford-Jones, A. C.; Refreshment—Shutt, Haslam, Stevenson; Decoration—Bedford-Jones A. C., Lowe, McGill, Smith, White, Towner; Reception—Cayley, Tremayne, Houston, Martin, Broughall, Norgate, Bedford-Jones H. H.