
BOOK NOTICES.

His Honor and a Lady. By Mrs. Everard Cates (Sara Jeanette Duncan). New York: D. Appleton & Co.

Until the appearance of this fascinating story of Anglo-Indian life we chiefly associated Mrs. Cates' work with a sprightly humor clothing with prismatic gaiety whatever subject her pen chanced upon, and with a rare faculty of description which captured receptive readers and admitted them at once to her truly delightful view of scenes and situations. "His Honor and a Lady" possesses all the charm of earlier work and added interest in a plot which embraces a sympathetic study of much-sophisticated society found in diplomatic circles. In this attractive volume we enjoy confidential relations with two uniquely charming women, and in the character of Mr. Lewis Ancrom, who stands self-condemned in the remark that if he has a Nemesis it is in the feminine idea of him, we find a particularly interesting type of the cultured scoundrel. That the warmth and grace and sensuous beauty of the far-off South have not passed unobserved is evidenced in many exquisite bits which glow with the radiance and breath of the the fragrance of tropical life, and that Mrs. Cates affords us some inimitable comedy with the astute and wily native naïveté deceives no one except himself, goes without saying.

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In the Days of the Canada Company.
The story of the Settlement of the Huron Tract and a View of the Social Life of the Period. 1825-50.
By Robina and Kathleen Macfarlane Lizars. With an introduction by G. M. Grant, D.D., LL.D., Principal Queen's University, Kingston. With portraits and illustrations. Toronto: William Briggs. 1896.

The story of the settlement of the Huron Tract "in the days of the Canada

Company" as told in this very delightful book is a quaint and interesting bit of local history. The emigrants were largely drawn from the middle class English and Scotch families, although there were a few Irish officers in the army and navy, retired on half-pay, people of good manners, good brains, well-strung nerves and moderate means. These colonists brought with them the habits and prejudices of their class and time, they brought, also, their old world quarrels and settled them as they had been wont to. Orangeman and papist fought their battles over again as they had done in County Down, and social differences were settled by the pistol on the shores of Lake Huron as they had been settled at Erskine Ferry or at Moorfields. "Great boys at election times? Bedad, they were great boys at any time." "There were so many rows in Goderich, that I don't mind any one in particular." The reclamation of the wilderness might have been placed in more dexterous hands; but they accomplished it or helped to accomplish it, and lived, probably, on a more ample scale than those who now occupy their lands. The roistering, the social feuds, even, perhaps, the trickery (electioneering and other) were symptomatic of an inevitable and not altogether unhealthy reaction against the tension born of their surroundings. They had to fight nature and fight hard. "A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the trunks of trees." "In the Days of the Canada Company" contains admirable character sketches of the pioneers and of those who were associated with them—of Galt, for instance; of "The Tiger," Dr. William Dunlop, the friend of Galt, Christopher North, and the Ettrick Shepherd; of the commissioner Jones, of the Canada Company and of "the Renee"; of Mr. Haldane; of Cap