

THE Editors of the UNIVERSITY QUARTERLY REVIEW feel that the scope of their publication may fairly be judged by the attractive and varied Table of Contents which they are enabled to present to their readers. No similar publication exists in Canada for the free discussion of questions that naturally invite the attention of the scholar, the journalist, the politician, the specialist and the man of affairs. The REVIEW is conducted by University men, and while appealing primarily to a constituency composed of their fellow-graduates, is not intended to occupy a limited field, but will endeavour to interest all who wish to be informed upon the leading questions of the day. The contributors to the present number are specialists in their own departments, and are well qualified to write authoritatively on the subjects they have chosen. Their utterances are the outcome of practical experience and a wide acquaintance with the various phases of the issues presented for the consideration of the reader.

A valuable contribution to our historical material is, "Proposed Municipal Corporations in Upper Canada, 1794," by Thomas Hodgins, Esq., M.A., Q.C., Master in Ordinary of the High Court of Judicature for Ontario. During a recent visit to England, the writer was permitted to inspect the original documents in the Imperial State Paper Office. He has noted the Despatches that passed between the first Governor of Upper Canada and the Colonial Office in 1794. The reader is thus present at the inception of the earliest Municipal Institutions in what is now Ontario, resulting in the complete local self-government characteristic of our system. A question of the present is propounded for solution in "The Canadian Sugar Combine," by W. J. Ashley, M. A., Professor of Political Science in the University of Toronto. The legislator and the economist are occupied largely with the consideration of mercantile combinations and Trusts. An enquiry into their *modus operandi* and effects, with the assistance of the modern economic method, is therefore seasonable. Of much interest to all Canadians is the retrospect and accompanying forecast by Dr. John George Bourinot, C.M.G., Clerk of the House of Commons, Ottawa, embodied in his article "The National Sentiment in Canada." Confederation is no longer an experiment. The capacity for self-government already exhibited by Canadians is a hopeful augury for the continued co-existence of the various elements of our population. Such is the opinion of one whose views derive authority from long experience with the work of our Federal Parliament, enlarged by historical investigation. Marked by the same hopefulness for the future of Canada, and by the same spirit that animates its people, is the Poem with which the Number opens, "Autochthon," by Charles G. D. Roberts, whose work in the leading English and American Magazines has attracted attention to the strong individuality and national sentiment displayed in recent Canadian literature. The death of Robert Browning has caused to be instituted a renewed critical estimate of his writings. The paper contributed by Professor Alexander, of Toronto, one of the leading Browning scholars, is a thoughtful study of "Sordello," that enigmatic masterpiece of the poet's youth, much criticized nowadays but little read. A vigorous note on the attempt to found an artificial Social System in our Dominion is written by J. D. Edgar, Esq., M.P., in "Titles of Honour in Canada." "New Work in Psychology," by Professor J. Mark Baldwin, the recently appointed successor to the chair of the late Professor Young, will attract much attention as an exposition of the new method of research in that department. The obscure new study of "Psycho-physics" receives at his hands a careful statement of its field and objects. The responsibility of the physician in aiding the growth of certain insidious vices of modern fashionable life is discussed professionally in an article on the "Morpho-Maniac." A *resume* of the discussion now in progress among the Schools in Eastern Ontario is presented in "Bilingual Texts." In "Notes and Comments," short discussions of current topics will be found. An early announcement will be made respecting the Contents of the next number.

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