

CHATTERTON: A Biographical Study. By Daniel Wilson, LL.D., Professor of History and English in University College, Toronto. London and New York: *Macmillan & Co.*

The life of this stray waif of Bristol, whose brief career is enveloped with a melancholy interest, has at last been written by an appreciative and kindly pen; and it is not unnatural that he who has taken such a generous and philanthropic interest in the welfare of the Street Arabs of Toronto should single out from a corner in English literature the subject of this study, that he may do that justice to his brilliant powers and high promise which a quarter of a century of writers has been indifferent to recognize. We feel sure that no one will lay down this work of our distinguished townsman, without heartily thanking the author for this intensely interesting biography of "Poor Chatterton," whose struggling career and tragic end is a poor comment on the philanthropy of the "City of Charities" that gave him birth.

HISTORY OF ENGLAND FROM THE FALL OF WOLSEY TO THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH. By James Anthony Froude, M.A. Vols. I.-VI., popular edition. To be completed in 12 vols. Price \$1.00 per vol. New York: *Charles Scribner & Co.* 1870.

Scholars and lovers of history will be indebted to the Messrs. Scribner for this compact and inexpensive edition of one of the most notable and important histories written during the present century. The history may be ranked second to that of Lord Macaulay in point of brilliancy of narrative and profoundness of reflection; but it is superior to it in the interest centering in the period embraced by the author, and fully equal to it in the vigorous handling of the material, which the unwearied labours of the author have enabled him to command. Equally faulty with Macaulay in lacking that judicial impartiality which is so necessary in the character of a great historian, yet possessed, like him, of the art of graphic delineation of incident, of that skill in the portrayal of character, and of the same intense patriotism and love of the nation, whose record and history they delight to retrace. In events worthy of the highest historical description the period abounds—scenes of political intrigue, military prowess, and courtly pageant in these days of Henry the Eighth and Queen Elizabeth—and Mr. Froude has done full justice to the many stirring scenes and events of the time. We

shall wait with some interest for the last instalment of the work, which has just been issued in England, bringing this important history down to the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

THE HOLY GRAIL AND OTHER POEMS. By Alfred Tennyson, D.C.L., Poet Laureate. Boston: *Fields, Osgood & Co.*

"And Arthur yet had done no deed of arms,
But heard the call, and came."

Apropos of one of the subjects of these idylls, it is said that the ladies of Montreal, whence Prince Arthur has gone to visit the States, are reading "The Coming of Arthur," and longing for his return, say "they are weary, weary, he cometh not they said." Will Prince Arthur return at once. We apologize to Mr. Tennyson and the Publishers, but whence the necessity of noticing this new work of the Laureate? It is in every one's hands; and this will be better understood by our friends in England, where the work costs seven shillings, when we inform them that our people are in possession of it at less than sixpence. Still it is notable that the sale in England has exceeded 40,000 copies, even at the above price.

LIFE: A Book for a Quiet Hour. Second Edition. By J. Cunningham Geikie. London: *A. Strahan & Co.* 1870.

In an age such as ours, so intensely devoted to commercial pursuits, it is of supreme importance to have such a work as this way-lay us, and by its fresh, vigorous, and wholesome thought attract the mind to higher themes, aspirations, and duties. The book is essentially for a quiet hour, and there are few works more stimulating to high aims and a nobler life than the present volume, and in its tone, sentiment, and thought, none better fitted to be in the hands of every young man. We gratefully add our meed of praise to the commendation the work is receiving in England, and we thank its reverend author, who is well known in Canada, for the delightful entertainment his book affords on the subjects so eloquently and earnestly treated of, viz.: Youth, character, companions, success, christianity, helps, readings, dreams, farewell.

ANCIENT MAXIMS FOR MODERN TIMES. By the Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown. London: *Elliot Stock.*

This volume comes from the pen of one of the most manly and fearless, and at the same time able Baptist ministers of England, whose lectures to young men are well known. The