

covered their persons with the skins of wild animals, and could scarcely be recognized as human beings. They were produced at the French Court *just as they were found*; the King took compassion on them, and gave them each a sum of money.

Mutiny had also added to the horrors of this unfortunate crew. It is out of these materials that Emile Chevallier has woven his stirring romance, introducing amongst those horrible figures, as a contrast, the character of a young girl of high birth who had saved her brother's life by taking passage for Canada; she managed to conceal her sex and remain until the end pure and uncontaminated. This is doubtless a very dramatic subject, and the novelist has made the most of it. Some of the situations, however, are unnatural and too far fetched, and recourse frequently had, when it was not necessary, to the clap-trap of modern sensation novels of the Jules Janin, Balzac and Dumas school. M. Chevallier deserves praise for having added several works to the literature of the country, on subjects yet so little known as Canadian legends and tales.

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MORRIN COLLEGE.—Within the past month an event has transpired, the importance of which cannot, at this moment, be thoroughly appreciated.

Morrin College—an institution which owes its existence to the liberality of Dr. Morrin, who, before death called him from our midst, was looked upon as one of the best and most esteemed men in this city—was inaugurated on the 6th ultimo.

The hall in which the inaugural addresses were delivered, was crowded with the *elite* of the city. Dr. Cook, the Principal of the College, in his opening address spoke with warmth and fervor on the advantages of such an institution, where all classes and professions could obtain that education which, while it developed the mind, it threw a charm over the ordinary occupations of life.

The learned doctor was followed by an address from Professor Hatch on the advantages of the study of the classics.

The clearness with which the professor pointed out his views was astonishing, and although the subject was not one that gave room for imaginative play, at times he rose to an eloquence which at once exhibited the purity of his fancy and the power of his reason.

Under the management of such able men, the institution is destined to rank with the first universities in this country.