

Another Canadian Geological Explorer is Prof. Hind, now, or lately, engaged in the Exploration of Newfoundland; author of the *North West Territory, Narrative of the Canadian Red River Exploring Expedition, &c.*, (2 vols., 8 vo.), and *Explorations in the Interior of Labrador*, (2 vols., 8 vo.)—two of the most interesting and important itineraries published in this century. Nor have Canadian geologists confined their research to Canada; instance the labors of Prof. Chas. F. Hartt, A. M., (Acad.) the Superintendent of the Government Geol. Survey of Brazil, author of the *Geology and Physical Geography of Brazil* (Bost.: J. R. Osgood & Co., \$5). In chemistry, we have, among others, Prof. Croft, D.C.L., author of a *Course of Practical Chemistry*; in Mineralogy, Prof. Chapman, Ph. D., author of *Practical Mineralogy* and other treatises in the same or connected branches. These men can stand beside the masters of those sciences in America. In Botany and Natural History, Canada has produced many experts; in Topography she has advanced masters like Bouchette and Bayfield; in Archaeology, men like *Fari-bault*, and R. G. Haliburton, whose researches gained the favorable notice of such men as Max. Müller, and in Numismatology she has S. C. Bagg, F. N. S., author of *Notes on Coins, Coins and Medals as Aids to the Study and verification of Holy Writ, a Chronological Numismatic Compendium of the twelve Cæsars*, and other treatises in the same line.

In conclusion, we have seen something of what Canada has done for Poetry, History and Science, which may be taken as the three test branches of literature; and, taking everything in consideration, we believe she is second to no country under Heaven. In every thing that can make a country great and glorious, physically, intellectually, and morally, Canada can boast. Let us welcome every talent, every gem of art, every gleam of authorship, and put no obstructions in the way of our progress, "and lift ourselves to the level of our destinies," and the future historian of our country and of its literature will have a wide and rich field from which to glean his materials.

### Correspondence.

On Tuesday, January 16th, the new Hall of Balliol College, Oxford, was opened. To commemorate the event a large number of distinguished men were present, among whom were the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the Dean of Westminster, Mr. Matthew Arnold, Sir Alexander Grant, Bart. and Marquesses, Earls, and honorable gentlemen, not a few.

The Archbishop of Canterbury proposed what was considered the toast of the occasion, viz., *Floreat Domus de Balliolo*. The toaster in the course of his remarks said that he considered the College exceedingly fortunate in its having secured, in succession, the services of three such distinguished men as Dr. Jenkyns, Dr. Scott, and its present master, Mr. Jowett. The influence of such men in the cause of Education and Truth, he said, could not be estimated, and considered a College great, not because it has on its roll the names of many distinguished men, but on account of the work which it does in behalf of a sound and Christian Education. The fame of Balliol in this regard, he thought, was traditional both among teachers and taught.

The master of Balliol upon whom devolved the duty of returning thanks for the toast was received with much enthusiasm. He referred to the origin of the College, but more particularly to that point in its history when under the able superintendence of Dr. Jenkyns it took a new and necessary departure. He said its present eminence is largely due to the indefatigable labors of the above-mentioned Dr., Mr. Newman, the late Mr. Riddell, and Professors Palmer and Smith. The speaker referred with manifest pride to the high position which Balliol now holds,—no longer a second-rate College, but the first in Oxford. He spoke also of the large increase in the number of its students, of the widening popularity of the College, largely due to necessary internal reforms, and of the pride which all Balliol men took in seeing the advantages which their alma mater conferred extended indiscriminately to rich and poor.

A brief description of the Hall may not be uninteresting to the readers of the *ATHENÆUM*. Here is one which I give without claiming for it any great degree of originality. The Hall is situated at the North end of the College, and flanked on both sides by Fellows' and Undergraduates' rooms. It is of the Gothic style of Architecture, and built of Bath and Tisbury stone. It is approached on the side of the garden by a flight of thirty steps, and is ninety feet long and thirty-six broad. The roof as well as the other wood work is of oak. At the West end is a gallery which is reached from the Ante