

prelate's death has acted as Vicar Apostolic of the Eastern District of Scot and. Bishop Gillis possessed great general accomplishments and a polished manner; and though very zealous for his Church, he had many friends and admirers differing widely from him in opinion. He was eminent as an orator and preacher, not only in English, but perhaps even more in French. So highly was he esteemed as a French pulpit orator, that he was lately selected by the French Bishops to preach before the Emperor the sermon at the Commemoration of Joan of Arc."

Among the other poems we notice "Tribute to the late Earl of Elgin," "St. Andrew's Day at Ottawa," "Epistle to a friend at Edinburgh descriptive of Canada," and a beautiful translation of the "Dies Irae," which we copy in this number.

**EOZOON CANADENSE.**—39 p. 8vo; Montreal, 1865. Lovell.

This is a report of papers (with additions) from the *Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society of London* and the *Canadian Naturalist*, by Sir Wm. Logan and D.S. Dawson, Carpenter and Hunt on a recently discovered species of organic remains occurring in the Laurentian rocks of Canada. It is believed that this discovery will help to modify some of the geological theories now in vogue. The articles are illustrated with a plate and several woodcuts.

**MEREDITH.**—Short School Time with Military or Naval Drill, in connection especially with the subject of an efficient Militia system; By E. A. Meredith, LL.D.; 8vo, 26 p.

In addition to the information contained in this valuable pamphlet, we may state that drill is a regular part of the exercises in the three Normal Schools of Lower Canada and has been generally introduced in all the Common Schools taught by teachers from the Normal Schools, several of whom are Military Instructors under the sanction of the Militia Department throughout the country. We copy the conclusion of Mr. Meredith's pamphlet:

"Drilling and volunteering have, for the last two years, been the order of the day in Canada, and most men under fifty and some over that age have been initiated in the 'goose-step,' and learning the mysteries of 'forming fours.' If from our drill experience we have learned nothing more, we must have at least learned this lesson: that soldiers are not made in a day, and that to expect to make an efficient militia by drilling men, taken from the plough or from the workshop, for three or four weeks in the year is simply absurd.

"An English statesman once designated the militia as *depositories of panic*. And the great Dryden describes the militia of his day in far from flattering terms, as

"Mouths without arms, maintained at vast expense,  
In peace a charge, in war a weak defence."

If we desire to have in Canada a militia the opposite of this, a militia which will cost us little; one of which we may feel proud in peace, and upon which we may rely with confidence in time of war; a militia in a word which will recall the memories, and be ready to repeat the deeds of our ancestors in 1812, we must see that our sons, while at school, learn thoroughly their military drill. There let us instruct them in the first rudiments of the arts of war as well as peace. There let us teach them to regard it as their pride as well as their duty to be *ready, aye ready*, to stand forth, when the need comes, to do or die for their country. There let us imbue them with that high and noble patriotism, that spirit of intelligence and self-reliance which, aided by physical health and strength, will make them good men, good citizens, and good soldiers, the ornament at once, and best defence of their country."

**STONE.**—The Life and Times of Sir William Johnson, Baronet; By William L. Stone, Albany; 1865.—2 vols., 8vo., 1094 pp. With Portrait and Map.

Sir William Johnson acted an important part in the old wars of this continent in connection with the great influence which he exercised over the Iroquois. His biography will find an appropriate place in every collection of American or Canadian history.

**VAMBERY.**—Travel in Central Asia; By Arminius Vambery. New-York; 1865.—8vo., 493 pp. Six Plates.

We have here the strange adventures of a Hungarian, a member of the Pesth Academy. He acquired so perfect a mastery of the language and manners of Central Asia that, disguised as a Dr. Vishi, he was enabled to travel through the country without his *incognito* being suspected even by the religious communities whose outward characteristics he had assumed.

**HUNT.**—Canada. A Geographical, Agricultural and Mineralogical Sketch. 33 pp.—Catalogue of the Canadian Contributions to the Dublin Exhibition. 39 pp.

These pamphlets, one the work of our learned chemist and geologist,

Wm. Sterry Hunt, Esq., have been published by the Minister of Agriculture and are intended for distribution at the Dublin Exhibition. The Catalogue is divided into six parts, comprising the divers products exhibited by Canada, viz., raw materials, machinery, textures, metallic products, miscellaneous manufactured articles, and objects coming under the designation of Fine Arts.

In the appendix we notice the mention of a complete collection of historical photographs by Mr. Livernois, a catalogue of books bound by Messrs. Brousseau and Desharats, giving an insight into Canadian literature, a collection of the Journals of Education for Lower and Upper Canada, and a series of school books published by Mr. Lovell.

**PERRAULT.**—*Traité d'Agriculture pratique*, par J. P. Perrault, ancien protonotaire, publié par J. Perrault, élève de l'École Grignon. John Lovell, Publisher, Montreal; 1865.—18mo., 196 pp.

The above little treatise, the offspring of filial devotion, will be found practically useful. The many works on agriculture and the art of teaching published by Mr. Perrault, ancestor of the representative for Richelieu, cannot at present be readily obtained, comparatively few copies being extant. The public will therefore, we have no doubt, hail with satisfaction the appearance of the above republication, the first of a series of cheap works to be published by the same editor.

**BENJAMIN.**—The St. Alban's Raid, or Investigations into the charges against Lieut. Bennett H. Young and others. John Lovell, Publisher, Montreal; 1865.—8vo., 480 pp.

**HODGINS.**—A School History of Canada and of the other British North American Provinces; By J. S. Hodgins. John Lovell, Publisher, Montreal; 1865.—12mo., 282 pp.

An abridgment embellished with 66 maps and woodcuts and containing numerous concise statistical and chronological tables which cannot fail to be of great assistance to teachers and pupils using the work. The history of each colony is given separately, geographical sketches and statistical information being appended in each case. Short biographical notices, thrown into foot notes, occur at almost every page. The whole work has been executed with great ability and precision, and altogether reflects credit on Mr. Hodgins, who is already so well known as the author of several favorite school books.

**WRIGHT.**—The Life of Major General Wolfe, founded on original documents and illustrated by his correspondence; By Robert Wright.—8vo., 626 pp. London; 1865. Chapman and Hall, Publishers, \$3.50.

This important work is embellished with a photograph taken from an old painting in which Wolfe has a more youthful and prepossessing air than in the portraits commonly met with. A new history of the determined efforts put forth by Great Britain to conquer Canada is quite apposite at a time when English statesmen and writers openly discuss the propriety of abandoning the colony. The author admits that the French general used every effort to put a stop to the massacre at Fort William Henry, and treats the anecdote of the farewell dinner given by Pitt to Wolfe as absurd, although supported by the authority of Lord Temple.

## MONTHLY SUMMARY.

### EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Two bursaries of \$50 each, provided by the Board of Agriculture, are open to competition for the course of agriculture in the McGill University, exempt from the sessional fee of \$20 for the present session. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age, of good moral character and possessing ability to pass the Matriculation Examination in Arithmetic and English. Free scholarships, exempting from sessional fees, will also be given to students who, in addition to the above course, shall pass the Matriculation Examination in mathematics and pursue creditably the college course therein for one or two sessions. Applications will be received by the Secretary of the University until the 3rd October next when the course will commence.

—His Lordship the R. C. Bishop of Kingston and Rev. Mr. Taschereau, rector of the Laval University, arrived at Quebec by the *Peruvian*. It will be remembered that their visit to Rome had reference to the founding of a Roman Catholic University at Montreal. The decision which they have obtained is adverse to the project.

—The number of pupils in the University Normal Department of Wisconsin has been during the past term 140. It is said that Prof. Allen is to resign his connection with the University at the close of the next term. The friends of education in Wisconsin are making vigorous efforts now