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## BOOKS AND THE AGE.

ONE of the most prominent characteristics of the age, undoubtedly, is the thirst for knowledge—the desire to acquire practical and compact information on all subjects. To get at facts, to know the why and wherefore, to comprehend principles, to understand laws, to have the thousand and one things of passing or permanent interest made plain—such are the demands of the age and the dividends required, in these times, from books. Nor would it be difficult to account for this impetus to reading and research, in these days of steam and telegraphs, when nation daily gossips with nation and hemisphere with hemisphere over passing events, and the whole earth is quickened with flashing thought and quick-spiced word. The intellect, if in accord, takes a reflex from the times, and widens its reach and grasp, and action touched by its wand bounds off to new achievements.

But, more practically, this stimulus to reading in our day is, no doubt, due to the extension and influence of education and the incitement of the press;—for what are the subjects that are not now discoursed of in school books or discussed in newspapers? They stand pre-eminent as educators of the people—the former with its exhaustive theoretical information; the latter with its varied and practical daily fare. The competition in all professions and trades, too, has done much to stimulate reading, and to incite a more prevalent habit of reading, as it has necessitated those employed in either to be thoroughly well informed in their respective vocations, and to bring to their work a wider intelligence and a higher culture. Bearing thus on practical life, in professional education, and in social accomplishments, the character of this reading, also, has necessarily much improved, and become more useful and wholesome. From the vapid and the sensational in literature, the popular taste has oscillated to the intellectual and the serious.

The great secrets of science, the profound laws of the universe, the subtle influences of nature, and such like studies, now engage and engross the reader. The records of the

past, discovery and invention, travel and exploration, language and race, government and laws, trade and commerce—these, and such like subjects of inquiry, command and draw the attention of the student and the citizen.

There is, it is true, a spirit of inquiry abroad that is purely fanciful in its aims and pursuits—metaphysically trifling, or pedantically frivolous—a mere dabbling in this or that branch of knowledge in the most superficial manner, or a dilettante skimming of the deep waters of erudition and thought. But, in contrast to this, and specially remarkable as a feature of the times, there is an earnest and active desire for popular and practical information, and the diffusion of useful knowledge. Self-education, with its aids and appliances, is everywhere called into play; and there is a general and untiring scaling of the heights and plumbing of the depths of knowledge.

The monk and the cell are no longer the sole depositors of its secrets, and the treasure scroll of the recluse has become the horn-book of the child at school. The mariner at sea now can forecast his weather, and the miner underground has more than pick-axe to guide him. Literature with its treasures wins its students, philosophy allures its attendants, and science enlists its votaries from among the people.

In the liberal studies, the Universities and schools of learning hold their sway; in the arts and technical branches there are schools of design, Polytechnic Institutions, and British Science Associations; and in mercantile life business colleges, with their Professors of Political Economy and Commercial Law, fulfil their required purposes. The age, truly, is astir with thought; and books, its vehicle and channel, play no unimportant part. But in all this the age is a fast one; and we fear the antiquarian, the leisurely scholar, and the man of solid, well-digested information and learning, are passing away. People read, the masses read, cram, and devour—but what and how? Are not the requirements of the times for ready, handy information, encyclopedic knowledge—digests and compends that give the pith and marrow of a subject? The want of the

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hour, is it not for popular handy-books, manuals for the million, dictionaries of daily wants, and such works as shall succinctly and, if possible, reliably compass the matter sought after? Corner Cupboards, Inquire Within's, Reason Why's, Refer to Me's, and such like baskets of broken food,—these are the demands of our busy age; and of such, to a marvellous extent, is the literature of the day.

Hence, also, cometh the epitome, the digest, the abstract, and such like dilutions and disintegrations of books which have their birth in the necessities of our busy age. Their necessity and purpose, we presume, must be admitted, though we cannot but regret that the readers of our time should be so driven that they must needs seek their intellectual sustenance in such *pot-pourris* of information, where often-times an author, or a fact recorded by him, is partizandy rendered, according to the idiosyncracies of his epitomist, and where, at best, the reader is but treated to bare facts, or to limited and illiberal views of an author, irrespective of the considerations of fact, or reasonings which the full context may reveal.

Still, it must be conceded, that such books are intellectual conveniencies, and while abbreviating labour, they facilitate research and enquiry.

The literary wheat from the storehouse of knowledge, which used to be garnered up in the few book worms or leisurely scholars, is now the daily food of the million readers, and the intellectual activities are fed from an abundant press. Whether wisdom will be justified of her children, from this wholesale reading and general gathering of information, remains to be seen, or whether it may be proved that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, a future day will tell. If it help, while chasing ignorance from the world, to elevate and strengthen, to enoble and christianize, each man his fellow man, the age will not bear its bright characteristic unworthily.

#### A PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE CAPITAL OF THE PROVINCE.

We regret that the remarks we made in the June No. of THE CANADA BOOKSELLER on the necessity for the establishment of a public reference library in Toronto, has evoked no response, nor incited any active efforts towards the formation of such an institution as we indicated the necessity for.

In a city rapidly becoming a great centre of commerce, notable for its high literary status, and the position it holds as the seat of the chief educational institutions of the

country, it is discreditable to the intelligence and public spirit of its inhabitants that it should not possess a really valuable and important public library.

We had hoped to have seen our Provincial Executive, with the ample exchequer at its command, devote an amount commensurate to the foundation, at least, of such a library as Toronto occasionally enjoyed under the perambulating system of the old regime; or that they would have so expedited the settlement of the account between the Provincial and Dominion governments, on the score of the library joint-interest, that we would now have had, at any rate, the prospect of possessing a respectable provincial library.

Surely our legislators who are content with the meagre literary sustenance and limited reference facilities provided within the walls of the parliament buildings, do not realize the value and importance to the community of public libraries, and cannot recognize the influence that books and their society exert on the people.

The stimulus to mental power and moral energy that a wholesome nutriment of books afford is incalculable; and, certainly, the united wisdom of our legislative halls should not be so indifferent to this fact.

We presume, however, our legislators acquit themselves of their short-comings in this matter by voting the annual bequest to that mausoleum of antiquated books and other literary relics—the education book depository.

But what are our citizens doing in regard to this important matter? Is philanthropy dead among us, and all public spirit utterly dormant? In the rapidly lengthening list of our wealthy capitalists and well to do business men, who find thousands for railway and bank stocks and less important investments, are there none who recognize the good that an investment will effect for their poorer fellowmen, the student, the mechanic and the artisan, in the endowment of such a people's boon as a free reference and lending library. Have we not an Astor, a Cooper, or a Peabody among us who will lead the way towards establishing in Toronto such a library as is the property of almost every leading city in both the old world and the new?

We do not seek that the city shall possess, as yet, an institution which shall rival the libraries that adorn the cities of New York, Boston or Washington; but we desire, at least, to see the nucleus formed of such a library as will creditably represent the intelligence and wealth of our western capital, and not do disgrace to the city in comparison with such cities as Buffalo, Detroit, and Chicago.

And looking to the old world, are there no

incentives to beneficence in the direction to which we refer, which has prompted the gifts that Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool and other great centres rejoice in? Can any one read the statistics and published reports of the reference and lending libraries of these cities, and acquaint oneself with the vast good which result from these institutions to those whose life is one of daily toil, and withhold their hand? We trow not. Let our citizens and public men reflect on this matter.

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### THE CANADA BOOKSELLER FOR 1871.

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Though we are conscious of having fallen far short of what we designed the *Bookseller* to be when we contemplated its publication, yet, we conceive that the issue for 1870, which we complete in the present number, has not been altogether unsatisfactory or unprofitable to the reader, while to the publishers, it has not been barren in the results sought to be attained in its publication.

We have not aimed at a very high position in literary work or criticism, but rather our design has been to occupy, in the sphere of bibliography, a position which would be useful and important, in these days of prolific writing and of many books. To supply a current resume of the publications of the day, to place readers *au courant* with the doings of authors and publishers, and to incite, if possible, a wider and more hearty interest in books and every-day modern literature. Such has been our aim; and in addressing ourselves periodically to this work, we have been much gratified in receiving very numerous and hearty commendations and assurances of usefulness from all parts of the country. The trade, professional men, educationists and general book-readers—all have said complimentary words to us; though this has been no unmingled alloy, for a clerical correspondent, the vulnerable points in whose tastes we well know, writes us to "desist from leading him into temptation with our record of new books," and which is significant of how the gospel is paid for among us.

It has often been said that a man hardly knows how many intellectual delights he denies himself in the course of his life, until he comes to examine a bookseller's counter; and while having aimed at making our journal a necessity to every educated person in the community, we confess to have had this truism before us in spiriting our literary fare in the pages of the *Bookseller*.

We plead, however, in this somewhat tantalus-work, that we are only accessories after the fact, with authors and publishers;

and we trust that if any one has omitted to exercise that denial and restraint which a prudent regard for his limited means should have prompted, he will feel the richer by any extravagant purchases he may have made at the instigation of the *Bookseller*.

For our 1871 programme, we do not intend to discount any success we may have earned in the past year, by making a promissory note for the future. We shall content ourselves by saying that we are encouraged to continue the publication; and while in the interest of literature and the book trade, we shall devote ourselves, in the leisure we can snatch from our other duties, to make the *Bookseller* in 1871 welcome to all book-reading circles, we must ask of those who gain in its publication that practical aid—from advertisers in renewed patronage, and from subscribers in the payment of their small subscriptions—which it is only reasonable that we should look for in its future issue.

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### RECIPROCITY IN BOOKS.

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Whatever may be the policy which the United States or the Dominion shall see fit to pursue towards each other's industrial products, there can be no question but that a free interchange of the intellectual harvest-yields of every land is desirable and proper, between these countries. The commercial diplomacy of European governments has been to lay aside all restrictive principles in regard to literature; and, while mutually granting protection to authors, every facility has been given to a free and reciprocal trade in books. Indeed, the mother country has gone much further than this, and has generously conformed her tariff to the wise policy of free trade in every thing that is a necessity of her people. In Canada, though we are a long way from adopting free trade measures, yet, the policy of our governments in regard to literature, has always been to recognize that books are not a class of importation that should be taxed, whether we are manufacturers of thought or no; and this policy is in marked contrast with that of our neighbors across the line.

With the hearty support literature and the book-trade receives from the American people, it is paradoxical that they should permit their rulers to impose such prohibitory duties on the literature of other countries, and it is far from creditable that foreign books should be so taxed, while these countries have not the benefit of a copyright treaty with the States. The recent increase in the revenue imposts on books entering the States, we feel sure, is a retrograde step; and, in the

interests of education and the advancement of literary taste and general culture among the people, it is unwise and impolitic.—Moreover, while as a protective measure, it is unjust towards authors and holders of copyrights, who should have universal rights where their works are read or used, it is a poor return to those countries who admit native American literature untaxed and unrestricted. Particularly, as regards Canada, which permits the admission of both native American books and reprints of English works, this one-sided policy of our neighbors is manifestly unfair; and we are surprised now to find that books which have been and are admitted into the Dominion free by book post, or rather, on the payment of book postage rates, when sent from this side are subject, in addition to postage, to the heavy duties levied on books. Legislation of this sort is neither wise nor generous; and we will be pardoned if we characterize it as unworthy of a great and free people. In every branch of business or industry on this side, restrictions, it seems, are put on doing business with the other, and even in the book trade we thus find no fair reciprocity in fact or feeling. While Canada extends every facility to the American book trade to do business within her borders, the reverse of this is the case with the American people in dealings our trade desire to have with them. Commercial travellers are granted every courtesy in entering the country, selling from samples, and leaving it, untaxed and unrestricted. Bonding is freely extended. Entries of goods are subject to a merely nominal charge, and the duties imposed are no barrier to business.

Thus, with no restrictions, but the reverse, on Americans doing business in Canada, what are the corresponding privileges our people receive in return, and how is it with Canadians attempting to extend their field of operation?

An almost prohibitory tariff, a restricted bonding system, extortionate charges at the customs, a troublesome examination and appraisal of goods, and a positive refusal to permit the entrance of samples free, or even on the deposit of the duty on their value, to be refunded on returning to this side.

This is deemed the fair and equitable return for our courtesies! Now we ask, these facts being the case, have we no national policy that will endeavour to remedy this state of things? Why should we, in little things as in great, give everything and receive nothing? Why grant and concede, and be denied and refused? Let our ministers take a note of this, and initiate a policy in regard to international equivalents, that will be more honest and less humiliating

to ourselves, and that will tend to call forth a higher sense of justice and fair-play in our neighbours.

### BREVITY IN CORRESPONDENCE AND POSTAL REGULATIONS.

The Prussian and British Postal authorities have simultaneously sanctioned the introduction and use of a stamped despatch card, intended to shorten and facilitate correspondence, and which is recommending itself, by the many advantages of the novelty, to all classes of the people.

The front of these useful cards, which bears a revenue stamp, has a blank space intended for the insertion of the address, and the back is available, in its full extent, for communications, which may be either printed or written, and written either with ink or pencil. The convenience of these "Postal Cards" is very great, especially to business or professional men, whose communications, where privacy is of no moment, must be greatly facilitated; and, indeed, for the purposes of the bulk of the correspondence which passes by mail, these despatch cards are all that is required. For the memorandum of an appointment, an invitation, an acknowledgment, an order, or any of the incidental communications of business or social life, these cards must be very useful, while to people, *in transitu*, where paper, pens and ink are proverbially out of the way, this new idea in postal matters must be simply invaluable.

For ourselves, had we in Canada this boon, we should be glad that some of our prolix correspondents would take advantage of the simplicity and brevity of these forms, though the Post *employee*, who might be curious to see the treasures of the correspondence designed for us, might stand aghast at such an order, say, as this, "Send me ten "Booksellers" *by mail*; and we dare say he would be long in making out such an order as this to any wholesale house, "A gross Short Cats," or "A hundred Pil. Progs.," to mean a gross Shorter Catechisms or 100 Pilgrim's Progress.

Seriously, however, this new system has many advantages, and we would be glad to see the experiment made in Canada. The commercial correspondence of the country is now assuming such proportions, that the introduction of this new postal feature would, we apprehend, be highly appreciated. We submit the suggestion to the consideration of the Postmaster General; and, we would desire, also, to suggest that the Postal authorities should grant further facilities for

the transmission of printed matter by mail. The levy of sixteen cents per pound for book matter passing by mail, within the country, and twenty-five cents for transmission to England, per pound weight, is a high tariff now-a-days. This rate might be reduced twenty-five per cent. with no disadvantage to the revenue.

### THE EDUCATION OFFICE, AND THE BOOK DEPOSITORY.

One of the most prominent of the many direct and positive advantages gained by the Province under Confederation, is the privilege we enjoy, through the machinery of our Local Legislature, of looking more closely into our own concerns, as well as the opportunity it affords of more economically and efficiently conducting our affairs. We are glad to see that the gain in these respects is being taken advantage of by our Executive and Parliament; and, that while the Government sets the example, the House is determined to overhaul, in the public interest, every department under its control, and has assigned to itself the duty of actively investigating the machinery and working of every bureau which is a charge on the Province.

Of these departments, the Education Office, which has, strangely, always enjoyed an immunity from inspection, audit, and official oversight, is likely, we learn, to be subjected to this necessary examinal process at the hands of the House. Last session the attempt was made to get some light on the management of this expensive and important bureau; but the proposed investigation into the disbursements and charges of the department was bluffed off by a hemorrhage of incensed words from the "Venerable chief," and the valiant committee was "softened to desist" by an irresistible appeal, half childish, half senile, from the same source. We trust, however, in this session, when the committee returns to the charge, it will not be defeated in its laudable purpose by any mere display of sentiment or other ruse of the officials in charge.

Connected with this department there are many things that call for an active and searching investigation, and it is quite time that the House gave its attention to this much required work. The interests of the pockets of the people, besides, demand that some of the burdens of this institution on the public purse shall be removed, and that some items in the charges of this department shall cease.

We are aware that in the Educational questions now before the House—in the progress and development of school interests, in the reform of many matters connected with

school appointments and management, in the establishment of schools for technical and special studies—members will have their hands full; but, we trust that such matters will receive attention as the re-organization of the Committee of Public Instruction, the preparation and authorization of School Books, the Educational Book Depository, and the system of Prize book grants.

Notably, the two last matters call for the appointment of a committee of investigation at once, as they are an unnecessary and inexpedient charge on the public purse. The grant for class and prize books for the wealthy and prosperous towns and townships of the country, now-a-days, is indefensible, impolitic, and wholly unnecessary.

With regard to the Book Salesroom, we have always credited the head of the Department of Education with the best intentions in establishing this book-bureau; and we frankly admit that in the earlier years of our school-system, and when the book trade did not possess the facilities for the supply of literature it now does, there may have been necessity for its operations. But, certainly, for the past ten or twelve years, while the country has grown rich and prosperous, and the book trade has extended its ramifications into every town and village, meeting, most fully, every educational want and literary necessity of the people, there has been no requirement for this institution. This fact, besides, is abundantly proved in the non-progress of the establishment. So far from advancing and flourishing in the prosperity and progress of the country which has so helped the legitimate book trade, and which it ought to have done were it in favor with the people, and being supported, as it is, by the public purse, it has not even kept pace with the returns of business which it claimed credit for fifteen years ago.

Teachers and school trustees, universally, are dissatisfied with its lack of facilities, and they fight shy of its self-claimed advantages. Even the bait of books at half-price is no consideration to them, and their unanimous opinion, the verdict of those who should be professionally interested in its support, is that it is wholly behind the age, utterly worthless in its professed benefits, and that money expended in the legitimate book stores, though it may not buy so many pounds avoirdupois of literature, will be better invested, and purchase more modern, important, and valuable reading than can be had at the Depository. Hence, in the interest of the public service, in the name of sound political economy and all practical good, and in the higher interests of morals, social and ethical, let the institution be abolished, and the prize book grants be withdrawn.



## PERSONAL.

We recently had the pleasure of meeting in Toronto, Mr. Thomas Hughes, M.P. for Frome; and the well-known author of "Tom Brown's School Days," &c., and more recently we had the gratification of bidding Mr. Goldwin Smith, the distinguished Professor of English History in Cornell University, welcome to our literary capital. The former gentleman was making a rapid tour of the cities on this side the Atlantic, and we had the pleasure, while showing our visitor some attention, of having some very complimentary remarks addressed to us as a member of the trade, on the literary tastes of the people of Canada, as evidenced from the character and stock held by our leading booksellers in Toronto. Mr. Goldwin Smith, we are pleased to learn, comes here to deliver a series of lectures on history to the Ladies' Classes, in conjunction with the course of lectures by our townsmen, Dr. Daniel Wilson and Prof. Young. We trust Mr. Smith will find the literary circles of our educational metropolis congenial to his tastes.

The well-known publishing firm of Boston, Messrs. Fields, Osgood & Co., successors to the long established and popular house of Ticknor & Fields, undergoes another change in the *personnel* of the establishment. Mr. James T. Fields, the senior partner and editor of "The Atlantic Monthly," retires, and the firm will now be conducted by and under the style of James R. Osgood & Co.

## THE BOOK TRADE, OF 1870.

The progress and prospects of the book trade in Canada are alike creditable to the intelligence and culture of the people, and to the enterprise and ability of the leading men engaged in this branch of commerce. Though far from being considered a necessity, (except it be in the case of educational books), and with, as yet, a limited population, it is a matter for congratulation that the volume of trade in books is so great as it is; and when we consider the character and scope of the book importations of the country, and the demand that is springing up for good books in every village and town, we have the best evidence that the Province is making rapid progress intellectually and educationally.

While education and the press have given, everywhere, a great stimulus to reading, which the publishing houses have spiritedly taken advantage of, still, so far as our native book trade is concerned, without active and intelligent men in the business, we should not have to chronicle the results we find in the statistics of importation in this department of trade. Our book stores would do credit to a parent State, or an old and long established community, rather than a young and

pioneer settlement. If we have no literature of our own to speak of, our booksellers seem to have made up their minds that we shall have the best of that of other countries, and an abundance of it; and, moreover, of that that shall be intelligently selected, and furnish to our readers and thinkers those literary supplies that shall be abreast with the advanced thought of the age in which we live.

Referring to the character and quality of the literature now current among our people, and which is dispensed by our native trade, we find, also, much on which to congratulate the country.

The era of Reynolds' Miscellany and the Dime Novel is happily dying out, and the trash of sensationalism, and often worse, that found so ready a sale in Canada in past days, is now replaced by works of a sounder and more instructive character.

There is still, of course, a large consumption of fiction and light reading, but of that we have a better and less demoralizing kind, and with it there is a positive and growing demand for a superior reading. Travels and voyages, history, biography, literature and language, poetry and Belles Lettres, and a large amount of important religious literature are now finding a ready sale in the country; and works on these subjects compose the chief stocks of the importers and dealers.

In professional literature, in all departments, there is an improved demand; and in practical and technical studies, in the natural sciences and in works of speculative thought, an increasing and active interest is manifested by readers.

The Mechanics' Institute libraries in country sections have given no inconsiderable impetus to this higher tone and taste in the demand for good books; and still greater things may be accomplished in this matter, did the Government more liberally extend and supplement the grants made to these institutions. With these healthy signs and evidences of progress we are further encouraged by the intimation that the trade over the country say that "it now pays to keep good books." We trust sincerely that this state of things will keep on advancing, and that we will, year by year, have to chronicle still further improvements.

As we had to record a year ago, we find the statement is true of this year's trade, that the bulk of the importations is of British works; and, while there is no prospect of the Americans agreeing to an international copyright treaty, we are glad that author's editions find a sale here. It is only just and honorable that this should be so. English editions, besides, though copyright, have a positive advantage in their price, in the majority of instances, over the reprints, as the high cost of material and rate of labor maintains in the States, while gold has obtained almost a par value. But to glance more practically at the doings of our book houses in the last year, we find that the bulk of importations are entered at the port of Toronto, and naturally the feeding trade in books, as in other branches of business, is done here. \* \* \* *Daily Telegraph, Toronto.*

## BOOK NOTICES.

MESSRS. HODDER AND STOUGHTON'S  
RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

**BIBLE LORE.** By the Rev. J. Comper Gray, author of "Topics for Teachers," &c.

With remarkable clearness and compactness, the author, in this useful little work, gives an account of rare MSS. of the Bible, ancient versions, early translations, &c., and a variety of interesting information on the obscure customs, remarkable predictions and notable places mentioned in the Scriptures. A chapter on the literary features of and striking coincidences in the Bible enriches the volume, together with a host of material from stray sources, which indicates extensive reading and considerable scholarship, and is of great value to the student of the Scriptures.

**THE CITY TEMPLE.** By Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker.

This volume comprises some fifty sermons preached by the author of "Ecce Dens" in the Poultry Chapel, London, last year. They are essentially popular and have the merit of presenting Scripture truths in an attractive and impressive manner. Evidencing considerable preparation, yet they are far from being laboured or heavy—on the contrary, designed for the masses in a dense district of London, they are fresh, vigorous and suggestive, while being simple and earnest.

**THE THEOLOGY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT,** a hand-book for Bible Students. By Rev. Prof. T. T. Van Oosterzee, D.D.

We have, in this volume, a valuable critical analysis of the New Testament Theology, discussing Christian truths and Scripture teachings, apart and aside from the systems and dogmas of the schools or theologians. Its learned author is professor of theology in the University of Utrecht, and is known to be a thorough biblical scholar and a devout and evangelical writer.

**SECULAR ANNOTATIONS ON SCRIPTURE TEXTS.**  
By the Rev. Francis Jacox.

This is a work that should have a wide and general circulation. It will be specially attractive to the *literateur*, as well as to the devotional reader, for the volume contains a rich treat in the

mass and variety of the literary selections from a most extensive field of reading, and which are happily made to illustrate the sacred passages discoursed of.

**THE WORLD OF MORAL AND RELIGIOUS ANECDOTE.** Illustrations and incidents gathered from the words, thoughts, and deeds in the lives of men, women and books. By Rev. E. Paxton Hood.

This is, in truth, a very cosmos of anecdote, gathering from sources fugitive and attainable, such a collection of 'feathered arrows,' pithy replies, quaint seraps of conversation, and other curious and entertaining items as will delight all lovers of anecdotal illustration. Of its value to ministers and teachers, in suggesting material for thought, if not for the purposes of popular exposition, no one who dips into the work will question, and for recreative and instructive perusing it will be found a most entertaining and delightful companion.

Referring to the importance of historical and biographical anecdote to the class above mentioned, to whom we warmly commend this work, the author remarks—*anecdotes furnish topics for illustration and reflection, they awaken certain sensitive impressions and feelings in the mind and heart; and it will be often found where a mere truism and abstract sentiment is almost powerless, when it is related to some circumstance which has really occurred in human life and history, it is full of meaning and of teaching.*

**THE PULPIT ANALYST, VOL. 5.**

**THE BIBLE STUDENT, VOL. 1.**

Both of these serial works are professional in their character, and most valuable they are for their suggestive material, to the preacher, and to the Bible-class or Sunday school teacher. To those who do not meet with the works in their monthly shape, it may whet desire to obtain them by citing the interesting subjects which are the leading contributions running through the year's volume in each work. In the *Pulpit Analyst* will be found the continuation of "Ad Clerum: advices to a young preacher," by Dr. Jos. Parker; "Misread Passages of Scripture," 2nd series, by the Rev. J. Baldwin Brown; and "Stray Side-

Lights on Scripture Texts," by the Rev. F. Jacob. In the Bible Student, appear the following, besides a variety of choice reading: "Beacons and Patterns" by the Rev. W. Landels, D.D.; "Bible Lore," by the Rev. J. C. Gray; and "Seeds and Sheaves; or Words of Scripture—their history and fruit," by A. C. Thompson, D.D.

MODERN MEN OF LETTERS HONESTLY CRITICISED. By J. Hain Friswell.

These sketches of the prominent literary men of the day, by the author of "The Gentle Life" series of essays, will attract attention by their fearless, out-spoken criticism. The subjects are graphically and pithily delineated, and the analysis of the character of the portraits and their influence in the literary world is keen and powerful.

The sketches are designed as introductory to the study of the writers reviewed, rather than as exhaustive biographies. They include such names as Kingsley, Emerson, Carlyle, Dickens, Bulwer Lytton, Lever, Sala, Trollope, Grote, Ruskin and Disraeli, and the poets, Browning, Tennyson, Longfellow and Swinburne. While laying claim, ourselves, to an *honest* criticism, we must deprecate the egotism which rather offensively blemishes the book; and the repeated reminders in the work that the author is attempting an *honest criticism*, is irritating to the reader.

CHRISTUS CONSOLATOR.—THE PULPIT IN RELATION TO SOCIAL LIFE. By Alex. MacLeod, D.D., Birkenhead. London: Hodder and Stoughton.

We are glad to learn that there is some likelihood that the gifted author of this book will take up his residence in Canada. It has been proposed that he should succeed to the charge of Knox's Church, Montreal. We rise from the perusal of this, his latest book, with a sincere hope that this proposal may be carried out, and that Dr. MacLeod may be secured to our Dominion.

Modern society in all its ranks and ranges, though the heir of all the results of Christianity, has yet very far to rise before it reaches the heights on which the standard of Christianity will be realized. There is yet much work for Christianity to do before social life in its different degrees will harmonize with the *Christian* life. And the circumstances of the present time thrust various social questions to the front and demand their re-adjustment. Dr. MacLeod believes that the solution of these questions, and the practical reconciliation of the interests affected by them, is

to be found in an application to them, large and unreserved, of the principles supplied by the character of Christ. His book is "an attempt to consider the help which the *Christian* preacher, acting within his own vocation, may bring to their solution."

Dr. MacLeod is a man of rare insight, of varied learning, of great independence, of generous sympathies, and of much breadth of view. His book gives evidence of all these qualities, and abounds in passages of great beauty and eloquence.

AD CLERUM: ADVICES TO A YOUNG PREACHER. By Joseph Parker, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton.

The readers of this volume are not likely to be confined to that class to whom it is specially addressed. The author's vivacity and observation, his earnestness and wit, his caustic satire and his epigrammatic humour, and his sparkling antithetical style—these, and other qualities, would make it very hard for Dr. Parker, even if he were to try, to write a book that would be uninteresting, even to persons not interested in its subject.

The topics treated in the present book are sufficiently indicated in its title. It is so replete with anecdote and racy criticism, and gives so much of the result of keen observation exercised during a long experience as pastor of a London congregation, that the layman will find in it almost as much entertainment as the preacher, while at the same time the Divinity student will gather from it many hints to guide him to greater success in the practical work of his ministry. There is a practical shrewdness and common sense in many of the "*advices*" which cannot fail to be of great usefulness. We wish we had space to quote largely from its pages.

THE COMING OF THE BRIDEGROOM: FOUR SERMONS PREACHED IN ADVENT, 1870. By Henry Alfred, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton.

This little volume will commend itself strongly to the Divinity student as containing a most useful and thorough practical exposition of our Lord's great Advent parable—"The Ten Virgins." Each sermon is marked by the candour and largeness of view for which the Dean of Canterbury is justly admired; and each is an evidence that his great experience in the work of Scripture elucidation has given him great facility and aptness of interpretation. There are, besides, many passages

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of striking and convincing application, expressed with a simplicity of language and singleness of purpose that disarm controversy and have the force of the most skilful rhetoric. The earnestness and devotion pervading every page cannot fail to kindle up the heart of the reader to a warmer self-consecration; and we anticipate that this elegant little volume will find many purchasers, and that its purchasers will read it, not once, but many times.

COMPANIONS OF MY SOLITUDE. Essays written in the Intervals of Business. BREVIA. Short Essays and Aphorisms. By Arthur Helps. Boston: Roberts Brothers.

The first of these works of this delightful Essayist is well-known to readers. With "Friends in Council," Mr. Helps' earlier production, it has been held in high esteem; never attaining to a great popularity, but always having its select but appreciative readers among those who find a pleasure in such fresh and intellectual chit-chat as its pages afford.

It is here reprinted in neat style, along with the new volumes from Mr. Helps' pen. The two latter works are full of ripe wisdom and rich thought, and are a welcome addition to the many kindred volumes of the Essay order, recently issued from the press, which do not require consecutive reading, and yet satisfy the reader who seeks for solid food. The Essay on "Organization in Daily Life," in the former of the works above-mentioned, should be read by every one. It has all the characteristics of the writer—thoughtful and suggestive in matter; while the language is polished and winning.

BOOKS AND READING; OR WHAT BOOKS SHALL I READ, AND HOW SHALL I READ THEM? By Noah Porter, D.D., LL.D., Professor in Yale College. New York: Charles Scribner & Co. Toronto: Adam, Stevenson & Co.

We have read this book with a great deal of pleasure, and with that interest which is instinctive of our work, and the incentive to our duties. As a bookseller we have often felt the necessity of some such text-book as Dr. Porter has now prepared, which would serve as an intelligent and instructive guide to the treasures of the literature of the day, and that would incite a more general and active interest in books and authors. One, also, that would be suited to the requirements of the young reader or the bookbuyer who desires to aid his own judgment by the advice of a dis-

criminating friend, in the selection of books he may contemplate making.

Such a desideratum, of course, could be and was only in request by us, as an auxiliary to our own wise counsels, and as a supplementary aid to our correspondents here and there interested in books! We gladly welcome and heartily recommend the work. The opinions expressed with regard to books and the estimate of authors, in the volume, are always judicious and reliable; and, while the criticism is, at all times, outspoken and pronounced, it is always free from intolerance, and innocent of any undue partiality. The earlier chapters are devoted to dissertations on the influence of books and reading, how to read with interest and effect, the relations of the reader to his author, &c., &c., and the subsequent chapters, to the practical and suggestive purposes of the work—Authors and their subjects, and what to read in the various departments of study—History, Biography, Science, Literature, Criticism, Poetry, Fiction, &c., &c. Those desiring to avoid profitless reading, and be informed respecting systematic and important studies in the above subjects, will do well to peruse this valuable hand-book.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORLD: An Encyclopaedia of Facts and Principles, illustrated by anecdotes, incidents, and quotations from the works of the most eminent writers on Sunday school matters. Edited by the Rev. J. Comper Gray. London: Elliot Stock. Toronto: Adam, Stevenson & Co.

The author of "Topics for Teachers," &c., has done great service to the cause of Sunday School work by the compilation of the excellent and valuable work, the title of which we have here given. An enthusiast himself in the work of Sunday School teaching, he has in this volume supplied an admirable manual for the use of every earnest Sunday School worker, which must relieve such from many of the difficulties and discouragements incidental to their work. In a collection of anecdotes and extracts from the best writers in Sunday School literature, the work of the teacher is admirably illustrated; and we do not hesitate to say that the volume will be found one of the most serviceable and practical aids to teachers' work that has ever been issued. The volume is classified into nine sections, under the following general headings—The Institution; The Superintendent and Secretary; The Teacher; The Scholar; The Infant Class; The Children's Service; The Library and Librarian; Auxiliary Agencies and Encouragements.

**BEETON'S GREAT BOOK OF POETRY.** From Cædmon to King Alfred's Boethius to Browning and Tennyson. London: *Ward, Lock & Tyler.*

This great poetical thesaurus, which makes a handsome presentation table book, will be welcomed by the lovers of poesy and the student of English literature. It embraces nearly 2000 of the finest poetical selections in the language, with sketches of the history of poetry, and biographical notices of the poets. Those who examine the huge work will be amazed at the compiler's industry, while they will feel grateful for the result of the editor's skill. The publishers merit a large and appreciative sale for the work, which, no doubt, they will receive.

**THE SERMONS OF HENRY WARD BEECHER,** from September, 1869, to March, 1870. New York: *J. B. Ford & Co.*

This volume, which is handsomely produced by the author's publishers, forms the third series of "The Plymouth Pulpit," taken from verbatim phonographic reports. Mr. Beecher, in a prefatory note, says: "In this volume, sermons expounding the divine nature and unfolding the higher forms of Christian experience predominate. The nature of Christ, the agency of the Holy Spirit, the doctrine of the Trinity, have special prominence." In addition there are other sermons, selected from a wide range of topics, which are full of eloquent and forcible presentation of truth, and which will repay close perusal. The sermons are full of original thought, and the illustrations are always rich and apt. They cannot be thoughtfully read without delighting and profiting the reader, to whom we cordially commend the volume.

**SKETCHES FROM AMERICA:** Part I. Canada. Part II. A Pic-nic to the Rocky Mountains. Part III. The Irish in America. By John White, Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford. London: *Sampson Low, Son & Marston.*

This is an interesting work. A while since should mark the fact that an Englishman has written intelligibly and truthfully about Canada and Canadians. Mr. White passed a couple of years (1867-68) in America, partly in Canada, partly in the United States, and he has apparently used his time and opportunities to the best advantage.

The first part of his book (for the information of English readers) is devoted to a brief resume of Canadian political history, from 1791 to 1868, including a glance at some vexed questions long since, happily, laid at rest. Besides these questions—the clergy reserve and seigniorial tenure matters,—our author gives an epitome of the political difficulties which preceded and produced confederation.

He draws life-like pictures of Canadian manners and customs, and in contrasting us with our neighbours makes comparisons which are flattering alike to our country and people. His praise, however, is by no means unmingled with censure, as, in speaking of our newspaper press, and the personalities in which it occasionally indulges, he makes some home thrusts which we fear in some respects are not undeserved. It is evident that Mr. White is a man of keen observation, is possessed of much culture, and is endowed with an impartial judgment. We have quite relished the perusal of his book and we highly recommend it. The other parts of the work will be found equally interesting and enjoyable.

## SUMMARY OF PUBLICATIONS.

IN THEOLOGY, we have the pleasure to call the attention of those interested in biblical criticism to the publication of *Dr. Tregelles' Greek New Testament*, which is now complete, with the exception of the Book of Revelations. There is no higher English authority on the sacred text than Dr. Tregelles, and, we doubt not, the labours of the learned author and the enterprise of the Messrs. Bagster & Sons, the publishers, represented in this work, will be duly appreciated. We regret to learn that Dr. Tregelles, in the severe

labours he has undergone in the preparation of this great work, has incapacitated himself for further duty. In the recent death of Dean Alford, whose labours in the same field are well known, and in Dr. Tregelles' permanent enfeebleness, critical readers of the Bible suffer a great loss; though this will be somewhat atoned for in the publication of *The Speaker's Commentary on the Bible*, a work which is to appear under the direction and supervision of a committee of Anglican bishops and clergy. The first volume,

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on the Pentateuch, from the pens of the Right Rev. Harold Browne, Bishop of Ely, and the editor of the series, Canon Cook, has just appeared from Mr. Murray's press. From Messrs. T. and T. Clark, Edinburgh, we have two new volumes of the Foreign Theological Library, being vol. 2 of *Delitzsch's Commentary on the Hebrews*, and *Schmid's Theology of the New Testament*, also vols. 17 and 18 of the *Ante-Nicene Christian Library*. This notable house, to whom clergymen are much indebted for making accessible the learned writings of German Commentators and Latin Fathers, now announce new translations of *The Complete Works of St. Augustine* and of *Myers' Commentaries on the New Testament*.

We have only space further to briefly summarize in this department the appearance of the following works: *Rain upon the Mown Grass*, sermons by the Rev. Samuel Martin of Westminster; *Memories of Patmos*, or some of the great words and visions of the Apocalypse, by the Rev. Dr. Jno. McDuff; *Moses, the Man of God*, a posthumous series of lectures by the late Rev. Dr. Jas. Hamilton; the Bampton Lectures for 1870—*Christianity as taught by St. Paul*, by the Rev. Dr. Irons; the Boyle Lectures for 1870—*The Witness of St. John to Christ*, by the Rev. Stanley Leathes; *One Thousand Gems from Beecher*; *The Seventh Vial*, by Rev. Dr. Cumming; *Present-Day Thoughts*, by the Country Parson, the Rev. Dr. A. K. H. Boyd; and *Lights and Shadows from the Life of David, and the Lessons for our own time*, by the Rev. Charles Vince of Birmingham.

IN BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY, we find Bulwer's

*Life of Lord Palmerston*, an important and interesting memoir; an appreciative *Biography of Hugh Miller*, by Peter Bayne, M.A.; vol. 1 of *Tycerman's Life of Wesley*; *Foss' Biographia Juridica*; a new edition of *Howie's Scots Worthies*; the *Life of Sir W. Scott*, by the Rev. Geo. Gilfillan; and the *Life and Letters of the Rev. R. Harris Barham*, the author of "The Ingoldsby Legends." In history, *Lord Stanhope's History of England*, from Queen Anne to the peace of Utrecht, 2nd edition; *Grote's Greece*, vol. 12, and *Froude's England*, 11 and 12, completing volumes of the cheap cabinet editions of these authors; and the *Recovery of Jerusalem*, an account of the recent excavations and discoveries in the Holy City.

IN GENERAL LITERATURE, we have Friswell's *Modern Men of Letters Honestly Criticised*; *Iona*, by the Duke of Argyll; Prof. Seeley's *Lectures on Roman Imperialism*; *Brevio*: Short Essays and Aphorisms, by Arthur Helps; *Cassell's Popular Educator*, new and revised edition; *Shand's On the Trail of the War*; *Fair France*, Impressions of a Traveller, by the author of "John Halifax"; *Cassell's Book of Birds*, vol. 1.; *Chips from a German Workshop*, vol. 3, of Literary and Biographical Essays, by Prof. Max. Muller; and cheap re-issues of the *Essays of Bolingbroke, Jeffrey and Alison*.

IN FICTION, a cheap edition of Dr. Dasent's *Annals of an Eventful Life*; *A Siren*, by T. Adolphus Trollope; *Sir Harry Hotspur*, by Anthony Trollope; *So Runs the World Away*, by Mrs. Steele; *From Thistles-Grapes?* by Mrs. Eiloart; *Silvia*, by Julia Kavagnah; and *Gold and Name*, from the Swedish of Marie Schwartz.

## LITERARY NOTES.

The Messrs. Longman have just completed their new issue of the whole works of Archbishop Leighton, containing the corrected text of the pieces previously published, and including many Letters, Sermons, &c., not hitherto published. The issue is embraced in six volumes, or divisions, which may be had separately, as follows, and the whole publication is edited by the Rev. W. West, B.A.,—Vol. 1, the Life, Letters, Miscellaneous Pieces, Notices, &c., Vol. 2, Sermons and Charges, Vols. 3 and 4, Commentary on St. Peter, Vol. 5, Expository Lectures, Vol. 6, Meditations on the Psalms, &c.

Messrs. F. Warne & Co. have just added two new volumes to their series of the "Chandos Library" of considerable interest, by the popular archæologist, Mr. John Timbs. They are entitled, "Abbeys, Castles, and Ancient Halls of England and Wales: their legendary lore and popular history."

"Essays written in the intervals of Business" is the title of Mr. Arthur Helps' new volume of Essays. The writings of the author of "Friends in Council," and "Companions of my Solitude" are rapidly finding their place in the libraries of all cultivated readers.

Jean Ingelow's new volume of Poems, "The Monitions of the Unseen," is announced from the press by Messrs. Roberts Brothers. It is said that this new production will contain some of the finest evidences of the author's rare poetic genius, and will add much to her already secured popularity.

A Diamond Edition, complete in one volume, and at a moderate price, has been published of Mrs. E. Barrett Browning's Poems; also a red-line edition with illustrations.

The Messrs. Blackwood have just issued a very chaste edition of Mrs. Hemans' Poems, comprising the bulk of the more admired pieces of that authoress. The volume is a very neat 12mo, and is published at a dollar and a quarter.

Two of the contributions to this year's volume of "Sunday Magazine," edited by Rev. Dr. Guthrie, have been published separately. One, the interesting papers of Rev. Dr. Norman McLeod, "Days in North India," the other, "Episodes in an Obscure Life," being experiences in the Tower Hamlets by a curate.

A popular, one volume edition, of the admirable biography of Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, by Dean Stanley, has just been issued by Messrs. Fields, Osgood & Co. From the same publishers we have received "Goethe's Faust," translated into English verse by Bayard Taylor; and a cheap edition, in three volumes, of Longfellow's translation of Dante.

An exceedingly interesting and valuable work on "The Plurality of Worlds" has just been published by Messrs. Longman & Co., and of which a reprint is announced by Messrs. Appleton. It is entitled "Other Worlds than Ours," by Richard A. Proctor, B. A., F. R. A. S.; and the subject studied under the light of recent scientific research.

Supplemental to Mr. Emerson's volume of Essays, published last summer, we have a further addition to the literature of American "Belles Lettres" in Mr. Lowell's "Among my Books," which gives evidence of the author's genial scholarship and wide reading.

The calamity of a bombardment of Paris will be more properly estimated, at least in literary circles, when it is recalled that the Imperial Library of Paris contains over one million printed volumes, 150,000 manuscripts, 300,000 maps, 130,000 engravings, and 150,000 numismatic specimens.

Recent events and the commotion among nations at present favor Dr. Cumming's indulging in prophetic speculations. The Doctor has just published, from the press of Messrs. Hurst & Blackett, a new work bearing the title of "The Seventh Vial, or the Trouble Begun, as evidenced in the present war, the Dethronement of the Pope, and other collateral events."

Messrs. Bagster have at last published Dr. Tregelles' Greek Testament, complete to the end of St. Jude's Epistle. The balance, on the Apocalypse, will soon follow.

Messrs. Sampson, Low & Co., of London have recently issued cheap reprints of Miss Alcott's works. "Little Women," of which sixty thousand have been sold in the United States, and an "Old Fashioned Girl," of which thirty-six thousand have been sold by the Boston publishers.

Messrs. Bentley have just published "The Recovery of Jerusalem," an illustrated account of the excavations at Jerusalem, undertaken by the Palestine Exploring Committee, under the management of Capts. Warren and Wilson.

The Philological Essays contributed to "The Galaxy" by the Shakespearean commentator, Richard Grant White, have been published in separate book form, under the title of "Words and their Uses." The work is issued by Messrs. Sheldon & Co., of New York, who also announce a seasonable book, translated from the French of Victor Hugo, with the title of "The Death of the Second French Republic; or, Napoleon the Little."

Sir Henry Bulwer's "Life of Lord Palmerston," which has been favourably received by the critics, and which is enriched by large selections from that statesman's diaries and correspondence, is announced for immediate re-publication, and in popular form, by Messrs. Lippincott & Co.

An important work to young ministers on sacred rhetoric, appears in Dr. R. L. Dabney's "Lectures on Preaching," delivered in the Union Theological Seminary of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in Prince Edward, Va.

The third volume of Max Muller's "Chips from a German Workshop" has appeared. The volume comprises literary and biographical essays.

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Sir John Lubbock's new work, on the "Origin of Civilization, and the Primitive Condition of Man; Mental and Social Condition of Savages," has been published by Messrs. Longman. The Appletons, of New York, have issued a reprint of the work.

The popular and prolific writer in religious literature, Rev. Dr. Macduff, has published, by Messrs. Nisbet & Co., his new work, entitled "Memories of Patmos; or Some of the Great Words and Visions of the Apocalypse." The same publishers issue "Moses the Man of God," a series of Lectures, by the late Rev. Dr. James Hamilton; also a new work by the Rev. Adolph Saphir, "St. Paul's Hymn of Love, being an exposition of 1st Corinthians, xiii."

The new volume of Hurst and Blackett's Standard Library has appeared, being a cheap edition of a work which has run through six editions in three volume form—viz., "Annals of an Eventful Life," by G. W. Dasent, D.C.L. Dr Dasent will be remembered as the author of "Popular Tales from the Norse," which work also has been very successful.

"Brevia; or, Short Essays and Aphorisms," is the title of a new work by the author of "Friends in Council," Mr. Arthur Helps.

A cheap re-issue, from Messrs. Rivington's press, in two 12mo. volumes, of the Sermons of Henry Melvill, Canon of St. Paul's, and author of the famous "Golden Lectures," has appeared.

"The Life and Letters of Hugh Miller," by Peter Bayne, M.A., long announced by Messrs. Strahan & Co., are now issued in two volumes.

Dean Alford has issued his recent Advent Sermons under the title of "The Coming of the Bridegroom." The work appears in small 32mo. shape from Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton's press. From the same publishers we have received the following new homiletical works: "Ad Clerum; Adices to a Young Preacher," by Joseph Parker, D.D.; "Christus Consolator; or, the Pulpit in relation to Social Life," by the Rev. Alex. McLeod, of Birkenhead; and "The Theology of the New Testament, a Handbook for Bible Students," by the Rev. Dr. Van Oosterzee.

The author of "Bible Teachings in Nature," the Rev. Hugh Macmillan, has just completed a new work, entitled, "The True Vine, or the analogies of our Lord's Allegory."

Mr. R. A. Proctor's recent and interesting work on "Other Worlds than Ours" has at once passed out of print, the edition published having been in such demand. We note the same author announces a further and kindred work, under the title of "The Sun; Ruler, Light, Fire, and Life of the Planetary System."

"The Miscellaneous and Posthumous Works of the late Henry Thomas Buckle," whose learned "History of Civilization" is so well known, will be published shortly in three volumes by the Messrs. Longman. The same publishers will issue immediately a work which will attract considerable interest, we apprehend, by Messrs. C. and A. De Rothschild, "On the History and Literature of the Israelites, according to the Old Testament and the Apocrypha." The work will appear in two volumes—the first embracing the Historical Books, and the second the Prophetic and Poetical Writings of the Old Testament.

The valuable "Dictionary of Doctrinal and Historical Theology," contributed to by various writers, under the editor's care of the Rev. J. H. Blunt, has just been completed by the publication of the 2nd part, from the press of Messrs. Rivington. As a second, though independent, portion of this Summary of Theology and Ecclesiastical History, the same firm announce, as in preparation, under the editorship also of Mr. Blunt, a "Dictionary of Sects, Heresies and Schools of Thought."

Messrs. Collins, Sons & Co. of Glasgow, following up their marvels of cheap, illustrated English Lexicons,—the Pocket Pronouncing and the National Editions—have now issued, in a work of a 1000 Svo. pages, at the moderate price of three dollars, "The Library Dictionary of the English Language, Etymological, Derivative, Explanatory, Pronouncing and Synonymous." The work is founded on the labours of the most distinguished Lexicographers, Johnson, Walker, Webster and Worcester; and is furnished with an Appendix, History of the Language, &c.

The sale for Prof. Huxley's "Lay Sermons, Essays, and Reviews," continues to increase. It has been pronounced one of the most characteristic books of the time, which no man can afford to leave unread who aims at even a moderate acquaintance with the present tendencies of thought.



It will doubtless be interesting to our readers to know that the memoirs of the life and times of Lord Brougham, written by himself, will shortly be published from Blackwood's press.

The subject of the Hulsean Lectures for 1870 is "The witness of history to Christ," and the Lecturer, the Rev. F. W. Farrar, author of the Bampton Lecture on "The Critical history of Free Thought."

An American edition of "Ginx's Baby, his birth and other misfortunes," has appeared. The extraordinary work has run through five editions in England; and it is said to be the most terrible and powerful political satire since the time of Swift.

The religious world has recently wakened up to an interest in the great founder of Methodism, if we may judge by the appearance of the following works, lately issued, respecting Wesley and his times:—1st, an elaborate life of Wesley, by the Rev. Luke Tyerman, in three volumes; 2ndly, John Wesley and the evangelical reaction of the 18th century, by Miss Wedgwood; 3rdly, John Wesley among High Churchmen; and 4thly, Wesley's place in church history.

Popular, one shilling editions, in English, of Madame Erchmann-Chatrion's historical novels, "The Conscript," "Waterloo," &c., have just appeared in England.

The title of the new work by the author of "The Schonberg Cotta Family," is "The Victory of the Vanquished." The work is now ready.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* is responsible for this on dit. The Rev. Dr. Octavius Winslow, who has been for many years an eminent Dissenting minister at Brighton, was ordained priest on the 18th ult., by the Bishop of Chichester.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING WORKS.

"Little Folks" is the title of a new illustrated magazine for children, to be published by Messrs. Cassell.

The new volumes for 1871 of Messrs. T. & T. Clark's Foreign Theological Library will comprise Delitzsch's long-looked-for "Commentary on the Psalms." The current volume of this valuable series is "Schmid's Biblical Theology of the New Testament."

*Good Words* for January, among other excellent contributions, has an article "On the Reorganization of Our Military Force," by Sir Charles Trevelyan, K.C.B.

Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. will issue simultaneously with the appearance of the work in England, Mr. Darwin's new book on the "Descent of Man, Selections in Relation to Sex." They have just issued Mr. Proctor's interesting work on "Other Worlds than Ours."

Messrs. Roberts Brothers, of Boston, who, by the character of their publications, are doing much to elevate the standard of literature in the States, announce for immediate publication the completing volume of "Morris' Earthly Paradise," also, on its appearance, they will issue a cheaper edition of the three volumes of these, the finest poems of the century. The same firm have just issued "Roman Imperialism" and other lectures and essays by Prof. J. R. Seeley, the author of "Ecce Homo."

In medicine, Mr. H. C. Lea announces "Diseases of the Nervous System," by C. B. Radcliff, M.D., and "Wasting Diseases of Children," by Eustace Smith, M.D.

In law, Messrs. Little, Brown & Co. announce a reprint of a recent English work on legal biography from the pen of Edmund Foss, F. S. A., entitled "Biographia Juridica, a Biographical Dictionary of the Judges of England." They also announce a reprint of "Kerr on the Law and Practice of Injunctions in Equity," with extensive notes and additions from American cases.

Messrs. Jas. R. Osgood & Co., successors to Fields, Osgood & Co., of Boston, announce for immediate publication, Prof. Oliver Wendell Holmes' new work, entitled "Mechanism in Thought and Morals," and a new volume of Essays by Jas. Russell Lowell, uniform with "Among my Books," to bear the title of "My Study Windows." They also announce a new volume of Essays by Emerson, and, for publication in their Series, two new novels, "Nobody's Fortune," by Edmund Yates, and "A Terrible Temptation," by Charles Reade.

*The Contemporary Review* for February continues Mr. Arthur Helps' Conversations on the War and General Culture. The Rev. J. D. Davies contributes "The Debts of Theology to Secular Movements."

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## GOSSIP OF THE MAGAZINES AND SERIALS.

The recent address of Mr. Thomas Hughes, M. P., to the Bostonians, on "John to Jonathan," appears in the December No. of *Macmillan*.

*St. Pauls* has appearing in its pages, monthly, Geo. Macdonald's new story, "Wilfred Cumbermede." A new story with the title of "Hannah," by the author of "John Halifax," will be issued in the numbers for 1871.

Miss Edwards' new story, "The Outcast," will be begun in the January part of *Good Words*.

Dr. Blaikie's papers on "America and the Americans, impressions of a three months' visit in 1870," are appearing in the *Sunday Magazine*.

A new and enlarged series of the Pulpit Analyst makes its appearance with the January Magazines, under a new title, "The Preacher's Lantern." It is now edited by the Rev. E. Paxton Hood, and will be more than ever helpful for pulpit work.

The first volume of "The Bible Student," an annual addressed to those interested in the intelligent study of the Scriptures, issued by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, has made its appearance. Also from the same publishers, the companion volume to the Rev. Mr. Paxton Hood's "World of Anecdote," "The World of Moral and Religious Anecdote." The latter comprises illustrations and incidents gathered from the words, thoughts and deeds in the lives of men, women and books.

The third volume of Mr. Beecher's series of sermons bearing the title of "The Plymouth Pulpit," comes from Mr. Dickenson's press, from whom, also, we have the second volume of "The Foreign Protestant Pulpit," both of which will be welcomed for their stores of rich and suggestive thought. The third issue of "The Hive," a storehouse of material for the use of Sunday School Teachers, and the 1870 issue of "The Sunday School Treasury," make their appearance with Mr. Elliot Stock's imprint. These volumes are invaluable to the class for whom they are designed.

*Fraser's Magazine* for January contains an article by Charles Marshall, on "The Free Grant Lands of Canada."

The annual volumes of the Magazines issued by Messrs. Strahan, Partridge & Co., and the Religious Tract Society of London have all been received by the trade in Canada.

*English Society*, a new illustrated London magazine, has appeared, edited by the late Editor of *London Society*, though we find that its further publication has been restrained, on account of its infringing the copyright of *London Society*.

## COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Those who doubt the feasibility of sustaining public schools of high grade in our sparsely settled districts, may have their doubts lessened by a study of the school statistics of Sweden. It is but a short time since Sweden adopted the policy of compulsory education, with itinerant teachers for small neighborhoods, or rather large neighborhoods with small population. The result is the instruction of ninety-seven of every hundred children of the State between 5 and 15 years of age. In 1868 the school population was 679,128. The number attending the Folk schools was 526,646, while 141,541 attended other schools or were taught at home. The character of the instruction given in the Folk schools may be roughly estimated from the numbers taught in the several branches of knowledge in 1867: Writing, 402,250; Biblical history, 397,000; catechism, 286,500; arithmetic, 339,500; history and geography, 132,700; grammar, 105,900; geography and linear drawing, 35,300; singing, 235,000; gymnastics, 153,200; horticulture and the planting of trees, 21,850. In 1867 four hundred new school houses were erected. School libraries are established by law. If parents refuse or neglect the instruction of their children, the State may assume the guardianship of the children, separating them if necessary, from their parents; an alternative, it need scarcely be said, never required except in the case of criminal parents. Instruction is practically free. Besides the Folk schools there were, in 1867, 3,249 schools of lower grade, with an attendance of 151,526; ten high schools; two agricultural institutes and 23 agricultural schools that receive aid from the government; an institute and six schools of forestry; several trade and scientific schools, and two Universities. The University of Upsala has 100 professors and teachers, nearly 1,500 students, a library of 100,000 volumes, and numerous scientific establishments, including an observatory, various laboratories, cabinets, a first rate botanic garden, &c. Lund has 65 teachers and 400 students. Its library numbers nearly 100,000 volumes and several thousand MSS.—*The Christian Union*.

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(ENGLISH.)

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(1 & 2) In a work recently published on Canada by a sagacious and intelligent Englishman—"Sketches from America, by John White," we find this utterance: "As to Canada, the state of politics there neither manifests nor encourages a healthy public spirit; and it is just the want of such a spirit that makes the weak point in Canada's political condition, as contrasted with the union." Now, unfortunately we must admit the truth of these remarks, and the appearance of these pamphlets, revealing, as they do, a clashing of political creed, sectional jealousies, personal animosities, and a lack of good faith and honourable dealing among the members composing the then government, confirms us in the conviction that that want of high-toned national feeling and wholesome public spirit among our people, is to a great degree owing to the lamentable lack of such virtues in our politicians and public men.

Though not admitting the charge of political libertinism, corruption and incapacity to the degree entertained by even some of our native Journalists against our political leaders, and notably as entertained by the writer in the recent numbers of *Blackwood's Magazine*, in the letters from an officer of the Red River Expeditionary force; still, there is an undoubted lack of earnest, ennobling patriotism among our prominent men, which should surmount all sectional strifes and petty jealousies in the political discussions of the time, and arouse such an *amor patriæ* that would quicken those who hold the reins of government to secure for the people concord, happiness and prosperity, and enlist for us a name and influence among the peoples of the earth, which our present great inheritance and future prospects fitly entitle us to claim.

In referring to these pamphlets, however, we find the one which evidently emanates from official quarters is the aggressor; and we fail to see that there was much to be gained, in its publication, by disclosing cabinet dissensions, and revealing the *disagreements* of factional interests. Neither do we think the effort commendable which is made to throw the onus of the results which followed the attempt to take possession of the Red River Territory on the shoulders of the commissioned governor, the Hon. Mr. Macdougall, while history is more likely to chronicle, as being nearer the truth, that the complications and difficulties that occurred in connection with that affair, were more traceable to undue priestly interference and intrigue, and the inaction imposed upon the government by the same influence, or a worse.

Mr. Macdougall, in his reply, warmly, logically and we think, successfully defends himself; and fairly earns that sympathy for himself which the people of Ontario, at any rate, are in view of the facts recently elicited, now disposed to grant him.

(3) But we turn from these controversies, to congratulate the country on the appearance of a work which is at once, a practical and reliable exponent of its progress and condition, and a tribute of earnest patriotism to the young Dominion, in one of her most worthy subjects. Mr. Lovell's mammoth

undertaking "The Dominion Directory," should the story of the difficulties surmounted and the labour achieved in its preparation and publication ever be fully told, will excite the liveliest gratitude in those who must now daily be reminded of the value and importance of such a work to the people of the country. At a vast expense and after the most thorough compilation and revision of material in every nook and corner of the Dominion, as well as in the crowded city and town, the work is now completed; and we shall now hope that the enterprising publisher, who had the hardihood, single-handed, to undertake such a venture, may find a most rapid and encouraging, while deserving return for his investment and outlay, and an appreciative acknowledgment of his energy and public spirit.

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(5) Mr. Kerr's book on the Magistrate's Acts of 1869, though issued in Montreal will be found very serviceable to all Magistrates of the Dominion.

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(1 & 2) *The Red River Insurrection*. The Hon. Mr. Macdougall's conduct reviewed. Montreal.

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(6) *Articles on the Court of Chancery*, and the fusion of Law and Equity, contributed to the *Leader* in 1868 by Richard Snelling, LL.B., &c. The Leader Office, Toronto, 1871.

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The able treatment of the subject of this lecture, as well as the interest attached to the questions it discusses, well entitle it to preservation in separate form. The war, its historical antecedents, the success of Germany, the independence of Belgium, the attitude of Russia, and the neutrality of England—such are the matters reviewed; and the reader will find in the scholarly yet sympathetic criticism of these subjects much that will interest and instruct.

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THE CHRISTIAN AMBASSAGE. A sermon preached in St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, before the ruri-decanal Chapter of Northumberland, by the Rev. Vincent Clementi, B.A., Incumbent of North Dour.

This is a thoughtful and eloquent exposition of the text "We are Ambassadors for Christ," and, in its brief compass, defines the office of the Christian minister, and urges the importance of his great work.

#### NOTÆ.

Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Galpin's magnificent volume *The Doré Gallery*, comprising 250 of the finest drawings of Gustave Doré, with descriptive letter press and memoir, has been imported in quantity, by Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. Its cost is five guineas, or \$26 25 currency. The same house has also received large supplies of the new revised edition of *Cassell's Popular Educator*, in three double volumes in half call binding.

Messrs. Moxon's series of the copyright editions of the Poets edited by Wm. Michael Rosetti, and beautifully illustrated, now embrace seven volumes, viz.: Byron, Longfellow, Wordsworth, Scott, Shelley, Moore and Hood. The latter volume will be much in demand, as it is illustrated by Doré, and is an elegant and compact edition.

Messrs. T. & T. Clark have just ready *The Problem of Evil*, by Ernest Neville, late Professor of Philosophy, University of Geneva. The volume is a translation from the French of a series of eloquent and philosophical expositions of Christian doctrine which have attracted much attention.

Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. will issue immediately the following reprints: *Westward by Rail; The New Route to the East*, by W. F. Rao; *The Recovery of Jerusalem*, a narrative of exploration and discovery in the city and the Holy Land, by Capts. Wilson and Warren, with introduction by Dean Stanley; Mr. Darwin's new work on *Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex, and Musings over the Christian Year and Lyra Innocentium*, by Miss Yonge.

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Mr. Lovell of Montreal having completed the great work he has been for some time engaged in; the series of the Dominion and Provincial directories, now announces for early publication *A Gazetteer of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Provinces of British North America*, which will contain descriptions of every town, village, &c., in the Dominion. The value of this proposed work will no doubt be greatly appreciated both by residents of the country and the emigrant and exporting classes abroad.

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We have to apologize to those of our readers and patrons who looked for the appearance of the fourth number of *The Canada Bookseller* in December, when its issue was duo. The pressure of the holiday trade, and other engrossing matters incident to the close of the year, prevented our making up the number in that month; and we now take the advantage of the delay in the publication of this number, to effect a change in the date of publication of each quarterly issue, which we have thought desirable. The number we now date January, and the future issues of the *Bookseller* will appear in the first month of each quarter—viz.: January, April, July and October. The expense attendant on the publication of this serial, we trust, will be borne in mind by those who receive its issues, and we shall hope to receive the many small subscriptions due us forthwith.

### BOOK NOTICES.

THE LUCK OF ROARING CAMP and other sketches, and a collection of Poems. By Bret Harte. Toronto: A. S. Irving.

HANS BREITMANN AS AN UHLAN, and other ballads. By C. L. Leland. Toronto: *The Canada News and Publishing Company*.

The first of these is a very neat reprint of Bret Harte's poems and sketches, which have been exciting the book market on the other side for some time past. The stories illustrate the wild and uncouth life of the Californian miner, and though they are cast amid such a rough and turbulent element, and depict scenes which are incident to half civilized border life and character, they have an attractive fascination about them which the reader will find it hard to resist. They are powerfully and graphically told, and vividly delineate life among the new and untutored communities in the west. The poems vibrate tender chords, and reveal no inconsiderable culture and artistic skill in the author, while those *in dialect*, with their strong colours and local realism irresistibly amuse.

Breitmann's new volume comprises six poems written during the author's recent visit to the continent of Europe and deals with subjects suggested by the war. In the ballads which give the title to this new work, Breitmann is represented as a scout ravaging and pillaging the once 'Fair France,' and their humour and philological eccentricities will, no doubt, win further readers.

CATALOGUE OF THE YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO, 1871.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the librarian for this handsome and well-stored catalogue. Its publication evidences a nice and vigorous executive in the management of the library, while the arrangement and exhaustive information of the contents of the catalogue reveal an intelligent manipulation, and a thorough appreciation of the importance of such bibliographical aids.

### THE ANNUALS.

The beginning of the year brought us the usual plethora of Annuals, Diaries, extra numbers of Magazines, and other Serials familiar to the season.

Those, however, which most interested us, (we may as well confess it,) were the Christmas numbers of *The Bookseller* and *The Publishers' Circular*, published in London;

and the Holiday numbers of *The American Literary Gazette* and *The Trade Circular and Literary Bulletin*, issued respectively in Philadelphia and New York. These issues were unexceptionably good; the engravings attractive, the lists interesting, and the whole get-up of the Serials was in excellent taste and most creditable to the industry and enterprise of their respective publishers. Naturally, we asked ourselves the question, "when will the book held in Canada warrant the preparation of such an extensive and attractive representative publication?"

But we must say a word of acknowledgment to our native Houses for their industry and enterprise in the issue of the various Calendars, Diaries and Almanacs which have appeared for 1871. Prominent among these is *The Year Book and Almanac of Canada*, published by Messrs. Jno. Lowe & Co., of Montreal. In the statistical information, records of legislation, and other useful compilations, in its pages, it is simply invaluable. *The Canadian Almanac*, published by Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto, maintains its high character for usefulness and the importance of its practical information. The issues of *The Office and Pocket Diaries for 1871*, of the Messrs. Brown Brothers, Toronto, are highly to be commended. They are neatly printed, serviceably and elegantly bound, and, withal, are to be had in every convenient size and form. *The Lawyer's Diary and Companion*, published by Mr. Rowell, Toronto, very satisfactorily supplies the want of the legal profession; though, by the way, the medical profession, in the desideratum of a *Physicians' Diary and Visiting List*, are still dependent on American Publishing Houses.

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From England we have also had the pleasure of receiving *Whittaker's Almanac for 1871*, a most complete statistical manual; and the first volume of *The Banner*, a magazine for Churchmen, published by Mr. J. Hodges, of London and Frome.

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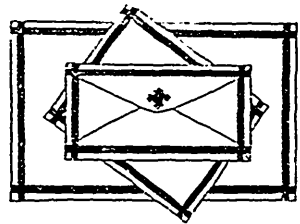
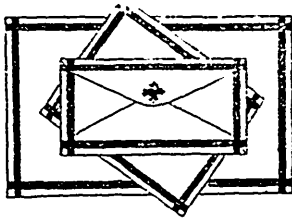
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