

IX. Short Critical Notices of Books.*

— **DAYS OF OLD.** New York: R. Carter & Brother. This reprint of an English book contains three stories from old English history written for the young, by the author of "*Ruth and her Friends*." The first story is called "Wulfgar and the Earl; or Power;" the second, "Caradoc and Deva;" and the third, "Roland." They are all beautifully written, and teach in touching language many a Bible lesson.

— **ROSES AND THORNS.** London: James Hogg & Sons. There are five well-written tales in this book, chiefly illustrative of passages from the Bible as follows:—"Akin for Ever; or, Blessed are the Pure in Heart;" 2. "Rachel Aston's Engagement; or, Let Patience have her Perfect Work;" 3. "Two times in my Life; or, Be of Good Cheer;" 4. "The Christmas Bride; or, Behold the Power of Love;" 5. "A Story in a Snuffbox; or, The Rolling Stone gathers no Moss." The type is good, and there are several excellent engravings in the book.

— **THE CITIES OF REFUGE.** New York: R. Carter & Brother. This is another book by the Rev. John R. Macduff, D.D., designed as "a Sunday book for the young." The first part contains a short address to children; the second contains a sketch of the Six Cities of Refuge in the Land of Canaan; and the third part points out in strong and glowing language the "Gospel Refuge" for sinners. It is a persuasive and valuable book for the young.

X. Educational Intelligence.

CANADA.

— **TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS.**—The Teachers' Association for the East Riding of Northumberland met at Hilton on the 23rd of March. Various interesting lectures and addresses were delivered, and the association adjourned to meet again at Brighton on the 6th of July. The County of Brant Teachers' Association met at Brantford on the 27th of April, Rev. W. S. Griffin in the chair. An Essay was read by Mr. D. C. Sullivan, "On the Aim and Objects of a Teachers' Association." Mr. W. Nicholl was appointed to prepare another essay for the next quarterly meeting, which was appointed to be held at Paris.

— **BEVERLY SCHOOL SECTIONS.**—The inhabitants of School Sections No. 3 and 5, turned out *en masse* to witness the interesting ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the large and handsome brick building, now in course of erection, for the use of the Common Schools of the above Sections, which are to be united into one. Mr. A. J. Campbell, School Teacher, having formed his pupils into a procession, moved from Thompson's Corners' School House about 3½ P. M., and were met by the children of School Section No. 3, about 4 o'clock. After the pupils were arranged in a position where they could enjoy a full view of the ceremony, a bottle was handed to him, containing the names of the School officers, the Superintendent and Trustees, &c. After the bottle had been deposited by Mr. Campbell, he, by the assistance of the mason, lowered the stone and laid it in its assigned position; having applied the square, &c., he then gave three knocks with the hammer, and declared the foundation stone laid. The children having retired to their seats, he gave a short address on the subject of education, which was listened to with great attention. The interesting ceremony closed by the children singing the well-known hymn, "Happy Land."—*Corres. Hamilton Spectator.*

— **CAYUGA SCHOOLS.**—The *Cayuga Sentinel* of the 5th ult., reports "that the examination of the Junior School, under Miss Laird, occupied the forenoon, and the young folks certainly made a most creditable appearance, showing that, under this young lady's indefatigable management, the school has made substantial progress, and that the Trustees had not reposed confidence in their teacher in vain. The afternoon was occupied by the display of Mr. McKay's scholars, and here, also, were witnessed the results of careful and able instruction, for certainly, few schools could exhibit so many young people so well versed in Mathematics, History, Geography, and Grammar, as were here to be seen: going over, with scarcely a pause, or a failure, many of the most stirring portions of English History; pointing out the river systems of the world, the mountain chains, the boundaries of

the grand divisions of the globe, and of Empires, Kingdoms, and States; answering many deep questions in figures, and having a complete knowledge of that indispensable branch of knowledge, English Grammar."

"At the conclusion, Alex. Winram, Esq., the Superintendent, passed the highest encomiums upon the Teachers, in his usual closing address, also intimating that at the next examination, prizes would be awarded to the scholars as rewards of merit."

— **UPPER CANADA COLLEGE PRESENTATION.**—Recently a number of the former pupils of Upper Canada College, assembled in one of the parlours of the Rossin House, for the purpose of presenting an address and testimonial to J. P. De la Haye, Esq., late French Master of the College. The testimonial consisted of a very handsome silver claret jug and salver, manufactured at the establishment of Messrs. J. G. Joseph and Co. Upon the shield in front were the crest of Mr. De la Haye, and the following inscription:—"To J. P. De la Haye, Esq., twenty-seven years French Master in Upper Canada College, from his affectionate pupils." Upon the jug were also engraved the names of the old pupils of the institution and subscribers to the testimonial. The address was presented by the Rev. Dr. Scadding, the oldest pupil present, and replied to by Mr. De la Haye. A cold collation was then served up, after enjoying which, several toasts were given and briefly responded to. Mr. De la Haye's health was drunk with great enthusiasm. He briefly responded, and in return drank the health of the "old pupils." The health of the Rev. Dr. Scadding was proposed and drunk with all the honors, and in reply that gentleman alluded to the progress made in the educational institutions of the country since the period Mr. De la Haye became connected with Upper Canada College, and remarked that since Toronto University had been placed upon a more enlarged and permanent basis, the *eclat* of the College had very naturally become reduced. He trusted, however, that it would ever maintain its well-earned reputation, and that its pupils—now to be found in almost all parts of the world—would ever cherish the most kindly regard for each other and for the institution. Other toasts were drunk, after which the meeting separated.—*Leader, abridged.*

— **UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.**—At the close of the recent Session of this University, the following degrees were conferred:—

DEGREE OF M.A.—Archibald Currie (Scotland), Edmund Hooper, B.A., John May, B.A., Herbert Stone MacDonald, B.A., Donald Barr MacLennan, B.A.

DEGREE OF B.A.—George Johnson Caie (New Brunswick), Charles Innes Cameron, James Dingwall, William Boyd Ferguson, John Gordon (Nova Scotia), Alexander Hunter (Scotland), John Somerville Lochead, Alexander Macdonald (Scotland), John McIntyre, James Muir, Stephen Daniel Pope, Robert Vashon Rogers, James Cowie Smith (Scotland), Andrew Watson.

HONORARY DEGREE OF D.D.—The Rev. Samuel S. Nelles, M.A., President of Victoria College, Cobourg; the Rev. William Donald, M.A., St. Johns, New Brunswick.

DEGREE OF M.D.—William J. Anderson, Robert Blakely, Jeremiah R. Cogan, Robert Corry, W. C. Deans, Neil Danlop, John T. Farrell, John M. Fraser, B.A., David Kelly, E. J. Kelly, J. A. Kemp, Anthony O'Reilly, Robert Parker, Robert Ramsay, L.M.Ed., William F. Taylor, W. G. Thiskill, William Weir (Scotland.)

— **THE REV. DR. NELLES.**—We learn with much pleasure that the University of Queen's College, Kingston, has bestowed the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. S. S. Nelles, M.A., the worthy President of Victoria College. We know no one better qualified to reflect back the honour thus appropriately bestowed.—*Cobourg Star.*

— **UNIVERSITY OF MCGILL COLLEGE.**—The Convocation of the University of McGill College was held May 2nd at the Normal School building, Belmont Street. In the absence of the President, Mr. Davidson, as senior governor presided. The following degrees were conferred:—

MASTER OF ARTS.—Dunbar Browne, B.A., B.C.L.

BACHELOR OF ARTS.—Joseph Greene, (Chapman Medallist), William McKay Wright, John Boyd, J. S. Ferguson, Frederick Gore, Caleb S. DeWitt, William Hall.

GRADUATES IN CIVIL ENGINEERING.—Robert Bell, Joseph Doupe.

The honorary degree of M.A. was conferred upon J. Thorburn, Esq., Principal of St. Francis College.

BACHELOR OF CIVIL LAW.—J. Plimsoll, B.A., J. L. B. Desrochers, Chas. A. Rochon, F. Mackenzie, Louis Armstrong, Gonsalve Dautre, Adolphe P. Ouimet, Philippe Vandal, John Aylen, N. H. Driscoll, David S. Leach, Alexis L. Desaulniers, T. D'Arcy McGee, M.P.P.

DOCTORS OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY.—Charles Battersby, Herbert H.

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