

which may be found in fuller form in any of the volumes of biographies lately published :

William Kingsford, C.E., LL.D., was born in London, England, December, 1819. He was educated in his native place and came to Canada with the 1st Dragoon Guards. Retiring from the service in 1841 he entered the employ of the city surveyor, Montreal, and was connected with that department for some years. At this period of his life he went to the United States where he assisted in the construction of the Hudson River Railway and went subsequently to Panama, where he was engaged in laying the line of the Panama Railway. Returning to Canada he was employed to make surveys on various parts of the Grand Trunk line, after which he held for a short time the position of chief engineer of the city of Toronto, and again entered the employ of the Grand

Trunk Railway. After a period of six years spent in Europe, during which time his professional services were largely in demand, he returned to Canada and was again employed by the Canadian Government. In 1880 he entered the services of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and was connected with this company for some time. Possessed of strong literary ability he has written much on historical subjects, and is the author of an extensive "History of Canada," from the time of its early settlement up till 1841, the date of the union of Upper and Lower Canada. Among his other works are "The Canadian Canals, their History and Cost"; "The Earliest Bibliography of Canada"; and "Impressions of the West and South." He received the degree of LL.D. from Queen's and Dalhousie Universities, and was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

MAGAZINE AND BOOK REVIEWS.

Many biographies in the past have appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*. Of late years distinguished people have contributed the story of their own lives, and of these few could be more interesting than The Autobiography of a Revolutionist, by Prince Kropotkin. It has also been announced that Mrs. Julia Ward Howe's Reminiscences will be begun in the November number. Prof. William James, of Harvard, will shortly contribute a series of six papers dealing with the relation of Psychology to the Art and Practice of Teaching.

The October *Book Buyer* contains, along with other interesting matter, "Some Recollections of Aubrey Beardsley," by Penrhyn Stanlaws. Mr. Stanlaws appears to be one of the very few people who ever saw Beardsley at work. There is much that is pathetic in the recollection of that

singular artist's short and apparently almost futile life.

With a certain amount of gratitude one finds the October *Century* almost free from the late war. Chester Bailey Fernald, it is true, contributes a tale of war correspondents, entitled "The Yellow Burgee," which might be supposed to have wrecked his future if war correspondents are as powerful as they appear to be in the United States; but the Oxford and Cambridge race is as far from the tendency of conflict as possible. Prof. Wheeler, of Cornell, is to begin a life of Alexander the Great in the November issue.

Littell's Living Age for October 15th contains a most interesting review of Helbeck of Bannisdale, from a Catholic standpoint, taken from the *Nineteenth Century*. It surely will be a matter of regret to many of the readers of this weekly that the page of