

GODERICH.—Wind storm, 16th. Snow, 1st—3rd, 5th, 9th—11th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 26th. Rain, 11th, 14th, 15th, 26th. Crows and other spring birds first seen and heard, 14th.

STRATFORD.—Wind storms, 1st, 3rd, 16th, 17th, 18th, 24th, 26th. Fog, 6th, 15th. Snow, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 9th—11th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th. Rain, 14th, 15th, 26th. Lightning and thunder with rain, 14th and 15th. Crows seen 13th. Robins and spring birds seen 27th. Difference of monthly temperature from average of 14 years:—4°.64.

HAMILTON.—Lightning, 14th. Snow, 1st, 3rd—5th, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 24th, 25th. Rain, 11th, 14th, 15th, 26th.

SIMCOE.—Lightning and thunder with rain, 14th. Hail, 5th. Wind storms, 1st, 3rd, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th. Fog, 15th, 30th. Snow, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 10th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th. Rain, 11th, 14th, 15th, 26th. Lunar halo, 12th, 18th. Solar halo, 18th, 29th. Robins first heard, 27th.

WINDSOR.—Lightning and thunder with rain, 14th. Wind storms, 15th, 16th. Fog, 15th. Snow, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th. Rain, 11th, 14th, 15th, 23rd. Six meteors in S. W., 7th. Meteor N. W. on 10th. Solar halo, 18th, 29th.

IX. Short Critical Notices of Books.

The British Quarterly Review for April, 1875. Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York: Hart & Rawlinson, Toronto.

The essay on "The Higher Pantheism" is neither a review nor a reply, but simply a discussion of the theory of Pantheism, as set forth in Mr. Picton's book. Each standpoint of the work is taken up separately, and exposed to the strong light of the Bible. In conclusion, the writer remarks that Mr. Picton "has yet to learn the further lesson of the weakness, not the strength, of human powers, which may make him glad 'to grasp,' as Burns confesses he was, 'at revealed religion.'"

"Ultramontaniam and Civil Allegiance." This paper begins by defining Ultramontaniam, as explained by Archbishop Manning, and then sets forth the growth of Papal power, and its claim to supremacy over Civil power, in cases where the two conflict. This power of the Church rests its claim upon the Dogma of Infallibility, and the relationship of those who accept that dogma to the Government cannot be the same as formerly, because, "if the Infallible assure a man that obedience to the throne involves the loss of the soul, and disobedience to the throne is everlasting life and reward, it is easy to see what a devout spirit, ambitious of notoriety and martyrdom, who believes what the Vicar of Christ enjoins, is likely to do."

"Mr. Gladstone's Retirement from the Liberal Leadership." In this essay the principles of Liberalism, the administrative talent necessary in a statesman, and the duties of prime ministers and cabinets, are discussed, as well as Mr. Gladstone's particular action, and his papers on the Vatican decrees, with the several answers they have called forth.

In the last article, the authorship of the "Ode to the Cuckoo" is commented on at some length, and the number closes with the usual notices of Contemporary Literature.

The Edinburgh Review for April (reprinted by The Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay Street, N. Y.: Hart & Rawlinson, Toronto).

The "Wellington Despatches" furnish the material for an account of the Duke's career from the battle of Waterloo to his death. In Article II. we find a comprehensive view of the "Geology of India." The third article is divided into two parts—*first*, a "Sketch of the Life of Malouet," who was recognised by Louis XVI. as "one of the most sincere and constant of his friends; and *second*, a comparison between the National Assembly of the great revolution and that of the present day. The paper on "Modern Architecture" explains how the civilization of a country is exhibited by its edifices. VI. "Arctic Exploration." This paper is devoted to a summary of those that have been sent out from time to time by various countries, and the results they have achieved. VII. "Supernatural Religion" is a review of this work. It gives an account of the plan and objects of the author, who is throughout handled with great severity. "Papal Rome and Catholic Reform" is a dissertation on the Gladstone "Exposition," and the replies thereto of the old Catholics, and the points upon which the Liberal Catholics differ from the ordinances of the Council of Trent.

The London Quarterly, Edinburgh, Westminster, and British Quarterly Reviews, and Blackwood's Magazine, are supplied at \$4 a-year each, or only \$15 for all, and the postage is prepaid by the Publishers.

Modern History. By M. Michelet. Translated by M. C. M. Simpson. London and New York: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Adam, Stevenson & Co.

A very useful summary of the events of the last three centuries in Europe, by the distinguished French Historian, Michelet. The work is divided into four periods. The second is occupied chiefly with an account of the Reformation, and its effects in the different countries. It also contains an account of the various voyages of discovery undertaken by Spain, Portugal, and England. The third period is devoted to the French and Continental wars; while the last section gives an account of Napoleon's career, and the events in both the Old and New World down to A. D. 1874.

A Short History of the English People. By J. R. Green, M.A. London edition: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Adam, Stevenson & Co. New York edition: Harper & Brothers. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

We have received two editions of this work—one from each of the publishing firms in London and New York, through their Toronto Agents. Mr. Green, in writing this History, designed it to be a record of the "social, intellectual, and constitutional" progress of the English people. In this he has, on the whole, admirably succeeded. Its value is, therefore, greatly enhanced, as too many histories are mere records of wars. Mr. Green's History will therefore be welcome to many, and to the student especially.

English Grammar. By Dr. R. Morris. Macmillan & Co., London. Adam, Stevenson & Co., Toronto.

These are part of a series of primers, edited by J. R. Green, M.A., and published by Messrs. Macmillan & Co., London and New York. They seem to be admirably condensed summaries in these days of diffusive text books.

French Dictionary. By Gustave Masson, Aast. Master at Harrow. Macmillan & Co., London and New York. Adam, Stevenson & Co., Toronto.

This is a compendious French-English and English-French Dictionary, preceded by condensed Chronological Tables of the History of French Literature from the earliest period to the present day, and other most valuable tables, also a list of Etymological roots of French words. A Geographical, Mythological, and other Dictionaries are added. The leading words are in antique, and the type is clear and beautiful.

Social Life in Greece. By Rev. J. P. Mahaffy, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin. Macmillan & Co., London and New York. Adam, Stevenson & Co., Toronto.

We are so accustomed to Greeks in the Forum, on the field of battle, that Greeks "at home" is certainly something new. We have first Homer's Greeks; and in presenting his picture of their mode of life, the author points out that the poet has given us an ideal vision of those old heroes. After contrasting the style of the "blind old bard" with that of the lyric poets, Mr. Mahaffy gives us some very interesting chapters on Attic Greeks as the representatives of life in Greece. Their culture and philosophy, their religious feelings, business and social habits, are all depicted—the whole forming a remarkably interesting history of Attic times.

Economic Geology. With Illustrations. By David Page, LL.D. Wm. Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh and London.

Dr. Page, who is Professor of Geology in Durham University, has contributed a really valuable text book upon Geology in its relation to arts and manufactures, and has compressed the subject into a neat handy volume. After discussing the composition of Rocks and the Soil, the author touches upon the various building stones, limes, and mortars, explaining their uses, and pointing out their locations. Road making, railway and canal construction, docks and harbours, the water supply, and mining, are treated in a very practical and interesting manner. The comparatively lesser industries—such as glass making, pottery, &c., have a considerable portion of the work devoted to them. Definitions of the many salts, saline earths, precious stones and metals, and their uses, complete this very readable and instructive book on "Economic Geology."

Persius. By B. L. Gildersleeve, Ph. D., Professor of Greek in University of Virginia. Harper & Brothers, New York. Hart & Rawlinson, Toronto.

This book contains the "Satires of A. Persius Flaccus," with an account of his life; to which are added copious notes by Dr. Gildersleeve. It is a well-printed book, with clear type on good paper.

Man and Beast, Here and Hereafter. By Rev. J. G. Wood, M.A., F.G.S. Harper & Brothers, New York. Hart & Rawlinson, Toronto.

The subject of this book is one on which Mr. Wood ought to be particularly at home. He makes use of his great familiarity with Natural History to advance and strengthen with many arguments the theory that animals will share with man his immortality hereafter. Into the question we shall not enter. By Mr. Wood, however, his position is supported by the negative assertion, that the Scriptures do not deny a future life to the "beasts that perish," but chiefly by the argument that, since various faculties and qualities which man possesses are shared in no small degree by the lower animals during life, consequently their retention is certain in a higher state after death. It is one of those points which turn to a great degree on the interpretation of various texts of Scripture; and though somewhat interesting as a matter of speculative inquiry, it is hardly probable that it will be of any practical moment to any one.

Three Feathers. By William Black, Author of "A Princess of Thule," "In Silk Attire," &c. Harper Brothers, New York. Hart & Rawlinson, Toronto.

English Grammar. By E. Stone Wiggins, B.A., LL.D. Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto.

This manual is intended to elucidate the difficulties of English Grammar to take up knotty points not thoroughly discussed in ordinary School Grammars. In this respect, we have no doubt, it will prove useful to a great number of teachers throughout the Province. Its author was formerly Principal of the Institution for the Blind, Brantford. The binding is uniform with other Educational works published by Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co.

Preparing to Teach. Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia.

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