

can be found such a succinct yet complete review of our native authors. The extent and variety of our nascent Canadian literature will be a surprise to those who examine this outline.

We take the liberty of inserting the following from a review in the *New York Epoch*:—"The early history of the country is admirably summarized, and the later progress and development, especially since the railway era began, are sketched with a masterly hand. The present writer—a jaded critic—read the book at one sitting—every word of it—a pretty sure indication of interest."

*Stories of Persons and Places in Europe.* By E. D. BENEDICT. 8vo. 485 pages, in illuminated boards. New York and London: Geo. F. Putledge & Son. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

This handsome volume has hundreds of engravings of the most celebrated places and persons in European history, with descriptions and interesting stories, illustrative of those places and persons and the events with which they were connected. We venture to say that any intelligent boy or girl will derive more knowledge of geography and history from these books than from six months or a year of the ordinary school instruction. And even "grown-up folk," though they may have travelled far and read much, will find here a great deal that is as novel and instructive as it is interesting.

*The Bow in the Cloud; or, Words of Comfort,* for those in Sickness, Sorrow, and the Varied Afflictions of Life. By 200 best Authors—Prose and Poetry. Edited by Rev. J. SANDERSON, D.D. Pp. 452. New York: E. B. Treat. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.75.

Friend after friend departs:  
Who hath not lost a friend?

In times of sorrow and bereavement the heart aches for solace and sympathy. Yet oftentimes the spoken

word jars upon the soul, and well-meaning but injudicious friends are only Job's comforters after all. In this volume we have the choicest thoughts of some of the wisest, best, and tenderest-hearted spirits of our race, uttered under the pressure of deepest grief. We note such writers as Flavel, Vaughan, Macduff, Cuyler, Talmage, Whittier, Moody, Chalmers, Spurgeon, Kitto, Guthrie, Schaff, Hervey, Payson, Beecher, Alford, Faber, and many more. To ministers and many others who are called to sympathize with the sorrowing this book will be found helpfully suggestive.

*Sermons for the International Lessons for 1888.* By the MONDAY CLUB. Thirteenth Series. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Publishing House; and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax. Pp. 414. Price \$1.25.

We have found the series of annual volumes of sermons, of which this forms a part, one of the most helpful for the study of the International Sunday-school lessons. They keep up the freshness and suggestiveness from year to year. A striking proof of their popularity and usefulness is that they have reached the thirteenth series. Sunday-school superintendents and teachers will find this volume very useful. We wish the practice of preaching on the Sunday-school lessons were more common. We believe that it would be found very attractive and instructive to both young and old and would often clinch the truths taught in the school.

*Age of Creation.* By WILLIAM J. CASSIDY. 12mo, pp. 356. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.25.

This is a very creditable specimen of Canadian book-making, both from a mechanical and from a literary point of view. It is a good omen when our native writers devote their attention to the problems of science. The author is evidently well-read in recent scientific literature. He shows his independence of thought by differing from many preceding writers.