

creating peevishness, ill nature, and worse than all, a distaste for truth. Not so with a religious paper. It is a peacemaker, moderator and christian educator. We would not judge of the strength and christianity of a nation by the amount, but character of its literature, for 'Egypt was crumbling when her Alexandrian Library was the largest in the world; Asia Minor was falling under the blows of Greece when her books were ten to one more than her adversaries; Rome was filled with books when Alaric plundered the imperial city. On the contrary, Greece had few books when she drove back Xerxes and produced Homeric song. So with Britain when she drafted the Magna Charta.'"

Whatever may be the style of our literature we want it religious. It is to aid in shaping the success of the future, and will tell of the state of morality in our own day to generations yet unborn. Into the hands then of rising generations let us place a holy literature.

"With you the soil is plowed and the clods broken; cast now thy seed into the furrow, that when the earth mourneth, and the vine languisheth and the joy of the harp ceaseth, it shall not be as the shaking of the olive tree or as the gleanings of grapes when the vintage is done; but that your barns may be filled with plenty and your presses burst out with new wine."

"The mind cultivated from youth puts on its noblest crown, when the almond tree flourishes, and enjoys a marvellous second sight when those that look out of the windows be darkened; judges have given their noblest decisions, physicians exhibited their highest skill, and Divines produced their richest works when the grasshopper was a burden."—*X in Canada Christian Advocate.*

10. SHORT CRITICAL NOTICES OF BOOKS.

—THE LAST THREE BISHOPS appointed by the Crown for the Anglican Church in Canada. By Fennings Taylor, Esq. Montreal: John Lovell. This volume *de luxe*, so exquisitely "got up" by our friend, Mr. John Lovell, is worthy of the care and expense bestowed on its publication. It is a beautiful volume. So memorable a trio of public men, as measured not only by their influence upon the Church of England in Canada, but upon public and religious affairs, will very likely rarely appear together again. Although the writer, by carefully gathering up in this tasteful form, the prominent details of the lives of each of these noted men, and presenting them, as he has done, may have corrected some erroneous popular impressions in regard to them, yet public opinion has, by its own unaided light, intuitively, and, we think, correctly drawn the portrait and sketched the character of each—especially that of the foremost figure in the group—the late venerable Bishop of Toronto. This prelate, although not metropolitan or chief presiding Bishop, did, nevertheless, by the force and strength of his will, and by his experience in public and ecclesiastical affairs, exercise a potent influence on the destinies of the Church of England in Canada. Earnest and thoughtful men, who have now to deal with the legitimate fruits of that Bishop's policy, feel that, during his long and eventful life, he made many and grave mistakes, perpetuated many anomalies in the episcopal system, and alienated the minds of many worthy christian men of other denominations from sympathy with the Episcopal Church in this country. The kindly demeanour and policy, however, of the two other bishops referred to, especially that of the truly amiable Bishop of Quebec, have left a happier influence on the christian mind of the sister Province. But we will not pursue this matter further. The book, with its interesting sketches, its admirable steel portrait engravings of the three Bishops, and handsome binding, we cordially recommend to our readers.

—CANNIFF'S UPPER CANADA HISTORY.—This volume is by Dr. Canniff of this city. He had previously published a work upon the Principles of Surgery, which obtained from the medical press the highest recognition. He has now, after years of labor, given to the public of Canada the first account, we believe, ever published of the settlement of the Province of Ontario. Without pretending to write a history up to the present time, he has placed on record the circumstances which preceded, attended, and immediately followed the settlement of the country by the U. E. Loyalists of which he is a descendant. The work is written from a Canadian stand point, and the author has evidently *con amore* defended the old U. E.'s against the utterances of the Americans. We have heard somewhere that Dr. C. is a near kinsman of a well-known writer upon the revolutionary war, and, no doubt, it would prove instructive to contrast the writings of two who, though owning a common ancestry, (Kinckerbockers we believe) occupy positions so widely different, each writing in defence of a party which were in deadly hostility. We are at once reminded by this recent work that there are two sides to every subject; and the courage with which Dr. C. has called in question the writings of the so called revolutionary heroist deserves a hearty recognition. The author set himself to write a history of the settlement, and to faithfully carry out his intentions he

has not hesitated to introduce matters which might seem to some of minor interest, as referring to individuals. Probably he held the belief that he could in no other way truly accomplish his work. In treating the subject the writer has evidently aimed to be practical, and has arranged the matter so that the completion of one division prepares you for the following:—First, we have a sketch of the French Canadians, which forms an introductory; secondly, which is the first division, a brief survey of the thirteen colonies of Britain that rebelled, some account of the people, the relative number of rebels and loyalists. Also a notice of those who took up arms in defence of the unity of the British Empire, that subsequently settled in Canada. Following is an interesting section upon early travelling, showing the original routes, and mode of travelling by the aborigines, the French, and finally by the loyalists. The next division contains an account of the loyalists as pioneers; and the following is "the first years of Upper Canada;" both of these divisions are full of interest. Then comes a division devoted to the "early clergymen and churches." In this we find the names of the first gospel ministers of all denominations, and where they first preached, with many interesting incidents. In connection with this section is an account of the conversion of the Mohawks and the Mississaguas to Christianity. The sixth division is upon "early education in Upper Canada." In this we learn all about the first school teachers, and seminaries of higher learning. Also an account of the first newspapers. Division seven describes the territory of Upper Canada, and shows the Bay Quinté was, during the French occupation, recognized as of no little importance. "The first ten townships" forms the next division. Commencing at the old Fort Frontenac, in 1783, the surveyors laid out ten townships fronting upon the bay. They were at first numbered, and became the abode of the first settlers, "The early government," "the early militia," "advance of civilization," "the united empire loyalists—the fathers of Upper Canada," constitute the other divisions. Under these several headings is embraced, we may say, everything relating to the settlement of Ontario. There is not a page which does not contain valuable information. The publishers and printers have done full justice to the work, and it presents a handsome well bound volume of some 700 pages.—*Ex.*

—LOVELL'S DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORIES.—This great undertaking, we almost regret to say, that indefatigable and enterprising publisher, Mr. Lovell, of Montreal, has decided on embarking in. We greatly fear he will be a great loser by prosecuting the undertaking; but as he has finally decided on issuing the Directories, we would call attention to their object and character, as indicated on the prospectus as follows. Not only will one large Dominion Directory be published, but it is Mr. Lovell's intention to issue six Provincial Directories for the Provinces respectively of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. The Dominion Directory will be published in October, 1870, and will contain the names of the professional and business men, and other inhabitants, in the cities, towns and villages; and lists of post offices, banks, governmental departments, houses of parliament, law courts, educational departments, custom houses, ports of entry, tariffs of customs, patents of inventions, canals, railways, railway and steamboat routes, clergy, benevolent and religious societies, registrars, newspapers, &c., &c.; also, statements of imports and exports, revenue, expenditure, trade, population, &c., corrected up to August, 1870. Mr. Lovell believes it to be unnecessary to dwell at length upon the necessity for the projected Directory; but as an indication of its magnitude and great utility, it may be remarked that it will contain the names of the principal inhabitants of at least 3,500 cities, towns and villages in the six Provinces. It will exhibit the growth and progress of the country, the augmentation of its population, and the extent of its commerce and varied branches of industry. The aim of the publisher will be to render the Directory an indispensable companion to public, professional and business men throughout these Provinces, as well as to persons in the United States, Great Britain and Ireland, France, Germany, &c., having transactions with this country. It will embrace much information of interest as well as value to the immigrant and the traveller, and every effort will be used to make it a complete and reliable work. The terms of subscription are as follows: Canada subscribers, \$12 cy. per copy; United States subscribers, \$12 gold per copy; Great Britain and Ireland subscribers, £3 stg. per copy; France, Germany, &c., subscribers, £3 stg. per copy. The rates of advertising, in Canadian currency, are as follows: Beginning of book, coloured paper, one page, \$120; half page, \$75; fourth page, \$45; eighth page, \$30. End of book, white paper, one page, \$75; half page, \$45; fourth page, \$30; eighth page, \$20. Advertisements ordered for the Dominion Directory will be inserted in each of the six Provincial Directories, without extra charge, thus securing to the advertisers a large and general circulation throughout the Provinces. (See advertisement, page 64.)