

Lore, and a review of the various American Churches. It has also some readable articles. Professor Sayce is out in the September number with *The Latest Discovery in Palestine*, already set forth in the *Palestine Fund's Quarterly Statement*. He concludes, "To dig up the sources of Genesis is a better occupation than to spin theories and dissect the Scriptural narrative in the name of the 'higher criticism.'" A single blow of the excavator's pick has before now shattered the most ingenious conclusions of the Western critic." The *Magazine of Christian Literature* culls from all the religious journals and papers, and thus concentrates a vast amount of valuable information in its monthly issues.

My old friend, Mr. John King, Q.C. of Berlin, Ont., sends me his fifty page pamphlet, *A Decade in the History of Newspaper Libel*, a paper read at the annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association, held at Ottawa, March, 1892, and published by the Association for general circulation. This paper, beginning with the definition of newspaper, proceeds to cite cases of libel and to define the changes in the law begun in Ontario in 1882 and amended in 1887, and carried on in the Dominion Parliament in 1888 until they reached their present and improved condition this year. Mr. King has his facts well in hand, writes lucidly, and, being a jurist of no mean order, his work must command attention. My knowledge of law is about on a par with my mathematical lore, so that I can do little more than chronicle the receipt from Dr.

Johnson, the Dean of the Arts Faculty of McGill, of his valuable contributions to the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada*, entitled *Newton's Use of the Slit and Lens in forming a Pure Spectrum*, and *Faraday's Lines of Force* (Suggestion of a name). I have already drawn attention to Dr. Sandford Fleming's political views as contained in a supplement of the *Queen's College Journal*. A more elaborate treatise of 176 large Svo. pages is published by the Council of the Canadian Institute, and is entitled *An Appeal to the Canadian Institute on the Rectification of Parliament*, together with the conditions on which the Council of the Institute offers to award one thousand dollars for Prize Essays. Dr. Fleming advocates the abolition of party government, the representation of minorities, and other improvements on our present system. There is no doubt that he has the welfare of Canada at heart.

The last fasciculus of the *Transactions of the Canadian Institute* contains ten papers which present a great variety. The first is the Hon. Justice Proudfoot's on *Some effects of Christianity on Legislation*, followed by Mr. Arthur Harvey's *Celtic, Roman, and Greek type in France*, Dr. W. R. Shaw's on *Peach Yellows*, Dr. Macallum's on *Studies on the Blood of Amphibia*, the Talker's on *Siberian Inscriptions*, Captain Cruikshank's on the *Administration of Lt. Gov. Simcoe*, Mr. W. H. Merritt's on *Iron and Steel Production in Ontario*, Dr. Sandford Fleming's on *Electoral Representation*, Dr. David Boyle's on *The Discovery of the Great Falls of*