

Literary Notes.

The "Roamings in Classic Massachusetts," of "Fidelis," [Agnes Maule Machar], which have been so pleasant a feature of the *Week*, are discontinued in the No. for February 19th. We follow her to the sea-shore at Nantasket, to Beacon street and the study of Dr. Holmes, to Cambridge, Elmwood and Mt. Auburn. How often, in other days, have we most lovingly lingered in those paths, now sadder than then! The public have something of undoubted value to anticipate from the gifted pen of Miss Machar, in "Marjorie's Canadian Winter," now in press of D. Lothrop & Co., to appear in the spring.

Whatever can charm the most in old time manners and the heart-felt simplicity of poetry, we have found in "Memorials of Auld Land Syne," by Thomas Carstairs Latto, a venerable Scottish poet, resident in Brooklyn, N. Y., [16 Utica Ave.] It contains, "The School Examination," "The Country Sacrament," and other poems, partly in the Scottish dialect. For many a year Mr. Latto has had a reputation as a song-writer, but we think he has written nothing entitled to so much praise as the "School-Examination,"—to which we hope again to recur with fuller particulars. It is published at Paisley, by Alexander Gardner.

The first number of *The Dominion Illustrated Monthly* has the favourable judgment of the most careful authorities in criticism, as to its literary, typographical, and artistic quality. If the public give it their loyal support, it is within the range of Canadian authorship and enterprise to give them something worthy of their patronage, and highly honourable to Canada. The work of Prof. Roberts and of Mr. Scott might warrant this conclusion.

A most wholesome, vigorous and humorous piece of writing is "Sandy McRae in Winnipeg," by Rev. Hugh Pedley, B. A., published as a serial in *The Orillia Packet*. It is a bit of bracing nature, devoid of the mawkishly sentimental, and is calculated for benefit.

Recent Canadian books of verse well spoken of are "The White Canoe, and other verse," by Allan Sullivan. Toronto: J. E. Bryant Co., 1891; and "Songs of the Human," by William P. McKenzie. Toronto: Hart & Co. We may be able to make more particular reference to those books.

Public recitations of the writings of our best Canadian authors is a recent and excellent way of popularising them and advancing the claims of a distinctive literature. We trust these expositions will become more frequent; and, where the requisite talent is possessed for effectiveness, it is quite appropriate that the author's thought and style be exhibited in person. One of the latest of such appearances before the public is that of Miss Pauline Johnson, the poetess, and talented writer, who read from her own writings at Association Hall, Toronto, during the month of February.

A unique magazine, recently established in New York, has the happy title *Uncut Leaves*; it is not published; its contents can only be known at the monthly meetings when its articles are read; the articles are short, and, wherever possible, are read by their authors. —*Current Literature*.

The February *Outing* contains an article on "Wapiti or Elk Hunting in Manitoba."

Greater Britain for January has a paper on "Canada," by D. Watney, and a review of Lady Dufferin's "My Canadian Journal."

In *Belford's Monthly* for February, Erastus Wiman has an article on "An International Personality: Goldwin Smith."

The April number of the *Eclectic Magazine* offers a variety of timely articles as well as papers of more purely literary interest. The brilliant story of the "Great Armada," from the Spanish side, by J. A. Froude, is continued. Mrs. Lynn Linton again takes up the ever present question of the place of women as it is and as it should be with a rattling attack on "The Partisans of the Wild Woman." Students and thinkers will be delighted with the brilliant and searching essay on "The Genius of Plato." All the articles are eminently readable.

The *Dominion Illustrated Monthly* for April, is a capital number, as is also the April *Comopolitan*. This month we have not space for notices.

The word *boos* is derived from the Dutch settlers who first colonized New Amsterdam, first called New York by the English when the colony changed masters by coming into possession of the British Government. *Baas*, in the Dutch language, signifies a master or foreman of a workshop.

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