

gesis, both British and Continental, has enriched the book. It cannot fail to make the preaching and Bible reading of all who will study it more rich, and full, and clear.

*Newfoundland: Its History, Its Present Condition, and its Prospects in the Future.* By JOSEPH HATTON and the Rev. M. HARVEY. 8vo., pp. 431, illustrated. Boston: Doyle & Whittle, and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax. Price \$3.75.

To most Canadian readers the Island of Newfoundland is as unfamiliar as the Island of Ceylon. Yet its history is of fascinating interest, and it is one of the noblest possessions of the British Crown. It has special claims upon our attention as a half-way house between Canada and Europe, as destined to become an important member of the Canadian Confederacy, and as the field of some of the most heroic missionary operations of our Church.

This book is the first which adequately treats this oldest colony of Great Britain—discovered by a British seaman only five years after Columbus unveiled the New World. It is one of the most successful examples of literary partnership. Mr. Hatton, an accomplished London journalist, edited the book, saw it through the press and enriched it by his researches in the library of the British Museum. Mr. Harvey traversed the island from side to side, explored its resources, and describes its agricultural, lumbering, mining and fishing industries. The book is admirably illustrated and has an excellent folding map. The American edition is revised, corrected, and enlarged; and is indispensable for all who would know all about our nearest seaward neighbour. The chapters on the seal, cod, salmon, herring, and other fisheries, on the interior of the island, and on Labrador, are a story of stirring adventure which has all the charm of romance. In 1874 there were 97,057 Protestants and 64,317 Roman Catholics, a considerable number of these French. Of the Protestants 59,561 belonged

to the Church of England, 35,702 to the Methodists, 1,168 to the Presbyterians. It is one of the noblest of our mission fields. We shall give in this Magazine for 1884 several articles on this island with copious pictorial illustration, drawn by the courtesy of the publishers from this volume.

*The After-School Series. Preparatory Latin Course in English.* By WILLIAM CLEAVER WILKINSON. 8vo., pp. 331. Price, \$1.25.

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*A Dictionary of Quotations from English and American Poets.* 8vo. pp. 761. New York: T. Y. Crowell & Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, \$2.75.

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