

BOOKS RECEIVED.

COMMON SENSE versus CRITICISM: also **ON EVOLUTION:** Two lectures, by John Dignum, Warrington, England. Williamson & Co., Toronto. A sentence or two may be quoted from each of the lectures. From the first-named: . . . "There is an alarming over-readiness displayed to fall in with new theories and to forsake old truths upon the most insufficient and flimsy grounds. Hence the need of caution at this time [as Bible students] for the younger members of our churches and congregations." From the other, where the author quotes Darwin, page 18: "Man himself is descended from a hairy quadruped, furnished with [a] tail and pointed ears, probably arboreal in its habits and an inhabitant of the Old World." And speaking of Hæckel's basic theory of the spontaneous generation of life out of dead, inorganic matter, he adds: "Years ago Charles Kingsley affirmed that the tide had already set in against Darwinism, and of late, in Germany especially, its leading scientists and most of its great thinkers are discarding the theory of natural selection."

THE MORAL CRUSADER, William Lloyd Garrison: A Biographical Essay, by Goldwin Smith, D.C.L. Toronto, Williamson & Co'y. This book of 186 pages [tells with forcible simplicity the story of the thirty years struggle waged with the slaveholding interest by the Abolitionists in the United States. Along with the narrative of Garrison's eventful life, his establishment of *The Liberator*, the assaults made upon his person, his imprisonment, the formation of the New England Anti-Slavery Society, there are sketches of the efforts of Arthur Tappan, Prudence Crandall, George Thompson, Fred. Douglas, Wendell Phillips, the poet Whittier. The closing sections tell of John Brown's raid, the issue of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, and Garrison's valedictory. "Garrison," says Goldwin Smith, "was recognized as a fellow-laborer with Wilberforce, Clarkson and Buxton. He belongs not only to the United States but to England, as the great emancipating nation, and to Canada as the asylum of the slave."

THE QUARTERLY REGISTER OF CURRENT HISTORY: \$1 a year; 25 cents a number. Evening News Association, Detroit. If any one wants, as quite a number of persons do, a compendium of current events, in convenient form cheap, and not too much condensed, this is likely to be found to suit. It gives, indeed, a history of the world for the year, impartially written, illustrated with portraits of prominent people, and with maps, etc., needed to

elucidate the text. Six pages, with three illustrations, are devoted to Canada, the proceedings of provincial legislatures as well as of the Dominion Parliament receiving attention, and the condensation is well done. The May issue is one of 120 pages, fully indexed.

Shoe and leather dealers will find the directory for 1892, as issued by the *Shoe and Leather Review*, a useful book. No only is it a work of reference for addresses of those engaged in the trade in the United States and Canada, and indeed all over the world, but there are many other things in the way of facts and figures, recipes, measurements and statistics, which will be found of value.

THE CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE, whose name indicates its scope, is to be published in future in Montreal. "It will continue to give a weekly summary of all news relating to the military forces of Canada, and items of interest and use to all branches of the Service. It is intended, if sufficient encouragement be given, to have the paper enlarged and well illustrated."

Correspondence.

DEPOSITS IN BANKS.

Editor MONETARY TIMES:

SIR,—The above heads an article appearing in your issue of the 6th of May, wherein you convey the important information that a general agreement has been entered into by Canadian banks to reduce the rate of interest on deposits to 3½ per cent. That your readers may not be misled by this statement, it would be as well to give them the additional information that certain banks have been caught issuing savings bank pass books and deposit receipts bearing 4 per cent., since this general agreement was entered into, and when asked to explain gave the not very satisfactory or plausible reason that "under-clerks and managers" had broken the general agreement through ignorance.

This information, I think, is due to your readers who may be depositors, and also to those banks which are disposed to keep a general agreement when it is entered into, and to this end see that the under-clerks and managers are instructed. The systems adopted by even the largest of our local banks are considered to be almost perfect in so far as they regulate the general requirements of business, and it seems a little strange that any bank's instructions did not cover the matter of orders that should have been given to under-clerks and managers, by which the requirements of an important "general agreement" would be carried out faithfully.

BANKER.

WHEN the scales fall from the young grocer's eyes he finds that his competitors have not been giving full weight.—*Galveston News*

—Commercial traveller (to grocer in the Black Country): "Anything else—how's your stock of soap?" Grocer: "Don't keep it, but you might send a box of samples, and I'll see how it takes."

—Chicago Man—"I understand that you have said that I was not honest in my business affairs?" Boston Man—"A mistake, sir. I simply said you were not sufficiently scrupulous to jeopardize success." Chicago Man—"Then I have been misinformed. I beg your pardon, sir."—*Texas Siftings*.

—If any testimony were needed as to the cattle-raising qualities of our North-West, it could be readily got. Here is what Mr. J. L. Bowen, agent for Messrs. I. G. Baker & Co., of Calgary, writes to Messrs. Fitzgerald & Lucas:—"I shipped to British Columbia last year in March, April, and May, cattle that were wintered on the range without any feed, only what they could get themselves, and after being driven 100 miles and a railroad travel of 450 miles, they weighed from 1,250 to 1,450 lbs. gross—three and four year old steers. I consider this the best stock country in Canada or any part of the Western States. I have been in Montana and several other Western States, and certainly think that Alberta far exceeds anything I have seen for stock-raising. I have just killed and shipped thirty head of three and four year old steers, range stock, that dressed 875 lbs., average, several weighing 1,100 lbs."

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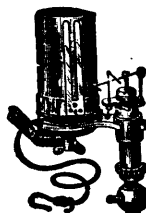
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