

revision and expansion of the work, till the admirable *Advanced Geography* now offered the public is the result. Omitting the splendid atlases of Keith-Johnston and other British and foreign publishers, this is by far the best geography we know. The definitions are clear and distinct, and are amply illustrated. The physical description and notes on the products, political divisions, and leading events and statistical tables, are interesting in matter, and are brought down to the present time. The numerous maps—there are forty-seven of them—are admirably executed, and the engravings, over 200 in number—which make the descriptions so much more intelligible, and impress them so much more strongly on the youthful mind—are a credit to Canadian art. We hope to be able to submit some specimens of Canadian scenes in a future number of this magazine.

As is proper in a work of this sort, special prominence is given to our own country, and young Canadians may here obtain a vivid conception of the extent of their country, of its principal towns and cities, its products, and its political relations. But the other parts of the world are not neglected, ample information being given even of such subordinate countries as Roumania, Servia, and Montenegro. Geography, when properly taught, is one of the most fascinating pursuits, and we know of no way whereby young people may obtain, in such a pleasant form, so much useful information as by the study of this book.

*The Problem of Human Life Here and Hereafter.* Hall & Co., 239 Broadway, New York.

This is an exhaustive discussion of one of the profoundest problems in the universe. It argues in favour of a theistic as opposed to a materialistic doctrine of evolution, and makes many strong points against the philosophy of Spencer and Huxley. The publishers will send a specimen pamphlet, containing the introductory chapter, free to any address.

—The publishers of the Humboldt Library—J. Fitzgerald & Co., New York—continue to issue high class works on Science, which have hitherto been very expensive, at the merely nominal price of 15 cents. The last three issues have been Spencer's *Data of Ethics*, his new book which has attracted special attention; Blaserna's *Theory of Sound in its Relation to Music*; and Bates' *Naturalist on the Amazons*, a book of fascinating narrative interest. Where the subjects admit of it, these books are fully illustrated. The great works of Proctor, Tyndall, Bagehot, Huxley, and Balfour Stewart are thus brought within the reach of every one. We hope that instructive scientific reading will soon supplant much of the frivolous novel reading in which so many waste their time. These books are on sale at our Methodist Book Rooms. We are not afraid of science.

—In addition to the books referred to last month as shortly to be issued from our Connexional Press, we are glad to announce that Dr. Burwash has in press a volume which we are sure will be highly appreciated by the probationers for our ministry, and by many others. It is an edition of the fifty-two sermons of Mr. Wesley, which, with his Notes on the New Testament, constitute the Standards of our Church, accompanied by elucidatory notes of his own.

The Rev. Dr. Ryerson is to be congratulated on the fact that the first edition of his "U. E. Loyalists and their Times" has been exhausted in four months. A second edition has been called for, and is now being put to press.

Our Connexional Book-Room is thus becoming a large publishing house, and has facilities for turning out first-class work in large quantities; and, apparently, the literary activity of our Church will keep it working to its full capacity. We rejoice at this as an evidence of a purpose to use more largely the important agency of the press for the diffusion of religious teaching and influence.