

We would refer to a few of the nearly seventy poems of the volume as particularly impressing our mind. "The Unspoken," the voicing of feelings we have all experienced, though unable to give them utterance; "The Song of the Wind," evidencing a deep and keen sympathy with nature; "Milton," an ode of epic dignity; "A Plea for Liberty," not unworthy of the author of the *Areopagitica*; "The Polar Sea," and "The Atlantic Cable," which chronicle the triumphs of science. The calm and introspective tone of "The Songs of the World Within," will make them favourites of life's quiet hours. One of these, which we reprint on page 310, will commend itself to every pious heart and appreciative taste. In the "Songs of Home and Heart," those entitled "Our Dead," and "Our Boy," will awaken a sympathetic chord in many a bosom. A noble patriotism rings through his "National Lyrics," and an unsuspected vein of humour is evidenced in "Deacon Grimes."

The author gives us a fragment of a longer poem, which he promises, if life and health be spared, entitled, "The Canadian Year." The speci-

men we have, only whets our appetite for more. We bespeak for this volume a still wider circulation than the first and more costly edition. Its mechanical execution is a credit to the Canadian art of book-making.

WE took the liberty, not long since, to send to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, a copy of the CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE, containing the beautiful tribute to her character as "The Royal Peace-Maker, accompanied by a letter expressing the loyalty which Her Majesty's Canadian subjects feel towards her person and throne. We were greatly gratified to receive, in reply, a communication from Lieut. General Sir M. T. Bid-dulph, Keeper of the Privy Purse, dated Buckingham Palace, September 3rd, conveying Her Majesty's gracious acknowledgment of the said loyal tribute. The paper and envelope of the note were edged with black, and the latter bore a large black seal—a token, even in small things, of the grief for the memory of her royal consort which pervades our gracious sovereign's life, fourteen years after his death.

## NOTES ON LITERATURE, &c., &c.

### LITERATURE.

—Mr. Charles Darwin's new book, "Insectivorous and Climbing Plants," on their sensitiveness and powers of digesting and absorbing animal matter, their habits, movements, etc., is in forward preparation, and will shortly be brought out.

—Among recent scientific books, the most remarkable is the "Introduction to Experimental Physics, Historical and Practical," by Prof. Adolf F. Weinhold, of the Royal Technical School of Chemistry, translated and edited by Professors B. Lowry and G. C. Foster. It includes directions for constructing physical apparatus

and for making experiments, and is illustrated with coloured plates and over four hundred woodcuts.

—The residence of Mrs. Lucy Bakewell, in which was the library of the great naturalist Audubon, was burned at Shelbyville, Kentucky, on the 29th of April. Mrs. Bakewell was a relative of Audubon, and his library had been left with her. The collection consisted of 800 volumes of inestimable value to science.

—Mr. A. R. Wallace, the celebrated naturalist and co-discoverer of "Natural Selection," has in the press a work upon which he has been engaged for several years on the "Geographical Distribution of Animals,"