

and elsewhere in Canada without formal recognition, and that such recognition as the Association will soon be able to extend to it will undoubtedly give it a stimulus. In Ontario alone, and within our own knowledge, extension work of a very genuine kind is now a progress in Ottawa and Hamilton as well as in Toronto. Here it is carried on by at least five different local organizations this winter, and no doubt this number will be increased after New Year. It is not at all improbable that half a dozen or more written examinations may be asked for in Toronto alone before spring. One of the courses in this city is given in the history of English literature in Association Hall under the auspices of Trinity University. Another is given in the same "local centre" in Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, and as part of its regular educational work. A third is given in economic science in the Canadian Institute building, with the consent, though not otherwise under the auspices of the Scientific Society, which owns it. A fourth is given on Saturday afternoons to public school teachers in one of the Normal School lecture rooms, the subjects being Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" and prose essays by Mr. Lowell and Mr. Gladstone. The fifth of the courses referred to is in Tennyson's Arthurian poems, including the "Idylls of the King," the "Lady of Shalott," "Sir Launcelot and Queen Guinevere," and "Sir Galahad," and it is given as the regular weekly work of a literary society in one of our churches. There are two courses going on in Ottawa, one in Literature and one in Political Economy, under the auspices of Queen's University. The one that I know of in Hamilton is in Shakespeare's "King Lear," and it is given by the Young People's Christian Association. These are for the most part free, or nearly so, to those who take advantage of them, and therefore their success does not prove that it would be possible to make extension classes anything like self-sustaining. It proves, however, that many people can be drawn into taking an interest in such subjects, and with a large proportion of those who take advantage of these courses the fees is a matter of comparatively little importance. For the present year not much may be possible outside of large cities, but a good beginning may, and probably will, be made in them. It has taken the movement twenty years to reach its present proportions in England, but it will now go on and increase. It has been introduced under very favorable conditions into the United States. Canada cannot afford to ignore it, or decline to give it a trial, and a fair trial it will probably have.—*Witness.*