

He will, of course, grant his readers the right of differing from him, except where his arguments have sufficient cogency to carry conviction to their minds. He gives his adhesion to the catastrophic rather than the uniformitarian theory of geology, and assigns in thirty interesting chapters his reasons for such adhesion. He closes with an interpretation of the Mosaic cosmogony, a theory of the origin of life and of the final catastrophe of the universe.

Poems and Translations. By MARY MORGAN. (Gowan Lea) Pp. 195. Montreal: J. Theo. Robinson.

This is a dainty little volume, containing the collected poems of a lady well known to Canadian readers under the pseudonym of Gowan Lea. They are marked by elevation of tone and grace of expression and by depth and tenderness of feeling. Some of the finest things in the volume are the numerous sonnets it contains—and the sonnet is one of the highest tests of poetic ability. A number of graceful translations from French, German, and Italian, and a charming German prose idyl complete this graceful addition to Canadian literature. As a specimen of our author's gentle muse we quote the following:

WITH A BUNCH OF WILD ROSES.

Ah, deem not that this simple little
flower

Unfolded all its tender bloom in
vain;

Did it not glorify a summer hour,
And leave a sweetness in the sum-
mer rain?

Then sigh not for its transitoriness,
Or let this thought be joined to
every sigh,

That a frail blossom's passing loveli-
ness

Is lovelier for the thought that it
must die!

A human life is like a precious flower,
One cannot truly live and be in vain:
A soul of beauty—nature's grandest
dower—

Must leave a glory on the world's
wide plain.

And e'en as zephyrs waft from shore
to shore
The fragrant essence of the flowery
lea,
So Heaven-born truth is floating ever-
more
From age to age of our humanity."

LITERARY NOTICES.

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