

of one hundred ever see anything. Vennor's Almanac is essentially a book of probable facts founded on observation. The author is an "out-of-door" man, and writes about "out-of-door" facts; he has, as stated, lived in the weather, and Weather and the author have become very familiar with each other for a number of years, and no wonder then that, having watched her eccentric courses, he has made sound prognostics of what she is about. There is also in the Almanac a very telling feature, and one that will enlist a goodly number of admirers,—we allude to the scheme of inviting his readers and observers to become fellow meteorologists, and write on the memoranda page the record of the weather, the wind, and the thermometrical observations of their locality; then, by comparing the line with the past character of the corresponding day and year, a barometrical analysis is instituted. This is very interesting, and will give a scientific and useful bent to those interested in weather predictions. It is easy to observe the mould of the author's mind,—he has the properties of a thorough naturalist; he loves the creation, whether in the heavens above or on the earth beneath; the habits of both bird and beast are pressed into the service, and consulted as to what they think of the weather, and their habits are registered, showing that wild geese, like other *geese*, make mistakes. We can cordially recommend this interesting little book as a cheap and useful (two important items) present for the New Year of 1877.

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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT upon the Births, Marriages,
and Deaths, in the City of Providence, for the year 1875.
By Edwin W. Snow, M. D.

This Report is very concise and clear, and reflects credit on the compiler, and shews that Providence is as healthy if not healthier than the majority of American cities. There was but one death from small-pox, and he a man of foreign parentage. This grand result is obtained by vaccination. Evidences of full protection from small-pox are required of all children entering the Schools of Providence. When will this be the case in Montreal?