

esses a vein of humor, and chronicles some quaint sayings. The book is thoroughly pure, and, although some of the dialogues are a little wordy and uneventful, there is sufficient interest in the narrative to lead the reader on to the close.

Another of Messrs. Drysdale's publications is *The Birds of Montreal*, by Ernest D. Wintle. This is externally a very respectable looking 280 page book, with a hideous title page, suggestive of an hour-glass, and a few inartistic illustrations.

Though not an ornithologist myself, I have lived and talked much with those who knew or know all about Wilson and Audubon, LeMoine and McIlwraith, and have had opportunities of examining many valuable public and private collections of the taxidermist's art. Classification must have changed since my student days in natural science, for Mr. Wintle makes a commencement with the Divers. To the scientific student and to all lovers of birds, however, his book should be dear, for his descriptions are complete, yet simple, and occasionally are accompanied with semi-historical notes of much interest. The last fifty pages of the volume, printed in smaller and newspaper-looking type, contain a compilation by my friend, Mr. David Denne, entitled *Original Sporting Sketches*. These sketches, several of which are from Mr. Denne's own facile pen, are bright and clever, and should find favor with the disciples of the rod and gun. Mr. William McLennan's "Feesh," is a charming piece of habitant English. Sir James LeMoine of Quebec, and the Rev. Duncan Anderson of Chaudière Basin, both distinguished ornithologists, will appreciate the book, as would have done the Talker's revered father, who bequeathed his copy of Wilson's *Birds of America* to his grandsons, already familiar with most of our Canadian feathered tribes. Such knowledge is worth cultivating, and Mr. Wintle has rendered excellent service by publishing his contribution to it.

A very pleasing book of 250 duodecimo pages is *The Successful Life, being Practical Words of Counsel, Comfort, Warning, addressed to Young Englishmen commencing Busi-*