

place. However, they present fairly correct sketches of Canadian life, both east and west, and cannot but be of interest to those who look for traces of romance and adventure on our soil.

A fourth volume from the same source is in the Colonial Library of William Heinemann of London, and the copy before me is in paper cover, price seventy-five cents. In cloth cover its value is one dollar, but the American edition sells at half a dollar more. Its pages are 355 and its title in England is *Illumination*, in the United States, *The Damnation of Theron Ware*. This remarkable book, which has reached a sale of many thousands, is written by Harold Frederic. Its joint hero and villain is an Episcopal Methodist parson, raw, simple minded, eloquent and ambitious. Conference does not recognize his merit, and sends him to a manufacturing town where the denomination is weak. Theron has a good wife, quite his equal, and he has three trustees, one of whom is a good man but not a church member. The mean ways of Methodist trustees are well shown up, and, in connection with the visit of a man and his clever wife, revivalists and debt-raisers, the general untruthfulness, trickery and galvanized emotional sham of religious life in a place called Octavius. Theron, anxious to raise money to buy his wife a piano and procure other comforts, determines to out-rival Farrar and more celebrated men by writing a *Life of Abraham*, only to find out that he knows nothing about him. Accidentally, he is brought into contact with a cultivated and far from ascetic Roman Catholic priest, a sceptical scientific doctor, and a charming and wealthy young Irish-American Roman Catholic lady. They all take to the Reverend Mr. Ware, because of his delightful simplicity, and invite him to their houses. The wealthy lady buys his wife a piano, and makes a kind of flirtation with him. Then his simplicity takes the form of the worst kind of egotism. He becomes a sneerer at religion through abounding hypocrisy, then a hypocrite through policy taught him by the debt-raisers, and finally a libertine. Such