

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Secretary of the State Board of Health of Michigan. Lansing: George & Co.

This is a volume of nearly 200 pages, full of highly instructive matter, on such subjects as the Achievements of Hygienic Science and Art; Vaccination; Criminal Abortion; Sanitary Improvements in Schools; Methods of collecting Vital Statistics, &c. About 1,600 copies of the Report have been distributed, which cannot fail to be of great service in educating the people in sanitary matters.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY and National Review. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

The May number of this thoroughly Canadian periodical is before us. It is not too little to say that under its new proprietary it seems not to lose in interest; and we wish it every possible success. The number contains an able article on the "Evolution of Morality," by J. A. Allen; "Our noblest end is health and vigor of mind and body." "As civilized men we are yet only in the *transition* stage of our moral life." "But the process is going on and the result is certain;" undoubtedly, though it be a "thousand millenniums" hence. We have, among other good things, perhaps most worthy of note, the conclusion, seemingly, of Louisa Murray's "Swift and The Women who Loved Him," full of interest; and a poem, "Spring Birds," genuine poetry; concluding with Current Events, Reviews, Music and the Drama, worth the price of the Monthly.

BELFORD'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE. Toronto: Belford Bros.

This new magazine, the sixth number of which we have received, was started with the belief that there was room in the Dominion for a magazine of a "popular character," without being inferior as a literary work. It has been well received, and we hope it will be a success. Its illustrations will compare very favourably with those of English monthlies. The principal story, a serial, receives its name from its principal character, "Nicholas Minturn," a truly original "hero." This is written by J. G. Holland, a well-known and able author, and must command interest. The May number contains a strange, interesting, psychological story, "The Gerrard Street Mystery," in which old Toronto characters are the actors. The "Current literature" is interesting and instructive.

WE SINCERELY THANK all those who have kindly exchanged journals with us for yet more kindly continuing to send their journals during the suspension of ours. We have received ALL with remarkable regularity, and our friends must not entertain a doubt of our full appreciation of their goodness.

ERRATA.—The illustrations on page 3 ought to show a trap between the sewers and yard ventilators. It is mentioned, however, in the text. At page 11 for Mosaic Mode read Mosaic Code.