

Literary Notes.

The twenty-seventh bound volume of *The Critic* for July-Dec. 1895, completing the paper's fifteenth year, reviews, 827 books, American, English and foreign, the total for 1895 being 1,783, which would seem to cover the field pretty thoroughly. The book of the moment stands out clearly in these pages: in the earlier part, Dr. Nordcau's "Degeneration," with echoes of "Trilby;" in the latter part "Jude the Obscure" (of which *The Critic* expresses a severely adverse opinion) and George Meredith's "Amazing Marriage." Grant Allen, too, is severely handled, especially by the *Lounger*. Matters of vital interest to authors and publishers, such as international copyright, the three-volume novel, the earnings of writers, etc., are discussed from the "inside;" and Mr. Hall Caine's successful arbitration of the Canadian copyright complication is reported in detail.

Mr. Andrew Lang has recently discussed the question, "What is a Hack?" He deals, of course, with the literary variety, and gives the following advice: The hack who would keep his self-respect must ever have on hand spontaneous work. It may be, and probably will be, unremunerative: the world does not want a man's best thoughts, still less does it want his learning. Very likely his best thoughts are not, in fact, nearly so good or taking as his second or third best. But he does not easily resign himself to believe this, and it is well for him to put what he thinks the cream of himself into epics and treatises which nobody buys, while his skim-milk finds a ready market.

A series of delightful addresses, by Canon Sutherland, entitled "Afternoons with Shakespeare's Heroines" begin in Convocation Hall of Trinity University to-morrow at half past three, and will be continued for five consecutive Saturday afternoons. The heroines to be discussed are: Imogen, Peatrice, Lady Macbeth, Rosalind, and Perdita. On Thursday evening, April 16th, a Shakesperian Drawing Room in Character will be held in Convocation Hall, which promises to be of the greatest interest. We notice that the tickets for the course, including the Shakesperian Drawing Room, are only \$1.50. Single tickets are 50 cents.

Canon Ainger has undertaken to prepare an annotated edition of Hood's poems, on the same lines as his well-known selections from *Lamb*. The work will form two volumes of the "Eversley Series," the first containing all the serious, and the second a selection from the humorous poems. The poems will be prefaced by a biographical and critical introduction, and the serious poems will, for the first time, be arranged in chronological order.

Western Canada Loan and Savings Co.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Company was held at its Head Offices, No. 76 Church street, Toronto, Canada, on Monday, the 17th of February, 1896, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The Hon. G. W. Allan, President, in the chair.

The Managing Director, Mr. Walter S. Lee, read the Annual Report and Financial Statements, which were adopted on motion of the President.

The Directors have much pleasure in laying before the Shareholders their Thirty-third Annual Report, showing the results of the Company's business for the past year, together with the balance sheet to the 31st December, 1895.

After deducting all charges, and writing off a sufficient sum to provide for ascertained losses, the profits of the year amount to \$144,472.08.

Out of this sum have been paid two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, together with the income tax thereon, amounting to \$122,392.30, and the balance has been carried to the credit of the Contingent Fund. The amount now standing

at the credit of the Contingent Fund is \$63,005.36.

The repayments on account of Mortgage Loans, both in Ontario and Manitoba, have been satisfactorily met.

The borrowing powers of the Company having nearly reached their limit in the early part of the year, obliged the Directors to refuse, for a time, fresh money offered for investment with the Company. The larger part of the Debentures, however, falling due during the year have been renewed on every advantageous terms, and any not renewed have been replaced by new money at still lower rates.

The low rate of interest now obtainable on Mortgage Loans having rendered it desirable to reduce the rate of interest heretofore allowed in the Savings Bank Department, many of those who had been depositors re-invested their moneys in Debentures of the Company.

The total amount of moneys entrusted to the Company by British and Canadian investors is now \$4,470,598.69.

The Balance Sheet of Profit and Loss Account, together with the Auditors' Report, are submitted herewith.

G. W. ALLAN,
President.

Financial Statement for the Year Ending on 31st December, 1895.

LIABILITIES.	
To the shareholders:	
Capital Stock	\$1,500,000 00
Reserve Fund	770,000 00
Contingent Account, Dec. 31, 1894	\$70,445 30
Contingent Account added 1895	22,079 78
	\$92,525 68
Contingent Acc't, written off, 1895	29,520 32
Contingent Account, balance, Dec. 31, 1895	63,005 86
Dividend, payable 8th January, 1896	60,000 00
	\$2,393,005 36
To the public:	
Debentures and interest	\$3,541,460 88
Deposits	929,137 81
	4,470,598 69
Sundry Accounts, including Coupons outstanding	505 52
	\$6,864,109 57
ASSETS.	
Land Mortgages	\$6,564,263 21
Mortgages on other securities	6,939 23
City of Ottawa Debentures	32,441 74
Office Premises and Furniture, Toronto and Winnipeg	125,171 07
Cash on hand and in Banks	135,294 32
	\$6,864,109 57
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
Cost of management, viz.: salaries, rent, inspection and valuation, office expenses, branch office, agents' commissions, auditors' fees, etc.	\$ 52,588 84
Directors' compensation	3,590 00
Interest on deposits	33,739 84
Interest on debentures	142,376 22
	\$232,294 90
Net profit for year applied as follows:	
Dividends and tax thereon	\$122,392 30
Carried to Contingent Account	22,079 78
	144,472 08
Interest on mortgages and debentures, rents, etc.	\$376,766 98
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WALTER S. LEE,
Managing Director.

The retiring Directors, the Hon. George W. Allan, the Hon. Sir David Macpherson, K.C.M.G., and Thomas H. Lee, Esq., were re-elected. These gentlemen, with George Gooderham, Esq., Alfred Gooderham, Esq., George W. Lewis, Esq., and Walter S. Lee, Esq., form the Board.

At a subsequent meeting held by the Directors, the Hon. George W. Allan, and George Gooderham, Esq., were re-elected President and Vice-President, respectively.

A Farmer's Advice.

HE TELLS THE PEOPLE TO SHUN IMITATIONS.

He Had Been Imposed Upon by an Unscrupulous Dealer With the Result that it nearly Cost the Life of a Loved Member of His Family.

From the Woodstock, N.B., Sentinel.

A reporter of the *Sentinel* recently dropped into the Victoria Hotel looking for general news and to scan the register for arrivals. Among those present he noticed a well-dressed farmer sitting reading a small pamphlet. The reporter asked the landlord if there

was anything new, and being answered in the negative the farmer turned and addressed him. "Looking for news, eh? Well, sit down, and I'll give you something worth publishing." The reporter was at once on the alert and the farmer continued, "You see this little book I hold in my hand? Well, the title of it is 'Five Prize Stories' and there is more good sense in it than in half of the philosophical works of the day, and it don't lay in any of the stories either. Well, about a year ago, I got hold of another little book by the same authors entitled 'Four Generations,' which I read carefully through, and one very important thing I read in it was, beware of imitations, just as I read in this little book. Now I wish to show how I had been taken in (deceived) and how I found it out and how near it came to costing me the dearest member of my household. Well, to begin at the beginning. My name is Shepherd Banks; I reside 11½ miles from the village of Bristol, Carleton Co., N.B., and am a well-to-do farmer. For several years my wife was troubled with pains in the back and weakness of the kidneys. About two years ago she was taken very ill, the trouble taking the form of acute rheumatism. We consulted no less than three different doctors who, however, failed to help her. She continued to grow weaker and weaker, and the pains she endured were something terrible. For over a year she was unable to do a single thing about the house, and she had fallen away in weight from 180 to 130 pounds, and we despaired of her recovery. I happened to notice in one of the newspapers a testimonial of a similar cure through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I immediately got a couple of boxes. My wife began taking them, and by the time she had used these she began to gain appetite and her pains were much eased, and we began to have great hopes of an ultimate cure. I then went for another supply of the pills. This time I purchased them in bulk, paying 30 cents for 100 pills, which were taken from a large glass bottle. I took them home and my wife began their use. Soon after she began to grow worse again; the old pains returned severer than ever. We still continued the use of the pills until about a third of them were gone. About this time I got through the mail, along with my neighbors, the book entitled, 'Four Generations,' issued by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co. On reading it it did not take me long to find out that the pills I had bought in bulk were a fraud, as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are not sold in bulk, but in boxes with the trade mark on the wrapper. I went to the cupboard and taking down the box in which the pills were, threw it and its contents into the stove. I then went and procured a half dozen boxes of the genuine Pink Pills, and from the time my wife began their use there was an improvement in her condition. She used about twelve boxes altogether, and to-day there is no heartier or healthier woman in the neighborhood, and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the standard medicine in our home. Publish this? Yes, it may do some other sufferer good. We are all thankful for what Pink Pills have done for us, but be sure you caution your readers against those vile imitations."

The warning uttered by Mr. Banks is one that the public will do well to heed, for some unscrupulous dealers in different parts of the country try to impose upon the public by trashy imitations colored to present the appearance of the genuine Pink Pills. The public can always protect themselves by bearing in mind that the genuine pills are never sold by the dozen, hundred or ounce. They are always put up in boxes around which will be found full directions for their use, the whole enclosed in a label bearing the full trade mark, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." If you want a medicine that will cure all diseases due to poor or watery blood, or shattered nerves, ask for the genuine Pink Pills, and take nothing else, no matter what some interested dealer who is looking for a larger profit may say.

FITTING OUT THE ASHANTEE EXPEDITION.

We are pleased to note that the Government have sent a quantity of Baking Powder manufactured by W. G. Dunn & Co., of Croydon and Canada, with the Ashantee Expedition.