Force collection, purchased by the national government in 1867. John Paul Jones died in 1792. By his will, dated the day of his death, all his papers were left to his sisters and their children. Shortly after Jones' decease, his sister, Mrs. Jane Taylor, sent such of his papers as best illustrated his services in the War of the American Revolution, to Robert Hyslop, a solicitor of New York. Mr. Hyslop retained them until his death, when they passed into the hands of a tradesman of that city. From this dealer they were acquired by Mr. George A. Ward, who recognized something of their value. Learning of their existence in 1824, Col. John Henry Sherburne, Registrar of the Navy, at once set about the compilation of his life of Jones, published in 1825, in which he printed many of his letters. The letters afterwards came into the possession of Peter Force, and from him were purchased by Congress and placed in the library as stated above.

The Calendar is one that must be invaluable to the student of the history of the American Revolutionary War, as it gives clearly and briefly the contents of each document in the collection, notably the accounts of naval engagements submitted by Jones to the representatives of his own Government, and the narrative of his experiences during the American Revolution prepared for presentation to Louis XIV. of France.

"Lake St. Louis, Old and New, illustrated, and Cavelier de La Salle," by Desire Girouard, D.C.L., Q.C., member of the Historical Society of Montreal, member of the House of Commons for Jacques Cartier County. Translated from the French by Desire Girouard, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, Advocate. Columbian Edition. Published at Montreal, by Poirier Bessette & Co., 1893. 298 pps. 4to. Over 100-illustrations.

From the pen of such a distinguished writer and literatus, and published as it appears to have been regardless of expense, this work is one that could not fail to delight equally the historian or the lover of de luxe publications. The author had previously written several reliable works, touching the French regime in Canada, but this work was probably the writer's crowning literary triumph. Only a few miles from Judge Girouard's splendid country home, lies Lachine, from whence the famous de La Salle set out on the 6th of July, 1669, on his great voyage of western American a scovery,