

Lightfoot has made himself master of all the facts, has carefully consulted all the authorities, and the result is before us. An appendix is given with a number of notes bearing on the battle. Prefixed to the pamphlet is a striking portrait of the heroic DeSalaberry, from a line engraving in the possession of Gerald E. Hart, Esq., and a map of the scene of the victory is appended.

Jacques Cartier ; Par N. E. Dionne. Quebec : L. Brousseau, 1889 ; 12mo, pp. 332, \$1.

His Excellency, the Lieut-Governor of Quebec having offered a prize for the best account of the "Life and Voyages of Jacques Cartier," M. Dionne had the honor of coming off victorious in the contest. He has certainly taken great and praiseworthy pains to construct a readable and reliable biography of the famous sea-captain and discoverer, Jacques Cartier. Evidences of his industry, his research, and his loving appreciation of his hero, meet us on every page of this interesting volume.

The name of Jacques Cartier should be dear to Canadians. To him indisputably belongs the title, "The Discoverer of Canada." Other adventurous seamen, such as Eric the Red, the Normans, the Basques, the Bretons, Jean Denys, Thomas Aubert, or the Florentine Verrazano may, before him, have touched at Newfoundland, Labrador, or Cape Breton, but they made only short visits, and not one of them penetrated to the interior of Canada.

Capacity, devotion, courage, diligence, experience—these are the qualities that mark the great men of all ages, and of all nations ; and these are the qualities that we recognize in Jacques Cartier. Humane in his dealings with the natives, prudent in his management of his subordinates, intrepid in the face of dangers, unselfish in all the transactions of his life, loyal, with an enthusiastic loyalty, to his church and to his king, Jacques Cartier is one whom the ages as they pass must salute with respect.

In the hardy sailor of St. Malo, then, M. Dionne has a worthy subject for his pen, and he has treated it worthily. The unromantic

details—upon which however, accuracy of narration depends—are fully given. The information obtained from parish registers, court records and official documents is cleverly woven into the author's clear and enthralling relation ; while there is a certain Robinson Crusoe element in the story which will not render it less attractive to the reader. The description of voyages and dangerous landings ; of scenery and strange interviews with new peoples ; of the arts and devices for winning confidence ; of sudden perils when a moment's hesitation, or betrayal of nervousness would have brought down swift destruction ; all this contributes to the pleasure with which we have read the "Jacques Cartier" of M. Dionne.

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"Le Chateau-Bigot," by J. M. LeMoine (printed for private circulation), 1889. pp. 8 : paper.

An interesting monograph upon the remains of an old building at Charlesbourg, near Quebec. The chateau begun by Talon, enlarged and finished by Bigot, is now the property of M. L. Brousseau, to whom these pages are dedicated by the accomplished author. Those who have read "A Chance Acquaintance" by Mr. Howells, will remember the "Picnic at Chateau-Bigot." For frontispiece there is an engraving of the ruins, taken from "Harper" for January 1859.

L'Etudiant : a Monthly Review ; pp. 16, edited by the Rev. F. A. Baillarge, Joilette, Que. ; \$1.00 a year ; (to teachers and students, 50 cts.)

The December number continues the editor's extracts from his "Dairy of Travel" ; an article on "The Battles and Victories of the Church" ; a warning against the "Too Frequent use of Favorite Phrases" ; a description of "A Day in the Country" ; a sonnet on "Brotherly Love" ; a review of "L'Outouais Superior," by A. Bués ; an account of "The New Confraternity on Behalf of the Souls in Purgatory" ; the "Law Entrance Examination Questions" for October last ; a brief summary of the events of the month etc. A wrong number.