

mendation. At the same time, while we deprecate undue fault-finding, and are not unmindful of the inappreciation of such an enterprise as that of Mrs. Morrison, on the part of a large class of the community that ought to be interested in, and helpful towards such labours, we cannot but urge the management to greater efforts in increasing the attraction of the Opera House. A more ample capital should be at command if necessary, to secure first-class talent, and there should be no stint in the amount required to obtain the "stars" of the profession. Our observation of the large houses drawn nightly, through the lengthy engagements of Miss Neilson and Mrs. Rousby last season, would justify the statement that the public will appreciatively and adequately remu-

nerate high-class talent. It may also be safely said, that the public will, on the admitted principle of giving value for a good article, give due support to those who merit it, and who are worthy of it. Let there be but the persistent effort in the higher direction we have pointed out, and though the labour may be great, the cost large, the sympathizers few, and the disappointments many, the final result can never be in doubt. Having extended these remarks beyond the limits of our space, and as the season has only just begun, we shall defer until our next issue to notice the plays that have so far been produced at the Grand Opera House, and our remarks upon the actors who have presented themselves.

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## LITERARY NOTES.

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Readers of THE CANADIAN MONTHLY will, we doubt not, be glad to learn that arrangements have been completed, by which the publishers are enabled to offer *The Academy*, a literary weekly of the highest rank among London critical journals, at reduced rates, for Canadian circulation. It is arranged, also, to furnish *The Academy* to subscribers of THE CANADIAN MONTHLY, on the clubbing system, at a special price, to be posted (free) from the office of publication in London, direct to subscribers. Specimen copies, with quotation rates for single and club subscriptions, will shortly be sent from the office of THE MONTHLY. Messrs. Dawson Bros., of Montreal, the agents of *The Academy* for Quebec and Maritime Provinces, will extend the eastern subscribers of THE MONTHLY, the same advantages of clubbing with that periodical.

"Castle Daly, the story of our Irish home, thirty years ago," which appeared in *Macmillan's* Magazine, is now issued in separate form. The novel is written by Miss Annie Keary, and is said to be excellent both in manner and matter. Messrs. Macmillan have also issued a very interesting Scotch story, said to be written by the wife of an Oxford Professor, entitled, "The Harbour Bar."

Two new works of interest to the banking community are just announced, Professor Bonamy Price's treatise on "Currency and Banking," and Professor Jevon's contribution to the International Scientific Series, on "Money and the Science of Exchange."

A Canadian Edition will shortly appear of a new work by Miss Muloch, author of John Halifax, gentleman, bearing the title of "Sermons out of Church." A reprint of Miss Alcott's new novel, "Eight Cousins, or the Aunt-Hill," is issued by Messrs. Dawson Bros., of Montreal.

Messrs. Blackwood publish an interesting work, taken from *Blackwood's* Magazine, by Mr. Andrew Mercer, entitled, "The Abode of Snow," comprising the result of observations on a journey from Chinese Thibet to the Indian Caucasus, through the Upper Valleys of the Himalaya.

An interesting Report on the Geology and Resources of the region, from the Lake of the Woods to the Rocky Mountains, undertaken in connection with the British North American Boundary Commission, by Mr. George Mercer Dawson, a son, we believe of Principal Dawson of McGill College, has just been issued by the Messrs. Dawson, of Montreal. We hope to notice it at some length in our next issue.

Messrs. Walker and Miles, of Toronto, have issued a handsome folio volume, entitled, "The New Standard Atlas of the Dominion of Canada," which must prove of value for reference to all classes. The work is compiled from the latest official maps and surveys, and comprises a series of topographical, geological, and railway maps of the country.

A new work entitled, "The Dawn of Life," by Principal Dawson, of Montreal, is announced by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, of London. The work consists of an account of the oldest known fossil remains, and their relations to geological time, and to the development of the animal kingdom.

An original and important contribution on the subject of Secular Changes of the Earth's Climate, by Mr. James Croll, of H. M. Geological Survey, is to be published immediately by Messrs. Appleton & Co. The work, which is said to be one of the most philosophical contributions to the science of geology within the last century, is entitled "Climate and Time in their Geological relations."