

at the fashionable watering-places, and to decry the levity of sentiment so current in these circles on the subject of marriage.

The contrasts of character in hero and heroine are well brought out, and the marriage that takes place between John Seymour and Lillie Ellis, serves but to show how unreal, and how little to be trusted, is the society and surroundings of that butterfly life in fast circles of these modern times, and how poor a type of womanhood it begets.

**KING ARTHUR.** A Poem by Edward Bulwer, Lord Lytton. Toronto: *Hunter, Rose & Co.*

We have received from the Publishers, what we must term an 'Edition de Luxe,' of this poem—so far as the term may be allowed Canadian publishers in respect of their dainty manufacture. Of so elegant appearance is the copy before us that few will credit the statement that it is of native manufacture. Printed from a beautiful type on fine paper, with the greatest care evidenced in its printing, and elegantly bound in full morocco extra, the volume is indeed a credit in every feature of its production to its native Publishers.

Of the work itself, we need only say that it is issued here from the author's recently revised London edition, and, though long narrative poems are not the pabulum readers of the day delight themselves with, yet no one with any pretension to literary culture, should be unfamiliar with the work.

The legends of the knightly Arthur intensify their attractions in the skillful versification and artistic treatment of Lord Lytton; and we trust the work will become widely known in the country.

**EOTHEN; OR TRACES OF TRAVELS BROUGHT HOME FROM THE EAST.** By Alex. Kinglake. Toronto: *Adam, Stevenson & Co.*

This is a re-issue, in popular form, of one of the most charming narratives of travel which has ever appeared. Its author is the historian of the "Invasion of the Crimea," and though written many years ago, still it is ever fresh and enjoyable. Its style is sparkling and brilliant, while the narrative is graphic and poetical. The work has been difficult to meet with in late years, hence this native edition, no doubt, will be appreciated.

**THE CREATION OF MANITOBA: A History of the Red River Troubles.** By Alex. Begg. Toronto: *Hunter, Rose & Co.*

This is a piece of history with which our readers, doubtless, are very familiar. It is written by the

author of "Dot it Down," a shallow story of 'life in the North-West,' which we noticed in our last issue. Mr. Begg, however, deals here with facts, and his narrative of the recent rebellion in the newly admitted Province, seems to us, from a cursory glance at the book, to be a fair and accurate account of the difficulty. As it is important, in view of the recent acquisition of Manitoba by the Dominion, to ascertain the reliability of a professedly historical work, dealing in matters in which both Province and Dominion are closely concerned, we shall return to this work when we have had leisure to fully examine it.

### MINOR NATIVE LITERATURE

**THE COLONIAL QUESTION,** being essays on Imperial Federalism, by the author of "Ginx's Baby." Montreal: *Dawson Brothers.*

Mr. Jenkins has shown himself a thorough friend of the Colonies, and the reprint of these articles contributed to *Fraser's Magazine* and the *Contemporary Review*, should be studied by all Canadians. The author's ideas on Federalism are viewed by many as chimerical and impracticable. He will have done much service, however, if he succeeds in bringing the English authorities to take a more considerate and intelligent view of colonial relations.

**THE GERMAN CONQUEST OF ENGLAND IN 1875, AND BATTLE OF DORKING** (Toronto: *Adam, Stevenson & Co.*) has, we apprehend, been so thoroughly read, and its vivid and graphic retrospective prophecy been so enjoyed, that it requires no criticism at our hands.

**THE CHILDREN OF MRS. DOMINION, HOW THEY QUARRELLED AND WHAT BECAME OF IT** (Toronto: *Hunter, Rose & Co.*) is of the mint of *Dame Europa's School*. It cleverly narrates the condition of affairs prior to confederation, and how happily the co-partnership of the Dominion came about.

**TALKS ABOUT HEALTH,** by Dio Lewis, A.M., M.D., (Toronto: *Canadian News Co.*) tells the reader how to live well and heartily on 'frugal fare.'

**"ON CONSUMPTION,"** by C. B. Hall, M.D. (Toronto: *Dudley & Burns.*) A most serviceable resumé of the writings of prominent professional men on this scourge, by an able and painstaking Toronto physician.