



OUR BADGE.

care of themselves." But I think that your own ingenuity will hit upon something nicer than either of these.

A Badge also, I want all my little clubs to have, and my big clubs too; for I trust that the young men and young women of our beloved land, and our mothers too, will join hand in hand with us in this work. The Badge will be made of silver, and will have your motto and the name of your club engraved on it. I have had special designs drawn for these. Here is one, the prettiest of them, which I have decided upon. They won't cost you very much, and they must be worn at every meeting, as well as on other important occasions. You will grow to be proud of them, just as our great men are proud of a decoration from our own good Queen. And when you grow to be great men and women, perhaps you will feel that you owe much of it to the YOUNG CANADIAN Badge.

Each club will also deposit with the YOUNG CANADIAN Publishing Co. one dollar, as a guarantee of good faith and earnest intention. You must not get up your club on a feeling of impulse and drop it when the first excitement is over. You must go into it with your whole heart, and with persevering determination. A small annual fee from each member will cover this expense as well as the Secretary's requirements. The dollar will go in to the Reading Club Fund, and at the end of the year the whole sum will be set apart for a special purpose. This purpose will be decided by vote of the clubs.

PATER.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

IN DARKEST ENGLAND, AND THE WAY OUT. By General Booth. Toronto: William Bryce.

The newspapers for the past few months have made our readers so familiar with General Booth's scheme for bettering the condition of the destitute in England, that we need not enter into an account of this book here. We may take occasion to return to the subject at an early date. Meanwhile we welcome this republication of his book in a cheap and convenient form, which makes it easily accessible to Canadians.

THISTLEDOWN: A BOOK OF SCOTCH HUMOUR AND ANECDOTE. By Robert Ford. Paisley and London: Alexander Gardner, Publisher to Her Majesty.

This volume is the best collection of the kind we have ever seen. It not only gives the best stories of former collectors, like Dean Ramsay, but adds a large quantity of new material. You can dip into it at any page with the certainty of coming upon something good, so that our Scotch readers will find it a pleasant companion during any few minutes of leisure.

It proceeds upon the assumption that the Scot is remarkable for Songs, Sermons, and Shillings, and adds to the list a fourth qualification, namely, Original Humour. The author thinks that, though there may not be in Scotland one in a thousand who can write a good song or a good sermon, every Scot is a born humourist, and cannot live or breathe without humour. From peasant to prince the field is gone over in "Thistledown," and before you come to the end of the charming book you are unconsciously on the side of the author in the question.

If more of these books were read, our doctors would enjoy some leisure. There is no better tonic than a book like "Thistledown."

ROUND BURNS' GRAVE: THE PAEANS AND DIRGES OF MANY BARDS. Gathered by John D. Ross. (Same Publisher).

This little volume is a collection of about fifty poems on the great Scottish bard. The collection shows that Burns is appreciated on this side of the Atlantic as well as on the other, and in Canada as well as in the United States. We have marked three of the poems that are by Canadians—Dr. Harper, Mr. Evan McColl, and Miss Machar.

POLITICAL PUZZLE: WHO WINS? Toronto: William Bryce.

This is a most amusing and ingenious means of whiling away a leisure half-hour. Of course it has nothing to do with Tories, or Grits, or Parties, but the name at the present moment is opportune. Instructions are enclosed in each box for the solution of the puzzle.



RIMOUSKI, P. Q.

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I am eighteen years of age, French Canadian by birth, strong and healthy, very willing to work and earn money.