

the author's themes, with occasional but never wearisome descriptions of scenery and foreign customs. Not for a long time have we read a pleasanter little book of travel. It will prove as attractive to those about to make an Italian tour, or who have already made one, as to those who, like us, remain at home for good and sufficient reasons. The author's Canadian connection may be inferred, but he draws no comparisons, and is not a whit provincial, carrying us about from place to place as an intelligent being who enjoys life wherever he is, and wants you to enjoy it, too. We cordially recommend the book.

PONTIAC, CHIEF OF THE OTTAWAS.—By Col. H. R. Gordon. Cloth, \$1.50. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. Col. Gordon has chosen the career of Pontiac, the great Indian chief who planned a conspiracy against the whites, for the subject of his story, which is a lively and readable book. It is full of the dangers of the time and follows the adventures of some white people whose fortunes are cast on the frontier.

The book has numerous good illustrations and is attractively bound.

HUMORS OF '37.—By Robina and Kathleen M. Lizars. Cloth. William Briggs, Toronto. The rebellion of 1837 has been the theme of several historians and biographers, but this is the first time, so far as we are aware, that the humors of this political disturbance have been made the subject of a book. The talented writers have already proved in their recent work, "In the Days of the Canada Company," that they are endowed with literary tastes of a high order. In the present book they have collected and put into most readable shape a number of the incidents which reveal more clearly, perhaps, than a connected narrative would do, the real popular feeling of the time. While there is nothing oppressively formal about the book, it appears to be a fair and temperate view of the times and events, and care is taken to avoid ridicule of serious phases of the rebellion, still preserving the sympathetic tone which, after a lapse of more than half a century, we may fairly

hold with regard to the attempt at complete self-government. "The Canadas at Westminster" is the title of one chapter which gives an amusing and instructive illustration of the absolute inability of the Imperial authorities of that day to comprehend the Canadian situation. Another chapter deals with the part played by women in the rebellion, and this is perhaps one of the most charming features of the book. In fact, the writers have been pleasantly discursive without being wearisome, and much of their material seems to have been drawn from sources that are not made use of by the ordinary historians. We consider "The Humors of '37" a most instructive book, and one which any Canadian, whether possessing any personal recollections of the period, or interested in it simply as an historical episode, will be pleased to read.

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