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REPORT AND COLLECTIONS of the NOVA SCOTIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY for the year 1878. Vol. I. Halifax, N. S. Printed at the Herald Office, 1879.

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LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.—The number of *The Living Age* for the week ending January 10th,—the second weekly number of the new volume,—contains a Plea for the Eighteenth Century, from the *Nineteenth Century*; How we got away from Naples; a story of the Time of King Bomba, Fraser; The Lord's Prayer and the Church; by John Ruskin, *Contemporary Review*; The Curate of St. Matthew's Argosy; Life in Brittany, Cornhill; Edward and Catherine Stanley, Fraser; A Silesian Country House, *Saturday Review*; The Criminal Code of the Jews, Part IV., *Pall Mall Gazette*; Teaching Grandmother, and Grandmother's Teaching, by Alfred Austin, *Cornhill*; with the usual select poetry, etc.

Two new serial stories, one by Mrs. Oliphant, and the other by the author of those charming stories "Dorothy Fox" and "Hero Carthow," have been recently begun in *The Living Age*, from advance sheets, and the publishers present to new subscribers for 1880 the six numbers of 1879 which contain the opening chapters of both these serials. The present is therefore a favorable time for subscribing.

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