

Maple Leaves, 1894. Canadian History, Literature, Ornithology. By J. M. LeMOINE, F.R.S.C., Quebec: L. J. Demers & Frere. Toronto: William Briggs. 8vo. Pp. 508. Paper, \$1; cloth, \$1.50.

Mr. LeMoine has identified himself with Canadian literature in both English and French more completely, we judge, than any other writer. In previous volumes of his *Maple Leaves*, of which this is the fifth series, he has gathered up the quaint legends, folk-lore and traditions of French Canada; and they are a perfect mine of information on almost everything connected with its early history. In the present volume Mr. LeMoine discusses in a charming manner the ancient capital of Quebec, its picturesque surroundings and its storied past. He recounts certain episodes of the war of the Conquest, discusses social life in French Canada, Christmas and New Year's in the olden time, and similar themes.

Part two of this volume gives a number of lectures and addresses, all marked by the author's graceful manner. There is a piquancy and picturesqueness of style peculiar to the French genius even when using the English tongue. Mr. Kirby, the author of the "Chien D'Or," writes a graceful introduction. A portrait of the author and an engraving of his beautiful home at Spencerwood accompany the volume.

Was the Apostle Peter ever at Rome?

A Critical Examination of the Evidence and Arguments Presented on both sides of the Question. By REV. MASON GALLAGHER, D.D. Introduction by the Rev. John Hall, D.D. Pp. xiv-247. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.20.

Beneath the great dome of St. Peter's is the so-called tomb of the Galilean fisherman, and around the frieze of that mighty temple are the words, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I build my church." If the episcopate at Rome of St. Peter be disproved, then the very

keystone falls out of the arch of Papal assumption. Dr. Gallagher, with very patient study, investigates the evidence on both sides of this question. Our independent studies of this question corroborate his conclusion. It is incredible that the Apostle Peter had any share in planting the Roman Church. The story of St. Peter's twenty-five years' episcopate at Rome is too absurd to require disproof. The very minuteness of detail in the legends of St. Peter is their own refutation. In vain are we shown the chair in which tradition asserts that he sat, the font at which he baptized, the cell in which he was confined, the fountain which sprang up in its floor, the pillar to which he was bound, the chains which he wore, the impression made by his head in the wall and by his knees in the stony pavement, the scene of his crucifixion, the very hole in which the foot of the cross was placed, and the tomb in which his body is said to lie. They all fail to carry conviction to any mind in which superstition has not destroyed the critical faculty. The mighty fane which rises sublimely in the heart of Rome in honor of the Galilean fisherman, like the religious system of which it is the visible exponent, is founded on a shadowy tradition, opposed alike to the testimony of Scripture, the evidence of history, and the deductions of reason.

A Help for the Common Days, Being Papers on Practical Religion. By J. R. MILLER, D.D. Pp. 320. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 90c.

Dr. Miller's book on "Week-Day Religion," met with wide favor, and has helped many people over the hard places to a fuller, richer life. The present volume is a collection of chapters, he says, written out of his own experience in the hope that they may make the path plainer for others. Every line of the book is intended to bear on the actual life of the common days, to show why it is worth while to live earnestly at