

his poetry and prose works, with numerous incidental notes of the circumstances under which they were written. There are also seventeen poems not included in his published volumes, and a complete bibliography of his writings. It is of interest to note that there have been 36 editions of translations of many of his poems into German, 2 into Dutch, 5 into Swedish, 2 into Danish, 8 into French, 9 into Italian, 4 into Portuguese, 3 into Polish, and one each into Spanish, Russian, Latin, Hebrew, Chinese, Sanscrit, and Marathi—76 in all. The writings of no other poet, we think, have ever been translated into so many foreign languages.

Longfellow was lineally descended on his mother's side from Priscilla Mullen, the Puritan maiden, who married John Allen, the first man of the *Mayflower's* company to land on Plymouth Rock. On his father's side he was descended from sturdy Yorkshire stock, and one of his ancestors took part in the disastrous expedition of 1690, against Quebec. He was wrecked on the Island of Anticosti, and there drowned. The volume is embellished with a fine steel portrait of the poet, and with numerous other engravings.

Swiss Letters and Alpine Poems.

By the late FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL. Pp. 356. New York : E. P. Dutton & Co. Toronto : Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.50.

Few writers of her time, probably no writers of her sex, have had so wide a range of readers as the late Miss Havergal. Not less than a million copies of her various books have been sold, and multitudes who have never seen her books are familiar with her beautiful hymns which have sung their way around the world. The present volume gives a charming glimpse of her character in her hours of recreation and rest. They are the record of several holiday trips to Switzerland. They reveal her keen appreciation of the sublime and beautiful in nature, her manifold accomplishments, linguistic and musical, and her untiring zeal in Christian work among the peasant

populations of foreign lands. A strong will sustained a feeble frame. When she set out on some of these trips she was unable to walk more than a mile or two. Before she returned she could do her twenty miles a day of mountain travel, climbing peaks over 11,000 feet high, setting out in the morning at four, three, or even half-past one o'clock, to watch God's revelations of the sunrise among the mountains. An unsuspected vein of humour is revealed, and this sweet singer is actually not incapable of a pun, as where she speaks of a certain Alpine Valley where four gorges met, which was perfectly gorge-ous in fact. The many friends of Miss Havergal will be glad to have this latest memorial of her life.

Manitoba: Its Infancy, Growth, and Present Condition By Rev. Prof. BRUCE. London: Samson Low & Co. Toronto: Wm. Briggs; pp. 367, illustrated. Price \$2.65

This a rather unsatisfactory book. It is rather the materials from which a history may be written than a well digested history. It gives the personal testimony of *voyageurs*, half-breeds, and others as to the stirring events connected with the founding of the Selkirk Settlement, rather than a clear narrative of these events. It lacks historical perspective. Some incidents receive undue prominence, and others too scanty notice. But apart from these defects it possesses a good deal of interest and historic value. It is the best vindication of the character of Lord Selkirk that has yet appeared. From all that can be learned it is evident that he was a high-minded, generous-hearted, and noble man, who was greatly maligned in his own day and who has been greatly misunderstood since. The strife between the North-West and Red River Fur Companies is well described.

In this strife, Lord Selkirk who was, certainly the aggrieved party, was treated as a criminal and was held in bonds for trial in Canada to the amount of \$12,000, while the man who instigated or connived at the massacre of twenty-one of his set