

*The Sportsmans Paradise; or, the Lake Lands of Canada.* By B. A. WATSON, A.M., U.D. 8vo, pp. 290. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company.

It is extraordinary the fascination woodcraft and wood-life have for the busy brain toilers of great cities. Is it a sort of atavism?—a reversion to the primitive instincts of the race? The venerable Rev. Dr. Todd for many years used to frequent our northern lakes with his rod and gun. The present handsome volume is inscribed to the Rev. T. M. Killeen, who, in addition to his more apostolic virtues, is described as a true sportsman. The author, who speaks with the authority of a physician, declares that in cases of dyspepsia and insomnia, a few weeks in the woods will confer more benefit than any other course of treatment. He describes with a gusto the adventures of an American party on our beautiful lakes north of Toronto—Muskoka, Rosseau, Joseph, Rock Lake, Canoe Lake, Long Lake and half a score of others. We were not aware that there was the abundance of moose and other large game that our Nimrods found between Burk's Falls and the head waters of the Mattawa. This region seems well to deserve the title of the "Hunter's Paradise." The book is very handsomely printed and illustrated in the best style of the great house by which it is issued. The noble moose head on the cover is very artistic.

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*The African Methodist Episcopal Church Review.* (Quarterly). Philadelphia: Publishing House, 631 Pine Street. B. T. Tanner, D.D.; Editor. \$1.50 per year.

This is a very respectable Quarterly which we often read with profit. When we remember the disabilities with which the coloured people have had to contend, it is marvellous that so many of them have become men of superior intelligence. The article on the Queen's Jubilee is an elegant oration, full of admiration for Queen Victoria.