

LITERARY AND PERSONAL.

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The special frontispiece for the March *Scribner* (chosen by Philip Gilbert Hamerton), is Tito Lessi's "Milton visiting Galileo."

Miss Albarus on Friday evening last read an able and thoughtful paper on "The Philosophy of the Fine Arts," before the Literary Society of the School of Pedagogy.

Prince Edward Island mourns the death of Lieutenant-Governor Carvell. Sympathy for the family of the late Lieutenant-Governor and for the little sea-girt province, will be as wide as our great Dominion.

The Association of Ontario Land Surveyors will hold its annual meeting in the Canadian Institute Building, Toronto, on the 27th and 28th inst. A number of papers on subjects of importance and interest to the profession will be read and customary business transacted.

M. Jules Simon has discovered the secret of old age, and he has formulated the recipe in two words—intellectual work. Nothing, he declares, helps so materially to conserve physical strength as mental employment, and in proof of this theory he points out that the French Institute is a perfect congregation of hale and hearty octogenarians.

The fact that Mr. F. Marion Crawford's last novel, "Marion Darche," has gone into a second edition even more speedily than have any of its predecessors, proves the intense patriotism of our neighbors, their liberal patronage of their own authors, and their fondness for American themes, and American types. Cosmopolitanism is a plant of somewhat slow growth.

From an exchange we have taken the following announcement: Mr. Louis Frechette has been communicated with by a committee of European poets who desire to make a presentation of poems to the Pope, whom they recognize as one of their number. The scheme is entitled "Leo XIII.'s Poetical Crown," and Canadian poets are invited to contribute, communicating with Dr. Frechette.

Houghton Mifflin & Co. announce the following books in addition to Dr. Winsor's "Cartier and Frontenac" already mentioned by us: "William Lloyd Garrison, 1805-1879." The story of his life told by his children, illustrated; "A Poet's Portfolio: Later Reading." By William Wetmore Story; "In Exile and other Stories." By Mary Hall-ock Foote; and "John Larkin Lincoln."

Intellectual energy and high achievement will almost unfailingly win for men the public notice and prominence which they merit though they may not court. Once a *Week*, a New York journal, in its issue of 10th February, has excellent portraits and short sketches of two prominent Canadians: Dr. J. G. Bourinot, C.M.G., and Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, of recent exploratory fame.

The late Sir W. H. Gregory had during the closing years of his life compiled a volume of reminiscences, social and political, and these are now being edited by his widow, Lady Gregory, and will form a volume which is to be published by Mr. John Murray. Sir William's recollections dated back to the days of Lord George Bentinck, and he was known through life as a brilliant and sympathetic companion and raconteur.

Macmillan & Co. will publish a number of books this coming spring on a variety of subjects. Literature, Art, Science, History, and Educational topics will be well represented. We notice among the number, Mr. Goldwin Smith's "Oxford and Her Colleges," Professor Mark Baldwin's "Mental Development in the Child and the Race," a new edition of Professor Bryce's "American Commonwealth," also of "Peppy's Diary," new novels by Mrs. Humphrey Ward and Marion Crawford respectively, and William Winter's "Life and Art of Joseph Jefferson."

The death of Mr. R. M. Ballantyne removes one of the most delightful and popular entertainers and instructors of youth of the century. Many years ago Mr. Ballantyne was a clerk in the employment of the Hudson Bay Company and so in early life familiarized himself with the life and scenes of our Northland, which he has described so well. Our readers will not have forgotten our reference to Mr. Blathwayt's paper on Mr. Ballantyne, in the *Idler*. A thoroughly pure and conscientious writer he was, and the boys who so easily read and so thoroughly enjoy his splendid stories little know the pains and industry involved in their writing. The name of Ballantyne will always be honored by British boys; and boys that were, who are men to-day, look back with pleasant memories on their first introduction to his stirring and instructive tales.

The exploratory trip taken by Messrs. Jos. B. and James W. Tyrrell, from Edmonton through the hitherto unexplored wilds, to the west of Hudson's Bay, to Selkirk, is one of the most remarkable and successful ever taken in the interests of science on this continent. The story of the undertaking is one of intense interest and its accomplishment reflects the greatest credit on these plucky, adventurous, and now famous young Canadians. The narrative of their hardships, adventures and experiences would make a most readable and instructive volume and will, we hope, take that form. Many a far less noteworthy undertaking has received such distinction. Theirs is said to have been the longest trip through entirely unknown portions of the continent undertaken since Sir John Franklin was engaged in his ill-starred Arctic expedition. The total mileage by canoe was 2,200, of which 850 was through new country; the total by snowshoe travel was 650, and by dog-sled 350.

A STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

AN INTERVIEW WITH A WELL-KNOWN BRANT COUNTY LADY.

Suffered for Two Years With Sick Headache, Dizziness and Dyspepsia—How She Found Relief—What Well-Known Chemists Say.

From the Brantford Expositor.

Mrs. S. W. Avery lives on Pleasant Ridge, about four miles out of the city of Brantford, that being her nearest post-office and where all her trading is done. Mr. and Mrs. Avery have always lived in that neighborhood, and he is the owner of two splendid farms, the one where he lives consisting of 160 acres and the other lying near Brantford comprising 100 acres. They are highly respected residents of the community in which they reside, and every person for miles around knows them. Having heard that Mrs. Avery had been cured of chronic dyspepsia and indigestion, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, a reporter called there recently and asked if she was willing to make public the facts concerning the cure. Mrs. Avery replied that she had benefitted by the use of Pink Pills, and was perfectly willing to give her experience for the benefit of those who might be similarly suffering. "For the past two years," said Mrs. Avery, "I had been greatly troubled with a very sick headache, dizziness, and a cough which I believe were the symptoms of dyspepsia and indigestion, and I could find nothing to relieve me although I tried several different medicines. I could not even find anything which would relieve my cough, which at times would be very severe. Early last winter I read in the Expositor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and as the symptoms mentioned were somewhat similar to mine I was thus induced to try them. I procured a supply from Messrs. McGregor & Merrill, druggists of Brantford. Before I had used two boxes of the Pink Pills I felt so much better and relieved from my distressing symp-

toms that I thought it would be best to continue taking them through the winter, and I accordingly got another supply and used them with the result that I have been totally relieved. I have not once since had the severe headaches which formerly made my life miserable and my cough has entirely disappeared. I strongly recommend Pink Pills to anyone who suffers similar to what I did, from dizziness, headaches, indigestion, etc., and I believe they will derive great benefit from their use.

Mrs. Avery's statement was corroborated by her husband, who was present during the interview, and who said that without a shadow of a doubt Pink Pills had accomplished more for his wife than any other medicine which she had taken.

Messrs. McGregor & Merrill were interviewed, and in reply to a query as to the sale of these pills, Mr. McGregor said: "We have sold in the neighborhood of 5,000 boxes during the past twelve months and there is no remedy we handle gives better satisfaction to our customers than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I have every confidence that Pink Pills are the best on the market and something the people can depend upon." Mr. Merrill, the other member of this well-known firm, said: "I have more pleasure in selling Pink Pills than any other medicine we handle, because it is rarely there is any disappointment in them, and the people who purchase them unanimously express themselves as well satisfied. I am well acquainted with Mrs. Avery and I know that all her statements are reliable, and I have watched the improvement Pink Pills have made in her case and have seen a great change for the better. Many other druggists recommend some preparations, sometimes their own, to be equally as good as Pink Pills, but we cannot conscientiously say so, knowing that as a system tonic Dr. Williams' Pink Pills stand unrivalled."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a perfect blood builder and nerve restorer, curing such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, nervous headache, nervous prostration, and tired feeling therefrom, the after effects of la grippe, diseases depending on humors in the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. Pink Pills give a healthy glow to pale and sallow complexions and are a specific for troubles peculiar to the female system, and in the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excesses of any nature.

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N.Y., at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50. The price at which these pills are sold makes a course of treatment comparatively inexpensive as compared with other courses of treatment.

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