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In offering these lectures to the public in a printed form, there are two desirable objects in view. One of them is, that they may serve to contribute to, extend and fortify the cause of a good and a true Canadian patriotism; and the other, that they may be made convertible into some tangible benefit for the widow and children of their gifted author. As essays upon an interesting subject, they emphatically possess the elements of popular success. The arguments are pleasingly logical and cogent,—clothed, as they are, with gorgeous imagery, historical allusions and beautifully stirring quotations, rendering them delightfully readable and impressive. Limited, therefore, though these lectures are, within the compass of some forty or fifty pages, they may effect more good, in the cause to which they apply, than might more ostentatious and pretentious volumes. The discriminating and generous public may, therefore, be expected to patronize, liberally, this *last appearance* of Mr Charles Bass; and, thus, while they gratify themselves in accompanying him in "Canada's Progress," perform the Christian act of lending an easy aid to the orphan children of a clever and very worthy man.

THE EDITOR.