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The Christian World, for November and December, 1844.

The principal article of this number is on 'Christian Union, or, Practical Suggestions for promoting the Exercise and Manifestation of Brotherly Love among the various Denominations of Evangelical Protestants; respectfully and affectionately submitted to the Ministers and Members of the Churches, by J. LEITCH, D.D.'

The Literary Garland and Canadian Magazine, for February, 1845.

This number contains an engraving of Kenilworth, and the usual assortment of articles, among which is the following on the

AURORA BOREALIS.

The northern hemisphere has its delights as well as the southern. One of these arises from the contemplation of that beautiful phenomenon called the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA.

We are happy to learn, from the published report of Parliamentary proceedings, that provision is about to be made for securing the continuance and completion of the Geological Survey of this Province.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PERIODICALS.

From Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine, for January, 1845.

DANTE.

No writer in modern times has equalled the wide-spread fame of Homer, the Grecian bard; but it may be doubted whether, in the realm of thought, and in away over the reflecting world, the influence of DANTE has not been almost as considerable.

EFFECT OF LAUDANUM.

Most of those who have but a low sense of the spells lying couchant in opium, have practically come to this. The initial function is for them effectually defeated by the sickness which nature has associated with the first stages of opium-eating.

Correspondence.

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