

Jews must be better than ours, because "their lives are better." We are always thankful for new facts, and this is certainly new to us. But the Dr. says he has still a surer ground for this fact, than the half-dozen or so credited to his money-loving brethren. "This ground," he writes, "is that the Jews have initiated the most advanced religions of the world, during the whole course of its history." In these religions no doubt Dr. B. ranks Christianity as the most excellent. Is it the general opinion of modern Christians that their religion has been but a natural *evolution* of Judaism, and that to His mere Hebrew affiliation Jesus was indebted for His competence to enunciate His new faith? If so, one of the most potent arguments adduced by writers on "the evidences,"—the miracle of its most unpropitious origin, is completely sapped. Why, Dr. B. tells us in another place that only one thorough, educated, Jew became a Christian, and for his conversion a miracle had to be wrought. Does this look like intellectual evolution? If Christianity was but a sublimated Judaism, why was it not most largely embraced by the highest intellects of the nation, instead of by a few poor and ignorant fishermen? Verily had the religion of Jesus never found a more congenial soil than that of Judea, we doubt whether it would to day number so many millions of professors. Had not Constantine become a convert, and commanded his legions to follow him, would the Pope now sit in Rome? Truly, if Christianity was a mere evolution, or outcome of Judaism, it must have sprung, not from Jewish intellectual eminence, but from Dr. Bucke's supereminent Jewish "sympathetic nerve system;" and perhaps Dr. B. will be content with this concession.

There is no small gratification in reviewing a book so replete with substantial, clever and courageous writing, as is the little volume now before us. If we have singled out a few passages to which we decline subscription, our readers must not infer that we hold in low estimation the general substance of the work. It is assuredly a work which has cost its author much thought and large study, and it is written in a style, which, though not always elegant, is yet attractive and terse, and we welcome its entrance into Canadian literature, as a first fruit's offering highly creditable to our young Dominion. Should a second edition be called for, as we sincerely hope may be the fact, we would recommend

the correction of a few grammatical oversights, which may be chargeable against the compositor, or the proof reader; for example on page 39, "the mental image of all forms of hopelessness and infancy awaken;" a singular nominative governing a plural verb. Again at top of page 164, "to justify the expectations which he or she excite." Every writer who has had experience of the havoc often made in his text by ignorant or conceited typos, must well understand the annoyance thus caused to an author of such ability as this book proves Dr. Bucke to be.

**ELEMENTARY QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS.** By Alexander Classen, Professor in the Royal Polytechnic School, Aix la Chapelle. Translated by Edgar F. Smith, A.M., Ph. D. Published by Henry C. Lea, Philadelphia: Willing & Williamson, Toronto.

This is a compendious little treatise which must be of great value to the analyst and practical chemist. "It has been adopted as a text-book in the laboratories of almost all the prominent German universities and polytechnic schools, and has taken rank by the side of the older and larger works on the same subject," and has been translated into the French, Russian, Polish, as well as now into English.

**A MANUAL ON EXAMINATION OF THE EYES.**—By S Landott, Directeur-Adjoint of the Ophthalmological Laboratory at the Sorboune, Paris. Translated by Swan M. Burnet, M.D. Published by D. G. Brinton, Philadelphia; Willing & Williamson, Toronto.

This work must, of course, be best appreciated by the specialty for whose instruction it has been designed. It is given in 24 lectures, which are illustrated by 44 well executed plates, with a chart at the end, "of the movements of the eyes, and their derangements."

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### Births, Marriages and Deaths.

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At Bloomfield, on the 30th of July, A. C. Bowerman, M.D., to Miss Ida E. Bedell of the same place.

In Aberdeen, Scotland, on the 30th of July, W. S. Muir, M.D., L.R.C.S. & P., Edin., of Truro, N.S., to Catharine Jane, eldest daughter of W. Lawson, Esq., of Aberdeen.

On the 7th of June, Robert Campbell Fair, M.D., of Orangeville, in the 38th year of his age.

At Brockville, on the 27th ult., J. H. Morden, M.D., of heart disease.