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"CANADA FIRST, OR OUR NEW NATIONALITY." A lecture by W. A. Foster, Esq., B.A. (Toronto: *Adams, Stevenson & Co.*) This little work merits a large sale in the country. Its earnestness and patriotism, when there is so little public spirit and national feeling among the people, is all the more marked and to be commended. "Canada for the Canadians" is its spirit. Let it be read, it will do good.

### FIFTEENTH AUGUST, 1771--1871.

It is most fitting that the approaching centennial birthday of the great romancer, whose genius has given us the "Waverley Novels," and those noble lays and ballads that so adorn the literature of our mother-tongue, should be enthusiastically and worthily celebrated. From Abbotsford and the Tweed-side he loved so much, and from the city of his birth which he so venerated, there has gone forth the impulse to do honour to the "Master of Fiction," whose creations are known in every clime, and whose magic pen has stirred many a heart. On the forthcoming 15th, in all the great literary centres at home and abroad; ay, and in less noted places, not only in circles where there are Scotsmen, but wherever the English tongue is heard, and its literature beloved, be it in hamlet or town, in colony or under crown, there will be remembered the birthday of Sir Walter Scott. Though fifty years have passed since his novels were given to the world, and though time has produced many competitors in the field of fiction and romance, yet where will one find more to instruct and delight, where, more historic interest or more healthful sentiment, than in the works of the "Wizard of Scotland?"

Neither has time, test of all tests, in regard to literary merit, dulled a line he wrote. No prouder name than his, stands on the roll of her gifted sons—let his memory be honored and his genius extolled!

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The Crown Princess of Prussia, it is said, will immediately publish a volume on *Female Labour*.

*The Canadian Dominion*, a work by Mr. Charles Marshall, recently published by Messrs Longman, is the first serious and intelligent effort that has been made in England to inform readers there of the importance and value of Canada to the Empire, and to supply a fair estimate of the extent, resources, and progress of the Dominion.

A cheap volume of *Science Lectures for the People* has been published by Mr. Heywood, of Manchester, comprising twenty-two Lectures, delivered in that city by eminent educationists and naturalists. The subjects discussed on are Coal, Coral and Coral Reefs, Zoology,

Spectrum Analysis, The Sun, Animal Life in the Deep Sea, and on Zoology, Elementary Chemistry and Physiology.

As a *Souvenir* of the Scott Centennial Celebration, Mr. Nimmo, of Edinburgh, has published *The Centenary Garland*, being pictorial illustrations of the novels of Sir Walter Scott, &c.

Messrs. A. & C. Black have issued, to meet the present interest in Scott's writings, a cheap one volume edition of *Lockhart's Life of Scott*. Also, *The Waverley Manual* and the *Lands of Scott*.

A book for the times has appeared in the following announcement of Mr. Heywood, Manchester: *The Tichborne Romance*: a full and accurate report of the proceedings in the extraordinary trial of *Tichborne v. Lushington*, for forty days, from May 10th to July 7th, including the whole of the claimant's examination, cross-examination, and re-examination, with portrait, &c. It will retail here at 50 cents.

Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin have completed the first volume of their delightful magazine for children, *Little Folks*. The volume contains some 400 pages, full of pictures, and it is by far the most attractive and beautiful child's gift that has ever appeared. Its cost is only 75 cents.

Messrs. Harper Brothers have republished *Sir Charles Lyell's Student's Elements of Geology*, in their series of students' handbooks. It is a compact and most important treatise on the science, and the volume is fully illustrated.

Messrs. T. & T. Clark, of Edinburgh, have just issued a translation of *Dr. Dörner's History of Protestant Theology*, particularly in Germany, viewed according to its fundamental movement, and in connection with the religious, moral, and intellectual life.

Messrs. T. B. Felt & Co., of New York, are about to re-produce Mr. Buchanan's interesting work on *The Land of Lorne*, lately issued by Messrs. Chapman & Hall, of London.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, in an introduction to *My Summer in a Garden*, by Mr. C. D. Warner, recently re-printed in Toronto, remarks—"Every book which interprets the secret love of fields and gardens, every essay that brings men nearer to the understanding which every tree whispers, every brook murmurs, every weed even hints, is a contribution to the wealth and happiness of our kind." Its republication in Canada has been endorsed, and followed by the publication of an edition for the English market in Messrs. Low's copyright series of American Authors.

J. Von Dollinger's *Erklärung an den Erzbischof von München-Freising*, or Dr. Dollinger's famous Declaration to the Archbishop of München-Freising, has been translated, and published in pamphlet form in London.

The *Athenæum* says of the first number of the new household edition of the works of Charles Dickens, now publishing by Messrs. Chapman & Hall, that 50,000 have been issued. The first part also has been published, 50 4to pages with ten illustrations, and 22 chapters of *Oliver Twist* for 6d.

The Canadian News and Publishing Company, Toronto, will issue shortly reprints of the following works: *What I Know about Farming*, by Horace Greeley; *Oliver Varcoe*, a novel; and *Till the Doctor Comes, and How to Help Him*.