

scientific aspects of the question being taken by Dr. Bell and W. H. Merritt, and its commercial aspects, by Mr. Charlton; the work of Mr. A. Blue, the very competent Secretary of the Bureau of Statistics, in digesting and arranging the mass of information obtained, is most admirably done. Sessions of the Commission were held at thirty-seven places, from Ottawa to Rat Portage; and 164 witnesses were examined under oath. The geology of the Province, with special reference to its economic material, is fully treated. Then follows a very full account of the mining interests of the country and a digest of the mining laws of all nations, with a chapter on smelting processes and measures for developing mineral interests. About forty diagrams illustrate the subject. This book will be indispensable to all who wish to understand the mineral resources of Ontario.

*Scottish Sketches.* By MRS. AMELIA E. BARR. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 70 cents.

Mrs. Barr has deservedly won the reputation of being one of the strongest and ablest writers of high-class fiction of the day. We think she is at her best in her delineations of Scottish life and character. The grim pathos of "Andrew Cargill's Confession," the fine feeling shown in "Crawford's Sair Strait," the tragic element in "James Blackie's Revenge," stamp her as an artist of the highest genius. Her stories are sound and wholesome, and keyed up to the highest standard of morality.

*Chrissy's Endeavour.* By PANSY. Pp. 374. Same publishers. Price 70 cents.

This is the "author's edition" of one of Mrs. Alden's recent works. She has not, to our mind, the artistic skill, the fine touch of genius of Mrs. Barr, but her books are more distinctly religious, and are, therefore, better adapted for Sunday-school libraries. She has the tact also of introducing the current social and religious movements, as the C. L. S. C., and in this story the

"Christian Endeavour" Society. It will be read with pleasure and profit by "Pansy's" many admirers.

*A Seven-fold Trouble.* By "PANSY" and HER FRIENDS. Pp. 431. Same publishers. Price 70 cents.

The peculiarity about this book is that it was written by seven persons, and edited by the indefatigable "Pansy." Like all the "Pansy" books, it has a distinctly religious moral purpose, and will be very suggestive of helpful methods in the religious training of the young.

*Dorothy's Vocation.* By EVELYN EVERETT GREEN. Same publishers and same price.

This is to us a book by a new author, but one whose acquaintance is well worth making. It is a story of English life, with rather more of adventure than quiet English life generally affords; *vide* the accident at the weir, so graphically illustrated. It is less pronounced in its religious teachings than Mrs. Alden's books, but is pure and wholesome in tone.

*Olive Langton's Ward.* Same Author. Same publisher, and same price.

This story opens on the sunny shores of the Mediterranean, and is afterwards transferred to Great Britain. The trials of Sydney Furneaux in the great crisis of a woman's life form the theme of a very interesting and instructive story, and show how trials can purify and ennoble the human heart. The above books are all handsomely printed and bound, and very beautifully illustrated. They may be ordered through the Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

*The Apostle of Burmah.* By the REV. JABEZ MARRAT. London: C. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is a brief, but very satisfactory study of the life of the famous Baptist missionary, Adoniram Judson, whose moral heroism, cruel persecution and tragical death at sea have moved the sympathy and kindled the enthusiasm of vast multitudes in both the old world and the new. The book is nicely illustrated.