

Literary Notes.

COLLECTIONS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEARS 1889-91. Vol. VII. Halifax, 1891.

This neatly printed volume of 156 pages contains a vast amount of valuable information concerning the early history of Nova Scotia. The first paper is one on "Vinland," by Hon. L. G. Power; the second consists of "Notes on the Census of 1767," by David Allison, LL.D.; the third is on "The Early History of the Parish of St. George, Halifax," by Rev. Canon Partridge; and the fourth is the "Story of Deportation of Negroes from Nova Scotia to Sierra Leone," by Ex-Governor Archibald. There is also a collection of "Letters and other papers relating to the early history of the Church of England in Nova Scotia," copied from originals in the possession of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, London, England. The eleven volumes of the collection of this Historical Society already published will be, with those to follow, a veritable thesaurus of reliable information to future historians of the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

TRANSITION; OR, THE MAN OF YESTERDAY, OF TO-DAY, AND OF TO-MORROW. By Dr. J. N. Cadieux. Third edition. Toronto, 1892.

This little work of 82 pages will repay a careful perusal. It touches upon quite a variety of subjects, but the principal aim of the book is to give a scientific basis to prohibition, and the strongest arguments are addressed chiefly to the medical profession. We have heard Dr. Cadieux lecture, and we regard him as one of the most intelligent and intensely earnest advocates of total abstinence. He is keen, fearless and uncompromising, and his book shares in these characteristics. The third part, "Lights and Shadows," is a touching story, powerfully told. He takes the most advanced ground on the question of prohibition. Copies may be obtained from the author, Toronto, at 75 cents each.

La Glance for November has a very sensible article by Denis Ruthlan on "Canadian Literature and Criticism," in which he says: "Knowledge, taste, justice, charity, courage, and tact, these are the elements of sound criticism."

Brains is the name of a semi-monthly journal for literary folk, published by the United States Publishing Company, Boston. The number for November 16th contains a photogravure portrait of Thomas Wentworth Higginson, who is contributing an interesting series of articles to the journal under the title "Glimpses of Authors." There are New York and Chicago letters, and "The Observer" chats about T. W. Higginson. Rudyard Kipling, Wolcott Balestier and E. W. Bok, \$2.00 a year.

Among the announcements of the *Youth's Companion* for 1892 we see the names of several Canadian authors. Mr. E. W. Thomson will contribute a serial entitled "Smoky Days," a thrilling story of escape from a Canadian forest fire. The Countess Norraikow will write on the homes of the Cossacks, and there will be a paper from J. Macdonald Oxley— "Told by a Crenit Rider"—containing interesting and amusing incidents in a pioneer missionary's life.

The December *Eclectic Magazine* preserves its usual characteristics, creaminess, timeliness and variety. "The Demoralisation of Russia" gives one a saddening insight into the social condition of that country. The article that very many will turn to first is a short one by Frederic Harrison, on the "Eternal Woman Question." A study of Henry James, an estimate of Parnell by Justin McCarthy, with other articles, short stories and poems, make up a very attractive number. E. R. Pelton, 144 Eighth St., New York. \$5.00 a year.

The *Methodist Magazine* has grown in interest during the past year and increased in size. Under the able editorship of Rev. Dr. Withrow it must continue to prosper. As the only illustrated monthly magazine published for some time in Canada, it deserves a generous patronage. Every Methodist family would be the better for the monthly visits of this finely illustrated and well-conducted periodical. The December number is a capital one, and the programme for 1892 is very appetising. Wm. Briggs, Toronto. \$2.00 a year.

The November *Preacher's Magazine* is a good number of this very helpful monthly. The sermon of the month is by the Rev. Dr. John Clifford, and its subject is "The Patriarch Joseph as a Builder of the City of God." There is also a short sermon by Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, one of the editors, entitled "The Gospel of the Day: What to Do when Trouble Comes." Prof. Findlay, continuing his papers on the Epistles of the Apostle Paul, deals in this number with "The Epistles of the First Imprisonment." The substance of an address by Rev. S. E. Keeble is given on "Drink and the Social Question." Wilbur B. Ketcham, 2 Cooper Union, New York. \$1.50 a year.

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