

have endeavoured to set forth, as clearly as possible, those points in Disraeli's character and career upon which his biographer seems to lay most stress. To that end we have frequently made use of his own words and phrases. It should be noticed that it was not considered necessary always to indicate our indebtedness to Mr. Froude, as we have attempted little more than the presentation of his views and opinions. We are aware that Mr. Froude's judgments are not accepted as final by everybody. But, as Mr. Kebbel remarks, he has spent his life in weighing the actions and motives of sovereigns and ministers of state. Mr. Froude's opinion of Disraeli is therefore of interest and of weight. Whilst he holds that "the kind of greatness which we associate with the names of such men as Pitt, Wellington, or Nelson" was not Disraeli's, yet he admits that he had the "seeds of such greatness in him." Did the "seeds" lie dormant? We think not. What must his influence for good have been when Cobden could say that had Lord Derby and Disraeli not been turned out of office in 1852 the Crimean war, the most senseless and useless war of modern times, would probably have never come to pass. It was Disraeli who revived the honour of England's name among the nations of the world, when, through the weakness and folly of the Liberals, that honour had become almost a thing of the past. Gathered together at the Berlin Congress were the most illustrious statesmen of the age and yet among them Lord Beaconsfield was supreme. It was he who alone amongst modern English statesmen considered the character of the people, and looked upon the Church as the great trainer of the nation both spiritually and intellectually. What a tribute it is to Disraeli's moral worth to be able to say that he disarmed hatred and never lost a personal friend; that he never struck in malice, and, what is more, that he never struck a small man; that in public or in private he had never done a dishonorable act. Whence had he that calm mastery of modern life which he displays in his best work, that mellow and impartial wisdom, those large and generous views of men and things? Was he not more than infinitely clever, more than brilliant, more than keen-sighted? Had he not the characteristics of mind and heart which are essentially and undeniably great?

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#### LITERARY NOTES.

ON November 21st, last, *The St. John Daily Sun* published in full Dr. Hyde's address at the University of New Brunswick, on the importance of a Chair of Modern Literature. It was a very admirable address, and a strong plea for the study of letters.

PINE, ROSE AND FLEUR DE-LIS is the happy title of Mrs. Harrison's charming new volume of verse which was published last week. "Seranus" excels in the *verse de société*, and, in short, in everything she undertakes. The book will be further noticed in our columns at a later date.

THE New York *Critic*, which is pronounced by *The London Academy* to be the first literary journal in the United States, with which verdict we are disposed to agree without reserve—published a very interesting Holiday number. The independence of *The Critic* is one of its chief virtues.

WE extend a friendly greeting to *The Young Canadian*, "a weekly Magazine of Patriotism for Young Canadians," published in Montreal, and sincerely wish the paper every success. The first number is thoroughly good, and the articles have a Canadian ring about them which we find very stimulating and much to our taste.

THE REV. WM. PARR GRESWELL'S "History of the Dominion of Canada," which has lately been published by Henry

Frowde Oxford University Press, has been received and will be noticed in our next impression. The book is one of distinct merit, and deserves a large circulation. It is published under the auspices of the Royal Colonial Institute.

*The Week*, the foremost literary journal of Canada, and a credit to the Dominion at large, is to be congratulated on having secured the valuable services of Mr. Moberly as Editor in Chief. Under his able superintendence *The Week* should abundantly prosper. For its independence and manliness of tone, if for no other reason, this Canadian journal deserves wide recognition and support.

A FORTHCOMING book and one which will be awaited with much interest is Professor Lloyd's illustrated work on Japan, which will probably be published early in the year. As everyone knows Professor Lloyd's knowledge of the country and its people is most intimate. It is equally well known that his literary style is faultless and his sense of humor keen. By the kind permission of the author arrangements have been made to publish a few extracts from advance sheets in the January number of *THE REVIEW*.

PROFESSOR CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS, who has more than once contributed to these columns has been distinguishing himself of late in literary work, other than that of poetry. His translation of Philippe Aubert De Gaspé's brilliant romance, *Les Anciens Canadiens*, under the name of the "The Canadians of Old," which Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. have lately published, is a charming piece of work and a notable contribution to Canadian literature. Prof Roberts' prose style is more than worthy his enviable reputation in poetry. If we may judge from his recent efforts in the realms of fiction this accomplished Canadian is destined to make his mark as a novelist. *THE REVIEW* wishes him every success.

THE Christmas number of *The Dominion Illustrated* and *Saturday Night* are exceedingly good, and reflect great credit on the management of these two enterprising and successful journals. *The Owl*, of Ottawa University, publishes an excellent Christmas number. The weekly edition of the *Quebec Chronicle* has also issued a special number which is worthy of note. That capital story of Mr. George Stewart Jr., "The Idyll of Dog Lane," which first appeared in *Saturday Night*, is republished in this number of *The Chronicle*. Mr. Stewart is another of the more prominent Canadian men of letters who have written for *THE REVIEW*. No success was ever more deserved than that which has attended Mr. Stewart's literary career. We have also received the Christmas number of *Our Work*, the able magazine published in the interests of the Church Extension Association, with which the Kilburn Sisters are so closely identified. The Sisters have recently established a branch in Toronto.

THE REV. DYSON HAGUE, M.A., who is now Rector of the historic old Church, St. Paul's of Halifax—the Church with which the honoured and beloved name of the Rev. Dr. Hill will ever be associated—has published through the medium of the J. E. Bryant Co., of Toronto, an interesting and learned work on the Protestantism of the Prayer Book. Mr. Hague's style is at once clear and forceful; and his moderation and courtesy of tone when dealing with men holding opinions differing from his own is a pleasing feature of his instructive pages. We may remark that we do not agree with the author in thinking that the spirit of opposition to Rome is "decaying." On the contrary we think it very much alive. By the way, speaking of Rome, reminds us that twenty-five priests of the Roman Communion, have recently been received into the ministry of the Church of England. A correspondent of *The Echo*, gives their names and residences. Twenty of the number are foreigners, Italians, French, Germans.