

We fear that there are only here and there those who calmly review the history of the past and consider what the goodly heritage which we possess has cost those who laboured to make this land what it now is. Our fathers laboured and toiled, and many of them even laid down their lives for their country. The present generation can never rightly estimate how much they are indebted to those who went before them and prepared this goodly heritage for us.

We welcome every issue from the press which relates the history of the former times and records the names of those to whom we are so much indebted. James FitzGibbon was a native of "the Emerald Isle," and in early life gave evidence of the patriotic heart which he possessed. He entered the service of his country, and in the course of time came to Canada, and went through the dangers and exciting scenes of 1812. Again in the troubles of 1837 he was ready to suffer, and if need be even die for his country.

The scenes through which he was called to pass made an indelible impression upon his mind, and often when surrounded by the junior members of his family or old friends, he fought his battles over again. No marvel that he was entreated to publish a record of his campaigns; but this he could not be persuaded to do, though he wrote down his own account of what he had seen. The volume mentioned in this notice has been compiled from the documents which he thus prepared. The compiler has done her work well, and is entitled to the thanks of her readers. We have read the volume with great interest and would rejoice to hear that it has been purchased by thousands of our countrymen. It is gotten up in the best style of workmanship, and is a credit to the Methodist Publishing House, Toronto.—E. B.

The Interwoven Gospels and Gospel Harmony. By the REV. WILLIAM PITTENGER. New York: Fords, Howard & Hulbert. 1893. Price, \$1.20.

The attention of the world is

focussed as never before on the life of Christ. It is found that incomparably the best way to study that life, is to compare the narratives of the Evangelists. In the old-fashioned harmonies in which the narratives are printed side by side, there is often perplexity in referring from one to another. In this volume the narratives are so interwoven as to form a continuous record without repetition. A number of excellent maps are given, which enable one to trace the journeyings of our Lord. The advantage of such a harmony is shown by the fact that this volume, though issued only a few years, has already reached its seventh thousand.

Talks About, I. The Soil (141 pp.).
II. The Weather (136 pp.). *III. Our Useful Plants* (149 pp.). Three books by Charles Barnard. 12mo, cloth; per vol. 75 cents, or the set of three, in a box, \$2.25. Funk & Wagnalls Company: New York, London, and Toronto.

These books are of great interest. The fact that they are written in popular style renders them especially valuable. The "Talks About the Soil" are in its relation to plants and business. The "Talks About the Weather" are with relation to plants and animals. The "Talks About Our Useful Plants" are just what all who are interested in the culture of plants, for pleasure or profit, will be glad to hear. Each of the volumes is a book of observations and experiments for practical use of students, schools, farmers, gardeners and others. The titles of chapters, Vol. I., include such topics as "The Bones of the World;" "Experiments with Soils;" "Soil Analysis;" "Experiments in Tillage;" "Making New Soils," and nearly fifty others. In Vol. II.: "The Control of Temperature and Rainfall;" "The Cold Frame;" "The Hotbed;" and kindred subjects. In Vol. III.: "Plant Lives;" "Grafting and Budding;" "Plant Habits;" "Potting Plants;" "Transplanting," and nearly thirty other equally valuable "talks." The books are printed in large, clear type, and bound in a pretty blue cloth.