Compared with his pictures, adds the writer in the Athenaum, these books are but a sorry introduction of Sir Joshua to Brother Jonathan. Where his pictures are, his sketch-books ought to have been preserved.

CANADIAN INSTITUTE.

SESSION 1855-56.

SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING-9th February, 1856.

E. A. MEREDITH, Esq., LL. B., Vice President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Members:

R. M. BOUCHER, Esq., Colborne.
EDWARD GOLDSMITH, Esq., Toronto.
WALTER ARNOLD, Esq., Toronto,
W. R. WRIGHT, Esq., Toronto.

The following Papers were then read:

- 1. By Rev. PROFESSOR YOUNG, M.A.:
 - "Brief Notes on Certain Statements of Sir William Hamilton, regarding the Validity of our Primary Beliefs."
- 2. By Professor Wilson, LL.D.:
 - "Remarks on a Singular Conformation of the Land produced by the Confluence of the St. Louis and Nemadji Rivers into Lake Superior."
- 3. By Professor Charman, Curator:
 - "A Report on the Minerals lately received by the Canadian Institute from the Toronto Athenæum."

EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING-16th February, 1856.

G. W. Allan, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Members:

FRANCIS H. LYNCH, Esq., Toronto.

ROBERT A. HARRISON, Esq., Toronto.

GRANT POWELL, Esq., Toronto.

The following Papers were then read:

- 1. By JAMES BROWNE. Esq.:
 - "On the Manners and Customs of the Aborigines of Australia. Part Second.
- 2. By THOMAS REYNOLDS, M. D.:
 - "On a Collection of Copper Implements and other Ancient Relics found in the neighborhood of Brockville."

The copper implements were exhibited and a selection from them recommended to be engraved, to illustrate the paper in the Canadian Journal. On the motion of Dr. Wilson, it was remitted to Professor Croft to examine and report upon the character of the copper of which the Brockville implements are made, and on the supposed hardening process to which they have been subjected.

- 3. By G. W. Allan, Esq., President:
 - "On the Migratory Birds of Canada."