

Notices of Recent Publications.

MEMOIR OF CAPTAIN M. M. HAMMOND, Rifle Brigade, New York: R. Carter & Brothers. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton, and J. C. Geikie, Toronto.

Captain Hammond, the subject of this interesting memoir, was well known to many in this country as a consistent, zealous, devoted christian, as well as an efficient and useful officer. He was stationed for some time at Kingston, and also for a shorter or longer period at Montreal and Toronto. At Kingston especially, he was known and esteemed as a most devoted and useful christian, seeking the advancement of the best interests of all around him. A city missionary who was at the time a private in Captain Hammond's company, writes of him. "Captain Hammond's appearance amongst us revived all those of the officers and men, who were lovers of the Saviour. An evening school was established in the fort, where six soldiers could neither read nor write made their first effort. In the course of a month the number increased to fifty and eventually to eighty men, none of whom were at first capable of reading the word of God. Soon after a proposal was made that two religious meetings should be held in the school room every week, on Wednesday and Sunday. On hearing the suggestion, Captain Hammond exclaimed "Yes! it is pray: that must bring the blessing down;" and these meetings were soon afterwards established." His attention was especially given to the suppression of intemperance, and indeed every good cause found in him a ready and zealous advocate. Having left Canada and spent some time in England, he went with the Rifles to the Russian War. He was at Gallipoli, and Varna with the Division to which he was attached, but was ere long compelled by sickness to return home just as the army was ordered to Sebastopol. After some months spent in England in the course of which time his health was re-established, he was again ordered to the East, and landed in the Crimea just two days before the attack on the Redan, on the 8th September, 1855. In that disastrous attack his life was lost. But we doubt not he gained a crown infinitely superior to all earthly rewards and honours. We quote a few sentences giving an account of his death. "Amid a storm of shot and shell bringing death and destruction on all sides, the rifles rush across the intermediate space. Those who escape the iron hailstorm gain the glacis. At the edge of the ditch two officers are resting side by side to recover breath. The lips of one of them is moving in prayer. One moment more and he ascends the scaling ladder. On the summit his hand was grasped by a friend. They had not seen one another for years. It was strange meeting. But this was no time for welcome, all were in confusion. After a few words about rallying the men, Captain Hammond passes on. Here for some little time he is seen vainly endeavouring to restore order. His exertions were noticed by General W., who unaware of his fate consequently commended him in general orders. Soon after he is seen by another officer. Captain Hammond was at that time suffering great pain, probably from a contusion of the hand; and B. told him to go the rear. He said "there is no time for that;" and ordered B. to collect some men and try the other flank of the Redan. Pressing forward into the heart of the work with a color sergeant and one or two devoted men who had bound up their fate with his, his sword is seen flashing far in advance in personal encounter. "I

saw an officer of the Rifles, said one, "whose name I do not know—a fine tall man—behaving heroically." Once or twice in that deadly fray his form appears through the embrasures; and for a few moments before his strong arm, the Russian foeman retires and cloes again. But to him neither earthly crown nor medal, nor grateful country's praise is in store for these moments of devotion. The deadly bayonets close around him, the sword drops from his uplifted hand, and he sinks into the arms of an officer of the 41st.

We commend the volume, which will be found having much of the interest of the memoir of Captain Hedley Vicers.

ENGLISH HEARTS AND ENGLISH HANDS; or, The Railway and the Trenches. By the author of the "Memorials of Captain Hedley Vicers. New York: R. Carter & Bros.; sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

This volume, by the author of the life of Captain Vicers, gives an account of the efforts of the devoted author to promote the social and spiritual condition of the navvies who were employed in the construction of the crystal palace, many of whom afterwards were sent to the Crimea to carry on the works connected with the siege of Sebastopol. The book may show how much real good may be accomplished by a devoted christian, even among a class hitherto regarded as very unpromising; and should encourage such as may have an opportunity, to take a kindly interest in those, who in a special sense, have to eat their bread in the sweat of their brow. We look upon it as one of the most important objects to be aimed at in the present day, to promote a kindly and christian intercourse between the higher and lower orders of society. And the experience of the author of this volume may encourage others to follow the same course. There is much that is really interesting and deeply affecting in the narratives, and in the letters contained in the volume.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF SIR HENRY HAVELOCK, K. C. B.; by the Rev. William Brock. New York: R. Carter & Bros.; sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

It is a long time since any one has died in whom a deeper interest was felt, or to whom greater gratitude and love were entertained by the British nation at large, than to General Havelock. The skill, the bravery, and the undaunted perseverance which characterized his advance to relieve Lucknow, drew forth the highest admiration, and made his very name a household word with the British community, and even in other lands, for we remember the grateful tribute that was paid to his worth by the Americans, when tidings of his death reached this continent. Had he rendered no further services to his country and given no other evidence of his military talent, the relief of Lucknow would itself have stamped him as a military leader of the first order. But Havelock was more than a soldier. He was distinguished by Lord Hardinge as "every inch a soldier and every inch a christian." His christian character was long and well tried, and commended itself not only to his fellow-christians, but also to those, who were not themselves under the power of religion, but who could not but see and acknowledge the fruits of it, in such a consistent follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Havelock was one of many excellent christian men who have long been in India, not only faithful servants of their Queen and country, but faithful servants of the Lord. Not a few of these have been cut off in the course of the recent sad rebellion. We trust

that others may be raised up to take their place, and that there will not be fewer, but even more decided christians among the soldiers and civil officers in India. This, doubtless, would have a great influence in promoting the evangelization of that great and populous Province. We might give many interesting extracts from the volume, and many interesting circumstances connected with the military and christian character of General Havelock. But we do not mean to do so, but would rather urge all who have not already obtained a copy of the volume, to order it and read it for themselves. It will shew them how a christian can live, and how he can die.

PASSIVE CLOUDS; or, Love conquering Evil.—New York: R. Carter & Bros.; sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

The volume published under this title, is a book for the young, of that interesting, useful, and instructing kind, so often issuing from the publishing house of Carter & Brothers. We believe it may not only with safety be put into the hands of the young, but that it is really fitted to exert a beneficial influence upon them.

THE BIBLICAL REPERTORY, AND PRINCETON REVIEW: edited by the Rev. Dr. Hodge; April, 1858.

The contents of the April number of this valuable Review, are:—1. Hoffmann's Prophecy and Fulfilment. 2. Confucianism. 3. Butler's Lectures on Ancient Philosophy. 4. Sketches of Western Pennsylvania. 5. Haven's Mental Philosophy. 6. The Providential Government of God. 7. The Church-membership of Infants.

KNOX'S COLLEGE MUSEUM.

From Mr. T. Henning New Translation of the Scriptures. From D. Clark, Esq., M. D., piece of the Gate of Chateau of Hougomont (Waterloo.)

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DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, From Robt. Buchanan, Esq., Orilla, by Rev. John Gray, an old Welsh Bible, with Hymns and Sermons in the Welsh language, 2 vols. From Mrs. Dr. Burns—Life and Sermons of the Rev. Alexander Nisbet, of Edinburgh. From Dr. Willis—Specimens of the New York new translation of the Bible. From different friends—A folio Bible, with brass clasps, old. The Autographs of the Disruption (1843), rolled up. From Rev. Alex. Sanson, of Trinity Church, Toronto, a handsome copy of the whole works of Cicero, in twenty volumes.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

RECEIPTS—Account of Home Mission Fund.

1858.		\$ c.
Jan'y 20,	By Cash received from Salt- fleet & Binbrook	9 75
	22, West Puslinch	14 50
	" Wellesley	5 00
Feb'y 6,	East Puslinch	13 00
	" Brantford	2 62
	11, Ladies' Association, Knox Church, Hamilton	100 00
	19, Blethenim	12 00
	26, Reserve Congregation, Glen- elg	3 50
	" Durham	7 00
March 15,	Ladies' Association, Guelph.	40 00
	27, Reserve Station, Guelph.	13 00
		\$225 37

JOHN MACNAB, Treasurer.
Hamilton, 27th March, 1858.