

papers of much interest by the Abbé Gosselin, Dr. Dionne, ex-lieut.-Gov. Royal, and MM. Roy and Le Moine. In the corresponding English Section, Dr. George Patterson gives the history of Sable Island, Dr. Samuel Dawson treats of the voyages of the Chabots, Lieut.-Gov. Schultz describes the Innuits or Eskimo of our Arctic Coast, Archbishop O'Brien apologizes for Roman Catholic miracles and Bishop Howley defines Cartier's Course. Professors Girdwood, Bovey, Penhallow and MacLeod contribute to the Physical Section; and Sir William Dawson, Dr. Wesley Mills, and others, have valuable papers in that of Geological and Biological Science. Sir William's paper on Palaeozoic Air-breathing Vertebrates has an important bearing on the study of cosmology, in connection with the first formation of a terrestrial atmosphere, or perhaps with the clearing of an existing atmosphere from its over-load of carbonic acid. The carboniferous era is the logical prelude to that of the air-breathers. The pathetic reference of the ex-principal of McGill, at the close of his article, to the approaching close of his scientific labours, is, it is to be hoped, a pessimist prophecy. Sir William Dawson is still a man in the full vigour of life, so far as intellect goes, and fit for good work in many years to come. It is not meet that he or any other veteran in the world's best service should leave it in obscurity and in neglect of those

who would have been little but for him.

The Fleming H. Revell Company of New York, Chicago, and Toronto, send to the Journal for review a neatly printed and bound volume of 270 octavo pages, entitled, *Questions of Modern Inquiry*, a series of discussions by Henry A. Stinson, D.D., pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle Congregational Church, New York City. I have read Dr. Stinson's discussions, and I like them. This author speaks good English, and what is more important, excellent sense. He is practical, devout, earnest and charitable. He does not run with the hare and hunt with the hounds as a time-server and please everybody, but is an honest conservative liberal in theology, a man who knows his Bible well enough to put broad foundation principles in the place of the flimsy ladder of ceremonial observance by which the Pharisees took their exercise over dead men's sepulchres. Recognizing three attitudes of the soul towards Christianity, that of the prejudiced opponent who will believe nothing good of it, that of the prejudiced adherent, who has never had honest manliness enough to interrogate it, and finally that of the candid enquirer, open to conviction and satisfied only with the truth, Dr. Stinson devotes his large reading, his sanctified common sense, and his soul conviction to the help of the latter class. These modern Bereans he considers more worthy