

ters at Red River escaped any punishment. In eight years from the first settlement in 1812 to his death at Pau, in the French Pyrenees, in 1820, Lord Selkirk sank half a million of money in his philanthropic endeavours to plant a colony of his country in this garden of the mid-continent. The Prairie Province should ever revere the memory of Selkirk. We think that Prof. Bryce has missed the opportunity that should surpass in interest Irving's Astoria, as he had in the character of his hero an incomparably worthier theme. The chapters on the Present Condition of the Colony, give much valuable information in which multitudes are interested. We are glad to observe that he pays a just tribute to the religious efforts of the Methodist Church of Canada, although he is less generous than Principal Grant in acknowledging the valuable services of its early missions in the North-West.

*Wanderings in South America.* By CHARLES WATERTON. Fol. pp. 64, with 100 illustrations. London: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 20 cents.

The story of Waterton's life is as fascinating as a romance. He was a passionate enthusiast in the study of natural history, and travelled far in his favourite pursuit. He was as close an observer as Darwin, but he had not the philosophic insight which led the latter to such far-reaching generalizations. But the book is a capital one to kindle in boys an enthusiasm for the study of nature. The Rev. J. C. Wood, the veteran naturalist, contributes a valuable illustrated explanatory index.

*The Chrysanthemum, a Monthly Magazine for Japan and the Far East.* Vo. I. Jan. to Dec., 1881. Yokohama: Kelly & Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. 8vo, pp. 507. Price \$3 per year.

This is a volume of unique interest—a greeting from the Far East to the Far West. Its object is “to bring the poles of Eastern and Western thought into such contact as may result in the diffusion of a

genial light and warmth.” The problems of human history, thought, morals, and religion, as exhibited in Japan, are discussed in a great number of articles on Japanese linguistics and similar topics by our accomplished and versatile friend, the Rev. C. S. Eby, M.A., who seems to be devoting himself with as great enthusiasm to the study of Japanese literature as he has done to that of modern Europe. We hope that many of our readers who are interested in the new and Christian civilization of Japan, will assist its literary efforts by patronizing this Magazine.

*Certainties in Religion.* By the Rev. JOHN A. WILLIAMS, D.D. *The Soul's Anchor.* By the Rev. GEO. MCRITCHIE. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 20 cents.

These are the fifth Annual Lecture and Sermon before the Theological Union of Victoria College. The lecture is just such an admirable exposition of the eternal verities of revealed religion as we would expect from the well-known mastery of the subject of Christian apologetics of its accomplished author. The sermon is a practical and cogent enforcement of the doctrine of a living, personal, and reconciled God, as an unfailing anchor of the soul. The Theological Union is to be congratulated on its annual issue of such high-class discourses.

*Pamphlets.*—We are glad to observe the literary activity of the ministers of our Church, as evidenced by the number of books and pamphlets which they are publishing. We hope that more and more they will continue to make use of the powerful agency of the press to influence public opinion, and to impart religious truth. Dr. Burwash, in an excellent pamphlet on the “Moral Condition of Childhood,” gives his views on this important subject. The Rev. H. F. Bland, in another well-written tract, entitled, “Universal Childhood Drawn to Christ,” takes exception to some of his positions. We will not attempt to hold the balance between. We