

"LITERARY LIFE," which has hitherto been issued from Cleveland, will hereafter be published from Chicago by the Elter Publishing Company; its office will be at 364 Wabash Avenue. With its removal it will inaugurate still more interesting changes; its form will be considerably enlarged and improved; and, with an engraved title-page and sixty-four pages of matter, it will reach in effect the dignity and proportions of a magazine.

THE rapidity with which one may learn a foreign language is demonstrated by Mr. Howard Vincent, late Director of Criminal Investigations at Scotland yard, London. On his arrival in Russia he advertised for a Russian family where he could be received, versed in the language, and allowed to study Russian to his heart's content. He employed four tutors, each with a different system, with whom he studied eleven hours a day. In six weeks he was able to converse in Russian with fluency and accuracy.

THE *Overland Monthly* for July is an excellent magazine, and we regret that circumstances prevent our giving the lengthened notice it merits, and from presenting to our readers abstracts from some of the able papers. Principal amongst its contents are contributions upon "Rudimentary Society among Boys," "The Con-Cow Indians," "Old Teutonic Life in Beowulf," "Garrison Life in the old North-West," "San Carlos de Monterey," "An Episode of the Turnpike," "The Philippine Islands," some continued articles and stories, etc.,

MR. CHARLES G. LELAND, who for some years has been making a great experiment in education in America, in a very short time will return to take up his residence in England. Mr. Leland has been busy introducing into Philadelphia the teaching of the "minor arts" in the elementary education of children. He has also been busy, as our readers know, on the mythology and legendary history of the Indians of the Eastern Provinces. Mr. Leland has found most striking similarities between the legends of the Indians of Maine and New Brunswick and the Eddas, which he illustrated a short time ago in a lecture before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

IN answer to the many inquiries made in both America and England as to whether Julian Hawthorne's latest novel, "Archibald Malmaison," is a true history, the author writes the following interesting account of the inception of the story. Mr. Hawthorne says: "Enquiry has been made as to whether this story is true. A paragraph in a newspaper had caught my attention, giving the case of a married man who, by a blow on the head, had been deprived of his memory: he forgot his wife and children, finally obtained a divorce, and married again. Three or four years passed, when his memory suddenly began again at the point where it had left off. All that had happened in the meanwhile, including his new family, was a blank to him; but he hunted up his former ties, and lived happily ever after. Some time after digesting this anecdote, I chanced upon an allusion, in Thackeray's 'Humorists,' I think, to the discovery in the ashes of Pompeii of the print of a woman's form, the form itself having utterly disappeared. Within a few months thereafter, the present book was written, and, for aught I know to the contrary, it may be true from beginning to end—with one exception. It is stated in the opening paragraph of the story, that Archibald 'had the odd distinction of being born on the 29th of February, 1800.' On referring to the calendar, I find that this date has no existence; but so trifling a detail is hardly worth noticing."

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE BACON-SHAKE-SPEARE CONTROVERSY, with Notes and Extracts. By W. H. Wyman. Cincinnati: P. G. Thomson. 1 vol. 8vo., 124 p.p. 1884.

There is no accounting for the fads of the age, save on the theory that the iconoclastic spirit and craving for notoriety in large measure incite people who have little to occupy them to fasten upon and toy with an idea which has possessed their brain. The present volume is due to neither of these perturbing and predisposing causes, and the compiler, while maintaining a strict neutrality in the interest of the problem discussed, declares for the "Divine William" on the question of the authorship of Shakespeare's plays. His motive in collecting the literature of the controversy seems to be that which usually impels the literary and historical student in sifting any matter that seriously presents a difficulty, and in endeavouring to get the data together which will enable the literary student to come to a safe conclusion on the merits of the question. In this respect, Mr. Wyman's work is commendable, however impatiently the reader may regard the whole subject. As in the case of Junius' Letters, the authorship of Shakespeare's Plays comes up for question periodically. Of late years the craze has broken out with more than usual virulence in the United States. Mr. Wyman has in the present volume brought together the titles, with extracts explanatory of the side taken by the writers, of over 250 books, pamphlets, and articles discussing the question, for or against Shakespeare. From his classification we learn that of this formidable list less than a half declare for Shakespeare, while, of the remainder, some seventy-three are against him, and the balance is unclassified. Of the nationality of those who have taken part in the controversy we find, as we have said, that the bulk are Americans, though writers of almost every country have entered the lists, including three Canadians. Many extracts given by the compiler are quite interesting, and some are very ingenious in their argument; but that the discussion can help the student of Shakespeare and of Elizabethan literature in general, or advance the interests of literary criticism, we do not believe. Mr. Wyman's book, nevertheless, is curious and interesting, and, with respect to its subject, is a significant product of an age of doubt.

G. M. A.

## IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA.

Proceedings of the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the shareholders, held at the Banking House of the Institution in Toronto, on Wednesday, 2nd July, 1884.

There were present:—

Messrs. H. S. Howland, T. R. Merritt (St. Catharines), Hon. James R. Benson (St. Catharines), P. Hughes, T. R. Wadsworth, G. M. Rose, John Bain, Rev. E. B. Lawler, R. Beaty, James Graham, W. B. Hamilton, Geo. Robinson, David Kidd (Hamilton), W. T. Kiely, D. R. Wilkie, etc., etc.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. H. S. Howland, and Mr. D. R. Wilkie was requested to act as Secretary.

The Secretary, at the request of the Chairman, read the report of the Directors and the Statement of Affairs.

### THE REPORT.

The directors have satisfaction in submitting to the shareholders their ninth annual balance sheet and statement of profits for the year ended 31st May, 1884:—

Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management, and making provision for all interest due depositors, and writing off all losses, amount to.....	\$143,108 63
Profits brought forward from 1883 .....	28,165 98
	<b>\$171,274 61</b>

This sum has been appropriated as follows:—

Dividend No. 17, 4 per cent. (paid 2nd January, 1884).....	\$60,000 00
Dividend No. 18, 4 per cent. (payable 2nd July, 1884).....	60,000 00
Applied in reduction of Bank Premises Account.....	4,598 65
Carried to Rest Account, making that Account \$680,000.....	300 00
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	<b>16,689 96</b>

The business of the country has been injuriously affected during the year by the bad harvest of 1883, coupled with an over-production of manufactures and a continued depression in the North-West. The harvest of this year at present promises to be as bountiful as that of last year was deficient; manufacturers have materially reduced their out-put of goods, and the trade and agricultural interests of the North-West show gratifying signs of improvement. Your directors have, therefore, reasonable grounds for believing that the business for the year now current will prove still more successful than that of the year just brought to a close.

The assets of the bank have at a recent date been carefully examined by your directors, and full provision has been made for all bad and doubtful debts.

The usual inspections of the head office and branches have been made during the year.

The Cashier and other officers of the bank have performed their respective duties to the satisfaction of the Board.

H. S. HOWLAND,  
President.

### GENERAL STATEMENT.—31st May, 1884.

LIABILITIES.	
1 Notes of the Bank in circulation .....	\$ 900,281 00
2 Deposits bearing interest (including interest accrued to date).....	2,395,592 74
3 Deposits not bearing interest .....	980,087 06
4 Due to other banks in Canada .....	17,351 66
Total liabilities to the public .....	<b>\$4,293,723 66</b>
5 Capital stock paid up .....	1,500,000 00
6 Rest account.....	680,000 00
7 Dividend No. 18, payable 2nd July 1884 (4 per cent.).....	60,000 00
8 Former dividends unpaid .....	1,087 18
9 Balance of profit and loss account carried forward.....	<b>16,689 96</b>
	<b>\$6,551,478 90</b>
ASSETS.	
1 Gold and Silver Coin Current.....	\$ 259,879 60
2 Dominion Government Notes.....	425,458 00
3 Notes of and cheques on other banks .....	153,402 79
4 Balance due from other banks in Canada.....	204,309 94
5 Balance due from agents in foreign countries .....	64,922 88
6 Balance due from agents in United Kingdom .....	61,868 87
7 Government securities .....	128,345 81
8 Municipal and other debentures.....	79,571 56
Total assets immediately available.....	<b>\$1,377,758 75</b>
9 Loans on call.....	108,987 98
10 Loans, Discounts, or advances on current account to Corporation .....	453,747 01
11 Notes and bills discounted and current .....	4,300,561 19
12 Notes discounted over due, secured .....	110,137 49
13 Notes discounted over due, unsecured.....	22,189 04
(Estimated Loss provided for)	
14 Real estate, the property of the bank (other than bank premises).....	21,525 55
15 Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the bank (all bearing interest).....	22,381 00
16 Bank premises, including safes, vaults and office furniture at head office and branches .....	120,650 00
17 Other Assets, not included under foregoing heads .....	13,640 94
	<b>\$6,551,478 90</b>

Moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, That the Report which has been read be adopted, printed, and circulated among the shareholders—Carried.

Moved by W. B. Hamilton, Esq., seconded by G. M. Rose, Esq., That the thanks of the shareholders are due, and are hereby tendered, to the President, Vice-President, and Directors of the Bank for the able manner in which they have conducted its affairs during the past year—Carried.

Moved by Rev. E. B. Lawler, seconded by Geo. Robinson, Esq., That the thanks of the shareholders be given to the Cashier and the other officers of the bank, for their attention to the interests of the bank, and for the efficient performance of their respective duties.

Moved by John Bain, Esq., Q.C., seconded by T. R. Wadsworth, Esq., That the ballot box be now opened and remain open until two o'clock this day for the receipt of ballot tickets for the election of seven directors, the poll to close as soon as five minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being tendered, and that James Graham and Robert Beaty do act as scrutineers—Carried.

Moved by Robert Beaty, Esq., and seconded by T. R. Wadsworth (Weston), That the President do now leave the chair, and that Mr. T. R. Merritt do take it.

Moved by W. T. Kiely, Esq., seconded by David Kidd, Esq. (Hamilton), That the thanks of the Bank are due, and are hereby tendered, to Mr. Howland for his able conduct in the chair.

The scrutineers subsequently reported the following shareholders as directors for the ensuing year:—Messrs. H. S. Howland, T. R. Merritt, Hon. J. R. Benson, Wm. Ramsay, T. R. Benson, Wm. Ramsay, T. R. Wadsworth, P. Hughes, John. P. Fisk.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. H. S. Howland was re-elected President, and Mr. T. R. Merritt Vice-President, for the ensuing year.

By Order of the Board.

Toronto, 2nd July, 1884.

D. R. WILKIE,  
Cashier.