

nations. In France, that "eldest daughter of the Church," the mass of the male population cares no more for the Papal religion than for that of Jupiter, and in Italy the statue of Giordano Bruno is erected amidst general acclamations at the very door of the Pope.

—Sir William Dawson is one of the first practical geologists of the day and a work by him is above our criticism. His "Handbook of Geology" deals with the great geological periods as well as with the general principles of the science. The work is of special interest to Canadians, inasmuch as fully one half of it deals with the geology of the Dominion. This section treats of the geological structure of (1) the Acadian region; (2) Old Canada; (3) the prairie plateau of Manitoba and the North-West; (4) the mountain ranges of British Columbia, with a glance at the physical features and glacial deposits of Newfoundland and the Arctic basin. Were the tariff wall only removed and liberty given to us of developing our vast mineral resources, the value of Sir William Dawson's book as an economic manual would be greatly increased.

Mr. Homer Dixon's "Border Clans" deals with a subject about which little has been written, though it filled the imagination of Walter Scott, who loved to wander in the Border dales and to trace the vestiges of the wild marauding life in the local character which he has embodied in Dandie Dinmont. The book has a genealogical as well as an historical interest, for the bearers of many well-known names—Johnston, Scott, Kerr, Dickson, Rutherford, Irving, Elliot, Armstrong, Foster, Henderson—appear in Mr. Dixon's list. Some of the names had special epithets attached to them, but it is to be hoped that the quality is not hereditary in the case of "the angry Kerrs." The last chapter has only a family interest.