

the hymns that are sung in our churches they would take more interest in that part of the service, undertook to contribute to a church paper a series of articles on some of the best known and best loved hymns. These contributions were so favourably received that the author was induced to extend the series and have them published in book form, and the result is the handsome volume now before us. While the articles show considerable research, the information is presented in a very readable and interesting form, and is accompanied with many suggestive reflections. The Latin versions (some original, others selected) which are appended to the hymns will have an additional interest for our classical readers. The book, as we have said, is attractive in appearance as well as in its contents, and reflects credit on the publishers. The only thing to be regretted is that a number of typographical errors have escaped correction, but fortunately they are mostly in the Latin versions.

*The Dominion of Canada.* By the Rev. W. P. Greswell, M.A. (Oxon.), F.R.C.I. (Oxford: At the Clarendon Press. London: Henry Frowde.)—Under the auspices of the University of Oxford and the Royal Colonial Institute, it is proposed to issue a series of historical and geographical studies of Canada, South Africa and Australia, of which series this volume is the first number. In appearance and workmanship the book is all that one could ask. As to the contents, it goes without saying that they are valuable. Newfoundland is included, for, as the author truly says, it could not well be treated separately. And we find a completeness of treatment all through—wide rather than narrow boundaries being set to the various topics—which is eminently satisfactory. There are many things in the book which we admire. We chronicle its issue from the press with no little pleasure, and it will worthily occupy a place in anybody's library. But many of the best things in the book are enclosed in quotation marks. Some parts are dry and some are lukewarm, and the impression is given that the writer has little personal acquaintance with Canada or Canadians. In short, we must try and bring forth a historian

here in this country ourselves, for we cannot expect anybody else to write our history for us, and when someone is good enough to make the attempt, and produce a work at once so accurate, useful, and beautifully-executed, it seems almost ungrateful to find fault.

*Memorial Meeting, Syracuse Browning Club.* (Syracuse: C. W. Bardeen.)—Seven essays which were presented on Jan. 9, 1890, at the Memorial Meeting of the oldest Browning Club in America are here reprinted. They are interesting, not only as the result of individual work, but also on account of the subjects and treatment.

*Robert Browning: Personalia.* By Edmund Gosse. 75 cents. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)—Mr. Edmund Gosse's two magazine articles, entitled respectively, "The Early Career of Robert Browning, 1812-1846" (*Century* magazine, December, 1881), and "Personal Impressions" (*The New Review*, January, 1890), now make one of the prettiest little books we have seen for some time. They form the best short biography to be had yet of Robert Browning, and the repeated requests for these articles foreshadow a cordial welcome for the book.

*Mineral Resources of Ontario.* Report of the Royal Commission. (Toronto: Printed by Warwick & Sons.)—The Commission appointed in 1888 to enquire into and report upon the mineral resources of the Province and measures for their development having concluded their labours some time ago, their report is now issued, occupying a large volume and containing a great deal of important information in connection with the subject of enquiry. More than one hundred and fifty witnesses were examined by the Commission, the members of which were Messrs. Charlton, Bell, Coe and Merritt, Mr. Archibald Blue being Secretary. The mineral treasures of Ontario are indeed very great, and this report will be of considerable assistance to those interested in such matters. A good index is given.

*Twelve Years' Queen's Scholarship Questions, 1878-1889.* (London: Moffat & Paige.)—This collection of examination papers includes sets of questions on languages (Latin,