

stories is to interest the more youthful of Canadian readers in the history of their country. It has been a hard up-hill fight with our *litterateurs* to excite Canadians in this direction. Goldwin Smith has spoken of the coldness with which our authors Canadian-born treat the writings of those who can only claim the country as the land of their adoption; and just as impatiently have many of these Canadian-born authors complained against the callousness of the reading public in Canada towards them and their works. Miss Machar, however, has had no reason to utter such a complaint. Her popularity as a writer has long been assured, and her name itself will no doubt secure a ready sale for this new venture of hers. The book will interest any reader, the one story being told in such a way as to encourage even the desultory reader to read the rest of them. Mr. Marquis, who, we take it, is a graduate of Queen's, is introduced in the preface as a "young writer who appropriately begins his literary career with these stories of his native land." No better book could be selected as a prize book for the class in Canadian history, or for the school library.

THE TEMPERANCE TEACHINGS OF SCIENCE, by A. B. Palmer, M.D., LL.D., of the University of Michigan, and published by Messrs. J. and A. McMillan, St. John, N.B. This book has been authorized by the Board of Education of New Brunswick, for use in the schools of that province. The book is both written and published in a very attractive style, and as a missionary against the terrible evils of intemperance, may fortify our boys and girls as they grow up to be men and women to resist the temptation by a moral effort, rendered all the stronger on account of their scientific knowledge of alcohol and its effects upon the system.

THE POCKET ATLAS AND GAZETTEER of the Dominion of Canada, by J. G. Bartholomew, F.R.S.E., F.R.G.S., edited by J. M. Harper, M.A., Ph.D., F.E.I.S., and published by Messrs. John Walker and Co., Farringdon House, Warwick Lane, London, England. This is a companion volume to the *Pocket Gazetteer of the World*, issued by the same firm, and is expected to prove as useful to our business and professional men as well as those who hold positions in our public offices, as its predecessor volume. As the preface of the book says, the aim in compiling such a work has been to include every place likely to be enquired after, even down to the smallest hamlet, with a digest of the principal topographical, statistical, and railway information connected therewith. The maps, including the plans, of the chief cities, are thirty-six in number, prepared in the Bartholomews' best style, while the names contained in the Atlas are followed by index letters referring to the map, and the particular square on the map where they are to be found. Altogether it is to be hoped that the book will be found to be very useful as a ready-reference Gazetteer of our country.