

fidant that the study of the principles of this book would lead to the correction of many unsanitary practices and would greatly improve the health of the community. This work is prepared at the instance of the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, who has thus rendered a signal benefit to the Province. The book is elegantly manufactured in our own Publishing-House, and the engravings, eighty-seven in number, are excellent in style and admirably illustrate the subject. A feature of special importance is its very copious index.

School Architecture and Hygiene, with Plans and Illustrations. By J. GEORGE HODGINS, M.A., LL.D. 8vo, pp. 135. Printed for the Education Department.

This book, as well as the *Manual of Hygiene*, is prepared under the direction of the Minister of Education for Ontario. It will be of great service to school trustees and all interested in the efficient carrying out of our admirable public school system. Everything pertaining to school architecture, selection of site, school grounds and out-buildings, water-supply, shade trees, the construction, heating, lighting, ventilation and decoration of school buildings is fully treated. The book is illustrated by seventy-five engravings. The designs for rural and urban schools are very elegant. The taste and experience and skill of Dr. Hodgins, Deputy Minister of Education, are conspicuous throughout the volume.

Where are We, and Whither are We Tending? Three Lectures on the Reality and Worth of Human Progress. By the REV. M. HARVEY. 8vo., pp. 134. Boston: Doyle & Whittle.

We had the pleasure of reviewing at some length, in this MAGAZINE, Mr. Harvey's previous volume on "Newfoundland—the oldest British Colony." By the present volume he adds to his well-earned literary reputation. It is a thoughtful discussion of some of the most profound prob-

lems of human life and destiny. Our author is no pessimist; but he is not so optimistic as we think existing facts warrant. His conclusion is that Human progress is a slow and painful process—but real. He prefers the word Meliorism to express his philosophy. We agree with him that the doctrine of evolution, or creation by law, if proven, does not disturb a jot the truths of revelation,—but with Dr. Deems we join in the verdict that it is as yet "not proven." In a noble chapter our author shows by copious facts and arguments that under the progress of Christian civilization the betterment of the condition of the working classes has been immense. He has a serene faith that the "new learning" that is flooding the world brings no menace to religion, for Christianity is still the greatest factor of human progress.

In the King's Garden, Other Poems. By JAMES BERRY BENSEL. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co. Price \$1.

This is a book of genuine poetry—not merely musical in expression but freighted with noble and beautiful thoughts. About some of the poems there is a tender pathos as if the author were prescient of his own early death. The family affections are strongly expressed as in the touching poems on the death of his mother and sister. There are several on Oriental subjects, and the author's sympathy with nature is keen and strong, reminding us sometimes of Longfellow's gentle muse.

Fletcher of Madeley. By the Rev. FREDERIC W. MACDONALD. Pp. 196. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Co., and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax. Price 75 cents.

Many of us remember with pleasure the visit to Canada of the accomplished author of this book and his admirable addresses at the Conferences and elsewhere. This life-sketch of saintly Fletcher is characterized by the same chaste and beautiful style as his public addresses. And in Fletcher he finds a subject worthy of his pen. "One word re-