

VIII. Short Critical Notices of Books.

— **PLYMOUTH PULPIT; or Notes from Henry Ward Beecher's Sermons.** 12mo. pp. 374.*—This is a reprint of "Notes" of Mr. Beecher's sermons, preached in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, which were originally published some years ago by Miss Moore. They abound with striking sayings and passages in Mr. Beecher's sermons, and give a good idea of the style and character of this somewhat noted preacher and politician. The book is well printed and is issued in a handsome dress. A note from Mr. Beecher is prefixed to the volume.

— **STORY OF THE GREAT MARCH;** by Staff Officer Nichols, A. D. C. 12mo. pp. 394.*—This book contains an account of Gen. Sherman's almost unopposed march through Georgia and the Carolinas, near the close of the American civil war. It is, on the whole, written in a fair spirit, with little of the bombast which was characteristic of nearly all the correspondents in the field during that disastrous conflict. The "Story" is illustrated with a map and engravings.

— **ROBERTSON'S LIFE AND LETTERS.**†—This work, in two volumes, contains a sketch of the "Life and Letters of Rev. Frederick W. Robertson, M.A., incumbent of Trinity Chapel, Brighton, England, 1847-53." They are edited by Rev. Stopford A. Brooke, M.A. As a companion or key to the six volumes of sermons and literary addresses by Mr. Robertson, these two volumes of his life and letters seem to be a fitting sequel. Mr. Robertson was highly popular as a preacher, and his sermons have been reprinted in the United States. As a theologian, he seems to have occupied a place somewhat between the Broad Church and High Church parties. He had sympathies with both, while in politics, his views leaned to the advanced liberals. A good portrait accompanies the work.

— **ALFRED HOGART'S HOUSEHOLD;** by Alexander Smith.†—This is a story by a writer of some celebrity, and the author of a volume of "City Poems," etc. The scene is laid in Greysley—"a second-rate Scotch town of considerable picturesqueness and individuality."

— **SNOW BOUND;** by J. G. Whitlier. 12mo. pp. 52.*—This is a simple and beautiful "winter ideal" of days long gone by, when the poet was a boy and his

— "father rode again his ride
On Memphrenagog's wooded side;"

The snow storm, the farm yard in winter, and the cheerful cosy fire side, and

"The dear home face whereupon
That fitful fire light paled and shone"

Are sketched with great force and beauty, but

— "brother! only I and thou
Are left of all that circle now."

— **WAR LYRICS AND OTHER POEMS;** by H. H. Brownell.†—These War Lyrics refer exclusively to the late American civil war, and breathe the strong Northern spirit of the victors in that contest. The book is inscribed by Vice Admiral Farragut.

— **THE FREEDMAN'S BOOK;** by L. Maria Child.†—This book also breathes somewhat of the war spirit of the Northern abolition party in the late American contest. It is a selection of papers or extracts either relating to or written by people of colour. On the whole, it is unexceptionable in its tone and spirit.

IX. Educational Intelligence.

— **COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR UPPER CANADA.**—His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint the Rev. William Ormiston, D.D., to be a member of the Council of Public Instruction of Upper Canada, in place of James S. Howard, Esq., deceased.

— **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.**—A meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto, was recently held, at 1 p.m., for conferring degrees in, arts and law. The following gentlemen received degrees: *M.A.*—Bowers, J. E.; Gibson, Rev. J. M.; Hill, J.; Macallum, A. *LL.B.*—Hamilton, J. C.; Kelly, M. J.; Preston, D. H. *B.A.*—Baldwin, R. R.; Barker, P. M.; Bell, C. W.; Brunel, G.; Campbell, A. G.; Clarke, H. F.; Crawford, E. P.

† Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Toronto: W. C. Chewett & Co.

Davidson, W.; Delamere, T. D.; Dorsey, W. S.; Falconbridge, W. G.; Fitzgerald, W.; Greenlees, A.; Hill, H. P.; Jackes, C. B.; Junor, D.; Moderwell, M. C.; Mooney, D. H.; Morgan, J. C.; Paterson, J. A.; Robertson, A. J.; Travis, A. J.; Watt, W.; Williams, A.; Wright, A. H.; Wright, G. S. *M.B.*—Langrill, J. A.; Miller, W. The B.A. class is, we believe, the largest since the foundation of the University, twenty-eight candidates having passed.

— **THE WESLEYAN COLLEGE, HAMILTON.**—The examinations of the pupils at the Wesleyan Female College, just concluded, have proved eminently satisfactory, and created much interest. Dr. Ormiston presented the diplomas for the year, and the Rev. Dr. Nelles also addressed the pupils. The institution has now become a success, and its managers look forward to a still greater increase in the number of pupils, at present 172. The college will accommodate many more than are attending it, and it is expected that the next term will witness quite an increase.

— **MODEL SCHOOL FOR UPPER CANADA.**—The annual summer examination of the pupils attending the Model School, in this city, took place on the 29th ultimo, and, as usual, the proceedings were, in every respect, of a very interesting nature. The weather being very agreeable, a large number of visitors were in attendance, and appeared to take much interest in listening to the examination of the pupils in the various branches of education taught in the school. The answers were given with a degree of readiness which evinced a creditable acquaintance with the subjects in which the pupils were examined. The writing, drawing, and needle work were also much admired by those who examined them. Dr. Carlyle is teacher of the first division, Mr. Glashan, the second, and Mr. Lusk, the third, in the male department; and Miss Adams, Miss Turnbull, and Miss Clark, occupy similar positions in the female department. The teachers appear to be well adapted to discharge the duties of their respective offices, and have, evidently, secured not only the respect, but the esteem, of their pupils, who seemed, throughout the day's proceedings, to be fully alive to the importance of the occasion. In the afternoon, the girls were exercised in calisthenics by Major Goodwin, in the play ground, and the boys were also put through a course of gymnastics, sword exercise, &c., in the school-yard, by the same popular instructor, to the evident amusement of the spectators. The examinations being over, the pupils adjourned to the body of the theatre, and awaited, with much interest, the distribution of prizes. The large gallery was densely crowded with spectators, many of whom were the parents of the children. All the passages in the body of the room were also crowded with visitors, and many were unable to gain admittance. Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada; Mr. J. G. Hodgins, Deputy Superintendent of Education; Dr. Carlyle, one of the Teachers; Mr. Gwynne, Q.C.; and several ladies occupied seats on the platform. Before the distribution of prizes was commenced, the pupils sang, under the direction of Mr. Sefton, the music master, that very popular song, "God bless the Prince of Wales." Dr. Carlyle then presented the prizes to the successful pupils.—Rev. Dr. Ryerson, at the close of the distribution of prizes, addressed the audience. He commenced by explaining the objects for which the Normal and Model Schools were founded. The primary object of the Normal School was, not to teach children, but to show how they ought to be taught. In their organization and classification, the schools in Upper Canada were the same as the Normal School, and were taught after the same manner, the teachers being chiefly instructed in that school. The Model School was an appendage to the Normal School, and formed part of its instruction; and it was on that account that the Model School was so much sought after. After dwelling upon the nature of the objects of the Normal and Model Schools, he proceeded to say, that, at no previous period, was the efficiency of those schools so high, or conferred so many benefits upon the community as at present. Their influence had been felt throughout the length and breadth of the Province, and never, to so great an extent, as at the present time. At this particular period in the history of the Province, the importance of these institutions was certainly greater than at any other. He recollected that, about twenty years ago, when he made an official tour of the Province, he found there was a general feeling of discontent prevailing among the people, and the sin of thinking too little of ourselves as a people, and too little of the resources of the country, was very noticeable. The change which has taken place, within the last few years, in that respect, was very marked, and things have assumed an aspect very different from what they appeared at that time. The people now felt that they had good sound laws, and all the advantages which those laws are to society to preserve; and the people had given proof of their submission to the