

Labrador and A List of Contributions to Geology and Mineralogy published in the transactions of the Institute. This society has lost none of its pristine vigour, but holds its own with all other Canadian institutions of learning. From the Geological and Natural History Survey at Ottawa comes Mr. Macoun's Catalogue of Canadian Plants, Part vi. Musci. In 295 pages, the distinguished botanist gives the names, authorities, habitats, and many particulars of about 1000 species of Mosses found in Canada, a work in itself calling for great labour and patience, apart from the extensive studies of Mr. Macoun in all other spheres of botanical research. It is somewhat dry reading, like the dictionary, except to a very enthusiastic admirer of the Acrogens. Vegetation calls up poetry even if it be not that of the flowers that bloom in the spring; and, if poetry, why not Songs of a Sophomore by W. M. M. once known as the College poet? W. M. M. is making a mighty effort to wrench himself free from the Spenserian stanza, and has actually succeeded in breaking off two links of no fewer than ten short poems. The poet's attitude towards this stanza is like that of Jack in the war, who cried out to his companions. "I've caught a Tartar." They replied "Bring him along." "He won't come," answered Jack. "Then come away and leave him," to which Jack mournfully responded, "He won't let me." There are some good things in McGill Forever, and, although the theme is not exalted, The Boys in the gods is the best piece in the book.

Evening is pretty and rythmical, but the love pieces an' some others are too melodramatic for the age.

"Maedonald, Molson, Workman and McGill,

Smith, Redpath, and the band whose lesser aid "

is hardly good even as a catalogue, for the benefactors are arranged in no kind of order, alphabetic or otherwise. It is not poetry. Action reminds one somewhat of Tennyson, and I would remind the bard that he must make rapid strides if he wants to fill the Laureate's vacant place.

The Smithsonian Institution sends me Mr. J. C. Pilling's Bibliography of the Algonquian Languages, a wonderful compilation of over 600 large octavo pages and 82 facsimiles of old title pages. Mr. Pilling credits the Talker with seven entries, one being the Affiliation of the Algonquin Languages, which has become so scarce that the only copy seen by him was in the famous collection of the late Mr. Shea of New York. Many names of Canadians are found in the Bibliography. One of the chief is the Abbe Guoq of the Seminary of St. Sulpice. Another is Professor A. F. Chamberlain, Ph. D., of Clark University, whose monograph on The Languages of the Mississagas of Skugog is a valuable piece of original research, filling a gap which a few years might have left vacant for ever. It has been prepared with great care and reflects credit upon its learned and enterprising author. It is an Svo brochure of 84 pages. That well known Canadian writer, the Rev. Dr. George Patterson